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## **Cat Killer Found Guilty of Animal Cruelty After Jury Trial**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JOHN GEHRLEIN, 45, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, an Unclassified Felony, also known as Buster’s Law, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On December 23, 2016, at approximately 1:00 P.M., members of the Albany Police Department responded to a report that a dead cat was found in the back yard of GEHRLEIN's home on Ryckman Avenue in the City of Albany. GEHRLEIN had cut the cat's throat with a sharp object to the point that it was almost decapitated. Following an investigation GEHRLEIN admitted to killing the animal and was arrested.

GEHRLEIN faces up to 2 years in Albany County Jail when sentenced on August 3, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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