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## **Emaciated Pit Bull found frozen in a makeshift shelter during subzero weather - left to suffer and die a lonely death by Tella Bush of Gary, Indiana.**

Betty Clayton, Director of the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana brought the case to the attention of the police after Bush called her to pick up a dead dog on January 16.

Bush told Clayton that she had let the dog out the night before, but it had not come back when she called for it. Temperatures that night reached *15 degrees below zero*.

The dog's ribs and hip bones were showing and the dog was very thin. There were no signs of food or water, and a chain around the dog's neck was attached to the tree next to the doghouse - a wire crate with an open door, 1/4 in. thin wood covering the crate on three sides and a snow covered floor with a small amount of hay.

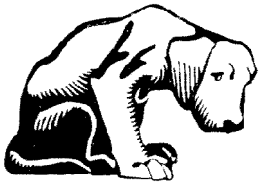
The frozen dog was examined by a veterinarian who said "a dog with this amount of extreme weight loss is a very likely candidate for death by starvation. The extreme cold weather we experienced would increase the chances of the dog not surviving."

Tella Bush has been charged with neglect to an animal, a misdemeanor. If convicted she could face a maximum penalty of 180 days in jail and a \$1000 fine.

**See that Tella Bush is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law!!**

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