



## **News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office**

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### **Deputies Investigate Animal Cruelty in Northaven**

Sheriff's detectives are looking for a person who brutally killed a dog in Northaven last night. About 11 p.m., a passerby saw the Pitt Bull dog hanging by its neck on a chain link fence.

Sheriff's detectives say the dog's throat had been slashed. The Pitt Bull had apparently been left to die on a fence at the rear of a vacant lot on North Circle at Blacksmith. As Deputies prepared to leave the crime scene, a neighbor volunteered to bury the dog in a nearby wooded lot along Bowdoin Drive

Detectives continue their search for the dog's owner and a possible motive for the killing.

Anyone with information should call the Shelby County Sheriff's Office General Investigation Bureau at **(901) 545-5600** or Crime Stoppers at **(901) 528-CASH (2274)**.

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