PRESS RELEASE

On 3-21-2015, at 0948 hours, a resident of the District of Kensington was walking two pug dogs off leash at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. A second resident, who was jogging, came from around a building, running in the opposite direction of the dogs and dog owner. One of the dogs ran towards the jogger who subsequently kicked the dog to get away from it, according to the jogger.

The dog fell over and died. The jogger ran to the front of the school and found someone with a cell phone and contacted the Kensington Police Department.

There are conflicting statements from the dog owner and jogger as to how hard the dog was kicked. No witnesses were present to corroborate either statement.

Contra Costa County Ordinance 416-4.402 articulates "No person owning, possessing, harboring, or controlling any animal shall allow such animal to be at large" (at large meaning not restrained by a leash).

The dog was taken to a veterinary hospital for cremation. No necropsy was performed.

This incident was documented under KPD Case #2015-1125 and will be forwarded to the District Attorney for review.

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