

CHAILLER, Branden



Alias(es), if any: None known

Age at time of offence: 17

Name(s) of co-accused: None

Name(s) of victim(s): Ben (deceased)

Species and breed of victim(s): Dog; Shih Tzu-pug cross

Province(s) of offence(s): Alberta

Town/City of offence(s): Edmonton

Date(s) of offence(s): December 4, 2012

Nature of offence:

- Cut (throat and abdomen slit)
- eviscerated

Charges: Unlawfully killing an animal; Criminal Code of Canada, Section 445(1)

Date(s) of sentence(s): August 26, 2013

Sentence details:

- **LIFETIME BAN ON OWNING ANIMALS (Canada-wide)**
- 26 months in jail (less 10 months for time already served)
- 10 year weapons prohibition

Other charges convicted of: mischief, break and enter, breach of recognizance (at the same time as the animal cruelty charges, and also included in sentence)

Name of Judge: Judge Allan Lefever

Additional notes:

- Chailer sent images of the dead dog to a girl he was trying to impress: "He utilized the situation, according to the facts, to basically manipulate a girl, a girl who didn't want to date him or have anything to do with him," Crown Prosecutor Christian Lim said.

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EDMONTON – A young Edmonton man who eviscerated his mother's dog and sent pictures of the dead animal to his girlfriend should serve three years in prison, a Crown prosecutor told court Monday.

Branden Chailler, 18, went on a vandalism spree in his neighbourhood that began with his brutal killing of the dog in the early morning of Dec. 4, 2012.

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"He is a very, very challenged individual who is not only a danger to himself, but to others," prosecutor Christian Lim told court.

According to an agreed statements of facts, Chailier slit the throat of his family's dog, Ben, with a kitchen knife in a bedroom of his mother's east-Edmonton home. He then eviscerated the Shih Tzu-pug cross and pulled the entrails onto the bedroom floor. He left three knives, one with a six-inch blade, nearby.

Chailier's mother was awakened by a noise shortly after midnight and went downstairs to find blood on her kitchen floor and her son on the phone.

"You made me do this. I liked my dog ..." she heard him say.

Chailier then entered the kitchen with a hammer in his hand. He yelled at his mother to go back to her bedroom. She did, calling police as her son spread blood around the house and used the hammer to damage walls, tables and a television. Chailier then fled.

"We kill animals. Everyone does it

Police followed Chailier's footprints in the snow. Several times, they found the damage the 18-year-old left behind. He smashed a window at an RV yard, then broke into the nearby Winterburn Elementary School and destroyed several mirrors and windows, causing \$5,500 in damage. Chailier also vandalized two trucks parked outside a residence and broke into a detached garage.

Inside, he wrote on the garage walls with a black marker. "Cops and Robbers?" he wrote. "Black and white, do your game, call me insane."

Police caught the drunk Chailier around 3:45 a.m. after receiving a report that he was running into traffic near Anthony Henday Drive and Yellowhead Trail. He spit at police as they arrested him. Later, he laughed as he told officers he'd gutted his mother's dog.

Investigators later discovered that Chailier had taken pictures of himself and the mutilated dog and texted them to his "on-again,

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off-again" girlfriend, according to the facts.

One of the pictures showed Chailier holding the dead dog. "One of the silliest looks I ever got from Ben," the message read.

In a pre-sentence interview with a psychiatrist, Chailier showed little remorse for the unprovoked attack on Ben.

"We kill animals. Everyone does it," he said. "We kill cows. We kill them all the time."

I would appreciate it very much if you would release me

Lim told court that Chailier regarded the dog as a "commodity, as meat you would purchase at a store."

In court, Chailier appeared remorseful. He cried as he apologized to his mother in the court gallery.

"I do feel remorse," he said to the judge. "I want to become a better person. I would appreciate it very much if you would release me. I feel I'm ready to be released."

In February, Chailier pleaded guilty to unlawfully killing a dog and several counts of break-and-enter and mischief.

Lim told court that Chailier should serve two to three years in prison. Defence lawyer Laurie Wood argued that a one-year jail sentence and three years of probation was more appropriate than a longer prison term.

"This is not a situation that we just want to lock him away to set deterrence, of course we want to get him help," said Lim.

"We agree that he is going to be back in the community. And ideally, we are setting a precedent to the public that this behaviour — slitting the throat of your dog, for whatever reason — is not appropriate."

Chailier is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 26. He is in custody.

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An Edmonton teen will spend the next year in jail for killing his family dog before going on a bizarre vandalism spree.

18-year-old Branden Chailler was arrested December 2012 following a dramatic police takedown near Anthony Henday Drive and Stony Plain Road.

Hours before the takedown, Chailler mutilated the animal owned by his mother. He also sent images of the dead dog to a girl he was trying to impress.

“He utilized the situation, according to the facts, to basically manipulate a girl, a girl who didn’t want to date him or have anything to do with him,” Crown Prosecutor Christian Lim said.

Chailler caused \$5,000 in damages to his home before breaking into a local business and Winterburn Elementary school causing an additional \$5,000 in damage.

On Monday Judge Allan Lefever sentenced Chailler to 26 months in jail in connection to the crimes. He said Chailler’s actions were “calculated and not in any way sudden” and that he showed “little if any remorse or understanding.”

The Edmonton Humane Society said more cases of animal neglect are being reported and it’s reflected in the number of cases showing up in the courts.

“It’s not a little thing to hurt an animal or take out your anger on an animal. It’s an offence. They are real creatures that have feelings,” Lim said.

Chailler has also been banned from owning pets for life and was ordered a 10 year weapons prohibition.

Crown prosecutors were asking for 27 to 36 months behind bars but said this is precedent setting for animal cruelty cases.

“It’s saying that deterrence, denunciation is really required when it comes to animal cruelty,” said Lim.

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