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## Press Release

### Quincy man admits killing Cat in clothes dryer, larcenies

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A Quincy man has been sentenced to 3 years in prison after admitting his guilt in two separate larceny cases and charges that he killed a pet cat, named "Kitty," by putting her in a clothes dryer and activating the machine.

Christopher Lang, 34, of Hunt Street, admitted his guilt to Norfolk Superior Court Judge Kenneth J. Fishman on December 10, 2014. "The Commonwealth asked for a combined sentence of 5 to 7 years in state prison, with probation supervision following his incarceration," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said following the plea. "The court imposed a sentence of 3 years in state prison followed by probation."

Lang and a co-defendant, who maintains her innocence, were asked about several hundred dollars of money missing after housesitting a Quincy residence overnight in April 2013. Hours after Lang and the co-defendant were questioned by a resident there about the missing money, Kitty – who had always been an indoor cat – was found dead outside the home with visible injuries.

The owner of the cat discovered that the lint trap of the residence's dryer was filled with cat fur. A subsequent necropsy of the cat revealed multiple injuries consistent with being tumbled to death in a dryer.

The co-defendant in the case is scheduled for trial on February 4, 2015. She maintains her innocence.

*Lang's admissions to not disturb the Constitutional presumption of the co-defendant's innocence.*