

Dead cats found in apartment; possible cruelty case probed

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SCHENECTADY — Authorities this morning are investigating an alleged animal cruelty case in a State Street apartment where they discovered an emaciated cat which may have been feeding on two dead cats.

Schenectady police and the Schenectady County Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals are investigating. The emaciated cat was taken to a veterinarian for treatment.

SPCA Chief Mathew Tully said he and another SPCA officer responded to a call this morning at 1519 State St. after a resident of the apartment complex noticed a foul odor coming from another apartment.

“We have done the majority of the investigation and the SPD is processing the crime scene,” Tully said. He said the investigation will determine whether a crime has been committed.

Tully said the SPCA gained entry to the apartment and “observed two dead cats and one cat severely emaciated. The emaciated cat was feeding on the others.”

Tully said the SPCA does not believe the cats were abandoned and that authorities are looking for the occupant of the apartment. “This is a bad situation and I suspect more will come out of this,” he said.