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Puppy Doe defendant held on \$500,000 bail

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Radoslaw Czerkawski, 32, formerly of Quincy, pled not guilty to eleven counts of Animal Cruelty and one count of misleading police investigators in violation of the Witness Intimidation statute at Quincy District Court on October 29, 2013, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

On September 19, 2013, Quincy Police Chief Paul Keenan and District Attorney Morrissey made a public appeal for information and assistance in the investigation into the injuries of a dog who, investigators called "Puppy Doe." (Please see 9-19-13 release here: <http://www.mass.gov/da/norfolk/media.html>)

Czerkawski, communicating with defense attorney John Gibbons through a Polish language interpreter, pled not guilty to all charges. At the request of Assistant District Attorney Tracey Cusick, Judge Marc Coven set bail at \$500,000 cash or \$5 million surety.

"The Quincy Police Department and Chief Keenan deserve enormous credit for moving so quickly, dedicating substantial resources to the investigation and getting this job done," District Attorney Morrissey said. "At the time of the press conference, we had evidence of the injuries to Puppy Doe and absolutely no leads on suspects. Thirty four days later Quincy Police had probable cause to make an arrest."

The case was first brought to District Attorney Morrissey's Office by the Animal Rescue League of Boston, whose veterinarian had performed the necropsy detailing the nature and extent of the injuries to the dog. "The ARL has been a strong partner in this from the first call," Morrissey said. "They do important work and they take it seriously."

Judge Coven ordered Czerkawski to return to court Nov. 21, 2013 for pre-trial conference.