



Dear State Attorney Fernandez Rundle,

On behalf of Alley Cat Allies and our supporters in Florida, I am writing in support of the prosecution of Chaim Gubitz. A concerned citizen, whose 2 cats were fatally poisoned by Gubitz, caught him in the act on her surveillance camera. Following her report to authorities, Gubitz was arrested and charged with two counts of felony animal cruelty on August 21, 2025.

Alley Cat Allies would like to offer support to the prosecution of this case and urge the pursuit of the maximum allowable sentence for this calculated, nefarious offense. Poisoning is an especially disturbing form of cruelty that subjects both known and unknown victims to extreme suffering. Gubitz carried out these heedless actions with a chilling callousness, and he must be held accountable.

Alley Cat Allies is the leading advocacy organization with a mission to protect and improve the lives of all cats and kittens. Since our founding in 1990, we have worked in communities large and small to develop humane, evidence-based policies for cats and take strong action, including in court, against incidents of cruelty to cats.

As you know, our judicial system often fails to adequately recognize the implications of cruelty to animals. When these horrific acts are minimized, abusers get to escape punishment that would appropriately reflect the severity of their crime. Dismissing the severity of animal abuse overlooks the sentience of cats and ignores their capacity for suffering. It is also a grave failure to grasp the role of cruelty to cats in the greater landscape of violence in our society.

The link between animal cruelty and child abuse, domestic violence, and adverse mental health and community health outcomes is well established, and research has found that violence against animals is predictive of, and often co-occurring with, violence against humans. To protect us all, animals and people, it is critical to enforce our animal cruelty laws.

That is why we greatly appreciate your efforts to seek appropriate punishment in this case. Again, Alley Cat Allies offers continued support and assistance to ensure this case concludes in a manner that brings justice to the victims and sets a standard for future investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty. Alley Cat Allies can provide legal assistance at no cost for this case. Our team includes experts in animal cruelty prosecutions who can research legal issues, provide information regarding veterinarians and other expert witnesses, assist with pleadings, and more.

Please contact me at dlopez@alleycat.org to discuss how we can help.

Sincerely,

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Alley Cat Allies