

# Mason City Police Department

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 5/27/2016

**Contact Person:** Mike McKelvey

**Re:** Jerrick Rinnels Incident on 5/27/2016

On May 27, 2016 at 12:44 am, a person reported that Jerrick Rinnels had thrown a cat against the wall, injuring the cat. Officers went to the location in the 0 block of 12<sup>th</sup> ST SE but Rinnels had already left.

Prior to the incident, Rinnels and another person were in a verbal argument. Rinnels then allegedly grabbed the kitten from the resident and slammed the kitten against a solid object. Police were called but Rinnels fled before police arrived. The kitten died a short time later before it could be transported to a veterinarian.

Police applied for an arrest warrant charging Rinnels with Animal Abuse. Today the warrant was signed by a judge. Animal Abuse is an aggravated misdemeanor. The bond is \$2000 cash or surety. If you know where Rinnels is at, please contact your local law enforcement agency. ♦

"AN ARREST WITHOUT DISPOSITION IS NOT AN INDICATION OF GUILT"

**Citizens with information about a crime are encouraged to call  
CrimeStoppers at 1-800-383-0088. Rewards are available.**