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**LOWELL POLICE CHARGE OWNER WHO DRAGGED DOG WITH VEHICLE**

A criminal complaint has been issued against the owner of a 2 year old Pit Bull following an investigation conducted by the Lowell Police Departments Animal Control Officer. On June 26, 2016 at 1:52pm, the Lowell Police received numerous calls about a dog being dragged next to a van operating on Hildreth St. According to initial responding officers, the owner had tied up the dog and forgot it was outside the van when he left Hovey Park and drove away. Witnesses said the dog initially was running alongside the van but could not keep up once the vehicle increased its speed. The dog suffered severe injuries to its paws, legs and stomach. It was transported to Wignall Animal Hospital where it had emergency surgery and continues to be treated. **Timothy Nicholas age 60 of Lowell is charged with Cruelty to Animals.** Nicholas is the owner of the dog and was operating the van at the time of the incident. He will be arraigned in Lowell District Court July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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