



Brutally beaten Great Dane continues his recovery at the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society

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March 26, 2011MENANDS — A dog removed from a Schenectady home where it was brutally beaten is now recovering at the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society in Menands.

“Oliver,” a Great Dane, was found when investigators with the Schenectady, Schoharie and Saratoga County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals received a tip leading them to 2438 Albany St. on March 18. They found blood on the front porch, and police subsequently located the animal inside.

The animal had numerous cuts, several teeth believed to have been knocked out by blows, and likely had his mouth duct-taped for a time, preventing him from accessing food and water, authorities said. He was brought to the humane society for care.

“He was in pretty bad shape,” said Brad Shear, executive director of the Menands facility. “His face was so swollen that he could hardly open one of his eyes.”

The animal’s former owner, Michael Perillo, allegedly struggled with police when arrested on animal cruelty charges and an unrelated warrant.

Shear said Oliver will eventually be put up for adoption, but may need to be held pending the outcome of the criminal case if authorities deem it necessary. Regardless, it may take several weeks for him to recover, he said, noting the recovery is both physical and emotional.

Oliver was very frightened of people when he arrived and is just starting to loosen up, Shear said.