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**Crime Stoppers Tips Help Lead to Dog Abuse Arrest**

The Wichita Police Department announced the arrest of 26-year-old Raykesha Hardyway Monday in connection to a recent dog abuse case. She was booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for one count of animal cruelty, abandonment-failure to provide adequate provisions and an outstanding warrant. Hardyway's arrest, in part, was due to anonymous Crime Stoppers tips that helped lead investigators to her involvement.

The case made news headlines on January 9, after the Wichita Animal Action League (WAAL), made a Facebook post about "Bowie" who was left in a kennel and placed in a dumpster at an apartment complex located in the 2200 block of South Oliver. The dog was extremely emaciated and has since been on a tough road to recovery.

"We're pleased that our citizens recognize the need to speak up to help solve crime," said Crime Stoppers Chair Stacey Kluge. "This case touched a lot of people's hearts, and we are glad that tips helped provide answers and hopefully some closure in this case."

To report crimes to Crime Stoppers, tipsters must be anonymous. Tipsters should either call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 316-267-2111, submit a tip by downloading the FREE P3 app, or by submitting a tip online at [www.wichitasedgwickcountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.wichitasedgwickcountycrimestoppers.com).

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All tips are anonymous and no one will ever ask the tipster's name. Crime Stoppers is a division of the non-profit Wichita Metro Crime Commission.

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