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Fugitive Robbery and Animal Cruelty Suspect Arrested

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On December 28th, 2012, at 5:00 PM, a woman pulled her car over to the side of the road on Leavenworth near Golden Gate Avenue to use her cell phone. A black male approached her vehicle and robbed her. The suspect then grabbed the victim's dog by the collar and pulled it out of the victim's car. The suspect forcefully threw the dog into the street. That act of animal cruelty left the dog suffering from injuries that ultimately killed the dog.

The suspect was identified as Laurice Barrett, and an arrest warrant charging Barrett with robbery and animal cruelty was issued. Barrett immediately became a fugitive and managed to elude arrest for nearly a year despite efforts to locate him.

Within the past month, investigators assigned to the San Francisco Police Department's Tenderloin Station developed new investigative leads and partnered with the United States Marshals Service's Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force. On Wednesday night a team of US Marshals located Barrett in an apartment in Vallejo, California and placed him under arrest. He has been booked into San Francisco County jail for the robbery and animal cruelty warrant as well as a probation warrant. Laurice Barrett of South San Francisco is 36 years old. His booking photo is attached.

"The brazen and heinous nature of this crime is appalling," said Don O'Keefe, U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of California. "For someone to carry this act out, in broad daylight and on a busy city street, to me, suggests a certain criminal mentality," he said. "As a permanent participating member of our fugitive task force, we are always eager to assist the San Francisco Police Department in taking violent offenders off the streets of our city."

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