Alley Cat Allies

November 13, 2026

The Honorable R.J. Larizza
State Attorney, Seventh Judicial Circuit
Daytona Beach, FL

Dear State Attorney Larizza,

On behalf of Alley Cat Allies and our supporters in Florida, I am writing in support of the prosecution of Levi Eugene Crowe. We were disturbed to learn that Crowe trapped his neighbor's cat, Gris, and instead of returning the cat, shot Gris in front of her owners. Reportedly, Crowe allegedly misled Sheriff deputies and admitted the killing only after being told he had been identified as the shooter. We are aware that on November 8th, Crowe was arrested and charged with one count of felony animal cruelty.

Alley Cat Allies would like to offer support for the prosecution of this case and urge the pursuit of the maximum allowable sentence for this extremely cruel offense. Shooting a cat in front of their owners is an especially disturbing form of cruelty that cannot be overstated, and Crowe 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.

Far too often, animal abusers escape punishment because our judicial system lacks clear standards for recognizing the signs and implications of animal cruelty. When these acts are overlooked, abusers avoid convictions that reflect the severity of their crimes. This failure ignores cats' sentience and capacity for suffering, and it disregards the well-documented link between animal cruelty and other forms 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. Research has found that violence against animals is predictive of, and often co-occurring with, violence against humans.[1] 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 at no cost 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. 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.

Sincerely,
Daniel López

Daniel López
Director of Cruelty Prevention and Justice
Alley Cat Allies

[1] Arnold Arluke et al., The Relationship of Animal Abuse to Violence and Other Forms of Antisocial Behavior, 14-9 Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 963 (1999); Tia Hoffer et al., Violence in Animal Cruelty Offenders, New York: Springer Briefs in Psychology/Behavioral Criminology (2018).