



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGE AGAINST FORMER FOSTER FARMS EMPLOYEE GABRIEL CEVALLOS

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed an animal cruelty criminal charge against Gabriel Cevallos (24, formerly of Caruthers) for mishandling chickens at a Foster Farms processing plant in Fresno.

Mr. Cevallos has been charged with one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 597(a) [animal cruelty]. If convicted of the charge, he faces a potential sentence of up to one (1) year in custody, as well as a five (5) year prohibition on owning or possessing animals.

Mr. Cevallos, a former employee of Foster Farms, is alleged to have physically mistreated several chickens at a Foster Farms processing plant in March 2015. The allegation came to light when a video recording of the incident was made public.

Foster Farms has cooperated fully with the investigation since the allegation of abuse was made.

This case is being handled by the District Attorney's Office's Animal Cruelty Unit.

The Media may contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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