



# *Town of Mansfield Police Department*

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*Deputy Police Chief  
Michael E. Ellsworth*

## **Press Release**

On September 1, 2022 at approximately 8:00 pm, Officers responded to an address on North Main Street in Mansfield for a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival of the officers, a brief investigation revealed that a 29-year-old Mansfield man had committed the crime of Assault and Battery on an Intimate Partner in violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 §13M/B. He was placed under arrest and transported to the police station for booking.

While additional officers were assisting the victim, it was discovered that the victim's cat had been severely beaten and was suffering from what appeared to be substantial life-threatening injuries. The obvious signs of trauma to the animal necessitated immediate transportation to Tufts Veterinary Emergency Center in Walpole, MA by Animal Control Officer Collins. The animal was eventually euthanized as a result of two puncture wounds, lung trauma, a broken leg, and a skull fracture.

Investigation of the crime scene lead investigators to charge the same 29-year-old Mansfield man with Cruelty to an Animal (Did cruelly beat, mutilate or kill an animal) in violation of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272 §77A.

The 29-year-old Mansfield man was arraigned in Attleboro District Court today on the aforementioned charges and was held without bail following a Dangerousness Hearing.

Due to the nature of this crime being of Domestic Violence, the exact address and name of the offender are being withheld at this time.