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MAN SOUGHT FOR SETTING DOG ON FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 6, 2010) Suffolk Police and Animal Control are looking for a twenty-eight year old man in connection with setting his brother's dog on fire during an argument.

Police, Animal Control and Fire Investigators were called to the 400 blk. of Webb St. this morning in reference to an injured animal. The owner of a one year old, male pit bull advised that during an argument, his brother Lashawn M. Harper, threw gasoline on his dog and lit the dog on fire. Harper then fled the scene.

The canine was able to roll in the grass and extinguish the fire. He sustained burns to his face, neck and chest. The injuries do not appear to be life threatening.

Warrants for one count of animal cruelty and one count of malicious wounding of an animal were secured by Animal Control. Harper lives in the 400 blk. of Webb St. He is described as black, male, approx. 5'10", and 160 lbs.

Anyone that knows Harper's whereabouts is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-Up. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. If their information leads to an arrest, the caller could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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