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TITLE

WHO: Yuriy Solovyev
DOB: 11-8-63
Clearwater, Fla.

WHAT: Shots Fired/Felony Animal Abuse

WHEN: March 30, 2010
6:22 p.m.

WHERE: 2483 Whitman Street
Clearwater, Fla.

SUMMARY: Clearwater Police responded to a report of shots fired at 2483 Whitman Street. A neighbor heard multiple shots and called police. When police arrived they found Yuriy Solovyev (DOB: 11-8-63) down in his back yard. There was also a deceased 9-year-old Chow located in the back yard.

Upon further investigation police learned Solovyev had an argument with his wife earlier and she left the house. He began drinking and became extremely intoxicated. He discharged his firearm several times. The dog was shot multiple times subsequently killing the animal. Additionally, a bullet ricocheted off of Solovyev's fence and went through a neighbor's window. No one else was injured.

When police found Solovyev in his back yard, it appears he was in the process of burying the deceased dog, when he passed out. Solovyev was taken into custody and was transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation due to his high level of intoxication. He will be charged with Felony Animal Cruelty and Improper Discharge of a Firearm.

