

INTERIM COMPLAINT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Date 07/28/2025

Court Justice

Pima County, State of Arizona

VS.

Darius Dalon McNeal

No. 10

Defendant's Name (Please Print)

Precinct No. 1

Arresting Agency Tucson Police Dept

Agency Case No. P2507280105

Arresting Officer M O'Connor 102307

BOND RECOMMENDATION

High Bond X

Low Bond

No Recommendation

Hold Without Bond

INTERIM COMPLAINT:

To be used only where necessary to comply with the provisions of Rule 4.1, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

PLEASE PRINT CHARGING INFORMATION

The undersigned, having appeared personally and having been duly sworn does, upon information and belief, accuse Darius Dalon McNeal of the crime(s) of Cruelty to animals x15

committed on the 28th day of July, 2025, in Pima County, in violation of A.R.S. Section 13-2910A8 (F6) x15

Statute(s)

Date 7-29-25

Offense Time/Date 7/29/25 1033

Complaining Witness 4376/

Name and Agency (Please Print) M O'Connor 102307

Statement of Probable Cause:

On July 28th 2025 officers responded out to assist PACC with an animal abuse call. Neighbors reported neglected dogs in a yard and eating a deceased dog. PACC officers were present when owner Darius McNeal showed up to the residence. Darius placed the deceased dog in a trash bag, leaving it in the apartment and drove away. Darius drove past his residence multiple times with PACC officers outside, and was detained on a traffic stop by officers nearby. Officers showed up to the apartment and there was a heavy odor of decay and multiple dogs could be heard barking from within. PACC officers had observed numerous dogs feeding off the deceased animal prior to being taken inside by Darius. Officers forced entry to check the welfare of the other animals. The deceased dog was located in a trash bag on the living room floor. There was a dog loose in the living room and over a dozen dogs locked in two kennels in the kitchen.

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Precinct 6

M O'Connor 102307

Date

Reporting Officer / Badge No.

This court has found reasonable cause to believe that such offense was committed and that the defendant committed it

7-29-25

Date

Justice of the Peace / Magistrate

Defendant's Name: Darius Dalon McNeal

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Statement of Probable Cause continued:

Darius had multiple dogs with him when being stopped. Darius declined to answer questions but spoke freely with officers about going out of town and leaving the dogs in the care of his neighbor, Mariano Pichardo. Darius left town for a concert and was told the dogs got in a fight yesterday. Darius returned today and found a dead dog, which belonged to a friend, which was not named. Darius did not know what to do and placed the dog inside while PACC was present. Mariano spoke with officers over his fence and claimed he only tossed food over the fence and dumped water into a small pool for the animals, as he could not access the yard without getting bit. Mariano fed and watered the dogs twice a day from Friday until today, which he did not provide more water. The yard was a small space (apprx. 8x8 ft) with a single igloo style dog house, no shade of trees and a single food bowl which was empty at this time. Temperatures outside according to Google yesterday reached 104 degrees and 102 degrees both Saturday and Friday. The pool was filled with dirty water, which appeared to be mud and feces, which Mariano would otherwise not be able to change as he believed the dogs would bite. The residence was closed and Mariano had no means of accessing the residence while the dogs were in his care. Mariano denied seeing any deceased animal or knowing of any fight. There were 14 living dogs located both loose and in the two kennels. 6 were puppies, one appearing emaciated showing all his bones from the tightness of their skin. The deceased dog had clearly been eaten, having teeth marks, broken/missing bones and was no longer bleeding from a gapping cavity from his upper back to rear legs.

Justification for Bond Recommendation: