

Justice For Ava and Karma

Two Dogs. One Storage Unit. And a Case Moving to Court. 💔

****Bunnell, Florida**** Ava and Karma depended on a person who was reportedly paid to train dogs. Instead, police say these two female black Labrador retrievers were found dead inside a storage unit after days of extreme heat, failed cooling, and no adequate water.

According to the Bunnell Police Department, officers responded to a storage facility on July 19th, 2026, after another tenant reported a strong, foul odor coming from Unit 4. The tenant said dog noises had previously come from the unit, but there was silence that morning. Officers reportedly saw ants beneath the roll-up door and flies moving in and out of a vent.

Police say 5-year-old Ava and 2-year-old Karma were inside. Ava's remains had reportedly been placed in a black plastic bag. Karma was reportedly found on the floor near the door, surrounded by flies, with blood near her mouth. Officers described feces, trash, and debris across the floor, empty water dishes, and a portable cooling unit that was running but producing no cold air. The heat index was about 96 degrees.

Investigators say Alexia Veronica Barquet, 21, rented the unit and acknowledged keeping the dogs there. Barquet reportedly told officers that she found Ava dead earlier in the week, placed her in the bag, and last checked on Karma on July 17th. Police also said Flagler Animal Services had warned her in March not to house animals overnight in the storage unit. Reporting by FlaglerLive said police had also been called there in April over barking dogs.

Barquet was originally arrested, then released on a \$6,000 bond. The case has now moved beyond the initial arrest. Prosecutors have formally filed two felony counts of aggravated animal cruelty and two misdemeanor animal-neglect-related charges. Her arraignment is scheduled for August 25th, 2026. An arraignment is not a trial, but it is the next public step in seeking justice for Ava and Karma.

Being entrusted to train a dog carries a serious responsibility. Animal advocates are asking for the charges to be fully and fairly prosecuted and for accountability that reflects what Ava and Karma allegedly endured. This is also a case that raises hard questions about whether earlier warnings were acted upon quickly enough to protect these dogs.

Please share this so Ava and Karma do not become another forgotten headline. Sharing keeps attention on the court process and reminds people that animals depend on us to speak when they cannot. Don't forget to share and keep aware.

SOURCE: Bunnell Police Department; Flagler County court update; FlaglerLive

CALL TO ACTION

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#JusticeForAvaAndKarma #FlaglerCounty

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SAMPLE EMAIL

TO: larizzar@sao7.org

SUBJECT: Ava and Karma, Flagler County Animal-Cruelty Case

Dear State Attorney Larizza and the Flagler County State Attorney's Office,

I am writing as a concerned community member regarding the animal-cruelty case involving Ava and Karma, two Labrador retrievers reportedly found deceased in a Bunnell storage unit on July 19th, 2026.

I understand that prosecutors have formally filed two felony aggravated-animal-cruelty charges and two misdemeanor animal-neglect-related charges, and that the arraignment is scheduled for August 25th, 2026. I respectfully ask your office to pursue this case fully and fairly, follow the evidence, and seek accountability that reflects the seriousness of the allegations if they are proven in court.

Ava and Karma depended on people for basic shelter, water, safety, and care. Their deaths have deeply affected animal advocates across Flagler County and beyond. Please ensure their case receives the careful attention it deserves.

Thank you for your service and for considering this message.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR CITY AND STATE]

[YOUR EMAIL OR PHONE, OPTIONAL]

PHONE CALL SCRIPT

Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME], and I am calling about the Flagler County case involving Ava and Karma, the two dogs reportedly found deceased inside a Bunnell storage unit.

I understand the State Attorney's Office has formally filed two felony animal-cruelty charges and two misdemeanor animal-neglect-related charges, with an arraignment scheduled for August 25th.

I am respectfully asking the office to fully and fairly prosecute the case, follow the evidence, and seek accountability that reflects the seriousness of the allegations if proven. Ava and Karma's case matters to animal advocates in this community.

Please add my message to the case file or share it with the appropriate victim or witness advocate. Thank you for your time.

SHORT MESSAGE FOR A CONTACT FORM OR VOICEMAIL

I am writing about Ava and Karma's Flagler County animal-cruelty case. I respectfully ask the State Attorney's Office to fully and fairly prosecute the two felony animal-cruelty charges and two misdemeanor neglect-related charges, following the evidence and seeking accountability if the allegations are proven. Ava and Karma deserve to be remembered. Thank you.

Next known court step: Arraignment scheduled for August 25th, 2026, 8:30 am.