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On May 13, 2008, Kooyman lured two neighborhood pet cats with a can of cat food into his truck on Hellman Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. Kooyman seized the cats and put them in a plastic storage container. He broke all the legs on both cats. After driving around for awhile, he parked his truck on Bramblewood Drive, and proceeded to cut the tails off both cats with scissors. He then stabbed one of the cats in the eye and slit the throat of the other. When law enforcement arrived on the scene, they found both cats still alive, covered with blood, and gasping for air in a sealed plastic container.

Kooyman admitted to torturing a different cat earlier the same day by breaking her legs, cutting off her tail, dousing her with gasoline, and setting her on fire while she was still alive. The torture and killing resulted in a hillside brush fire atop Etiwanda Avenue.

Twenty-four year-old Timothy Kooyman has been charged with six counts of animal cruelty, and one count of arson. At the time of his arrest in this case, Kooyman was already on probation for a similar crime he committed in November 2007 in the city of Upland, California.

Pets have the right to be respected and the right to be free from fear. suffering, torture, and death. They are infants that will never grow up. They have the right to our protection. When someone uses violence against a defenseless victim it is everybody's business.

We, the undersigned, recommend to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office Michael A. Ramos, that no plea bargain be allowed that does not include felony conviction on all counts. We further recommend that, on sentencing day, the judge consider the degree of violence and the threat that Timothy Kooyman poses to the community.

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