

# SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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### *Juveniles involved in animal abuse case referred to detention*

**Salem, Ore.** — In the early morning hours of Friday, May 10, officers responded to the report of a cat that was shot and killed in the 2200 block of Lee ST SE. A surveillance system recorded the incident showing several suspects involved.

The case received much attention from the community after the cat's owner released a video of several suspects with their pet. The recording showed one of the individuals shooting the cat several times.

Salem Police Felony Crimes Unit detectives have identified two local teens connected to that incident. The male juveniles, each 17 years of age, were referred to the [Marion County Juvenile Department](#) on Tuesday, June 4, each charged with first-degree aggravated animal abuse. One of the teens was also referred on the charge of evidence tampering.

Detectives have been investigating this incident and interviewed multiple individuals. However, the suspect who shot the animal remains unidentified and the weapon has not been recovered.

Initially, some tips were received, and detectives again [ask for the public's help](#) to identify the primary suspect. Those with information about the case can call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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