

# Bestiality suspect pleads not guilty

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A Geneva man charged with bestiality has hired an attorney and submitted his plea of not guilty to the charge in court on Friday.



Medley

Court records show John Edward Medley, 39, of South Academy Street, hired attorney David Harrison. Harrison submitted a plea of not guilty to the misdemeanor charge of bestiality on Friday on behalf of his client.

Deputies with the Geneva County Sheriff's Office officially served Medley with a misdemeanor warrant Thursday charging him with the misdemeanor crime of bestiality. Geneva police officers originally arrested Medley late last week. After Geneva County law enforcement discussed the case, the Geneva County District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office took over the case.

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Medley was held Thursday on \$6,000 bail for the misdemeanor bestiality charge.

His first court date has been scheduled for Monday, July 6 as a 'plea date,' which will be held in front of Geneva County District Court Judge Stephen Smith.

Law enforcement initially charged Medley

with having sex with his wife's dog, a Shih Tzu called Buster, after he believed she was paying the dog more attention than him.

But District Attorney Kirke Adams recently learned the offense actually only involved sexual contact with the dog, which he said still fit the Alabama bestiality law.

Adams said Medley faces up to a year in jail if convicted of the class A misdemeanor charge of bestiality.