

INCIDENT REPORT# 2018-028279

Date(s) and Time(s) Of Incident:

9/10/2018 7:48:00 AM 9/10/2018 5:38:00 PM

Solvability Score: 0

Dispatcher: Received: Arrived: Zone TempF/C: Weather:

ASSIGNMENT

9/10/2018 Reported By: Higgins, E S

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OFFENSES

Completed 90Z-All Other Offenses Animal Cruelty

Shadow Ridge Farm

Location: 46-Farm Facility

VICTIMS

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OFFENDERS

STANTON, AMANDA MARGARET W F

WYTHE STREET

STAUNTON VA 24401

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WITNESSES

MAE, MELLISA PID: 00515938

NARRATIVES

Narrative 2018-028279-001 Original - 9/24/2018 9:14:00 AM

On 9/10/18 I received a cruelty complaint from Shenandoah Animal Control. advised thirteen horses were headed to our county that needed serious care. The initial call was reported to her by friends in the horse community. The horses where located in Rockingham County for several months prior to entering Rockbridge. advised the authorities were notified in that area. The horses were removed prior to there arrival. I responded to Equine in Rapine and located the horses. is the owner of the boarding facility. said the horses looked terrible. I went out into the back pasture and viewed the twelve horses and one pony. I was rather shocked at there appearance. said four of the horses were boarded at the facility before. She had photographs of the horses all in good shape and healthy. She advised the owner was Amanda Stanton. said Stanton had more horses possibly on the way to her farm. She was not happy about the condition of the animals. She offered to assist us in anyway possible. I told her to call if Stanton came to the property. Stanton brought two trash cans with grain to that evening. contacted me immediately. The contract for board is for grazing only. Stanton is to conduct all care for the animals. said same contract as last time , but previously she had to perform all of the care ror the horses. Stanton did not regularly check on the animals or provide any weekly care. Stanton was identified by her VA Ol. I asked about the horses and who was the owner. I did tell her the nature of the complaint and acted like I knew nothing about the horses. Stanton told me she was the owner of all the horses and pony. She said the horses were moved from Harrisonburg because the water trough had broken. Stanton said she rescued horses. She said the horses have injuries from racing and all are retired. I asked if she owned any other horses. She said no. I asked if she had any other horses coming to the farm. She said no. I asked if she had obtained money from others to support her efforts. She said only a few dollars. She applied for a non profit tax exception but it had not went threw yet. I asked about general vet care. She said one horse was treated for a leg injury. Stanton basically made excuses and lied for thirty minutes. I explained to her that our conversation was voluntary and she could stop speaking with me at anytime. Deputy Knick was present during our discussion. was also standing behind me as she lied about the horses. later said she could not believe what she was hearing. I told Stanton that I was not exactly sure about her current situation. I told her she should start telling the truth. I explained the horses looked terrible and I was disgusted by there appearance. Stanton got upset and I gave her a few moments to gather herself. I explained her facebook page was fraudulent and she should be ashamed at the condition of

the animals. Stanton finally admitted she was in over her head. She advised the thirteen animals were on five acres of land prior to . The landlord had basically refused to fix the water on the farm. She had no grass on the place and was feeding hay. I asked if the conditions were suitable for thirteen animals. She said no. I asked how long they were in Harrisonburg. Stanton said a few months. I asked if the horses looked like they do now upon purchase or when adopted. She said some had injuries. I asked if they specifically looked this thin and sick. Stanton said no. I asked her to write out a statement that she owned the horses and explain the condition. She wrote out a brief statement. Stanton asked me what was going to happen next. I told her that I was going to contact the state vet and possibly seize her horses. I explained that the animals were in desperate need of vet services. A few horses were in such bad shape they should have been euthanize to end there suffering. Stanton asked about options or anything that could make things better. I advised she could sign the animals over to our SPCA shelter. The horses would be provided immediate care at that point. Stanton was advised if signed over she would not be involved at all with any rehabilitation. The animals would be sole property of the SPCA. She would also not be exempt from any charges that arose from our investigation. I collected her statement and asked her to think about what would be best for the animals. Stanton called as I was pulling into the Sheriffs Office from

. She wanted to sign the animals over to our shelter. I sat down at the RBSO and went over every animal with her as she filled out the required paperwork. I found out several more things during our conversation. Stanton has no operable trailer or truck to haul horses. A trailer was donated but it was not in working condition. She owns no land of her own. The hay for the animals was bought from ; of Stanton with

s. The animals had no vaccination records, nor any vet care. One horse had been looked at because of leg injury, but no follow up was done. Stanton also advised the pony belonged to another individual and was leased out by her. I asked again about other horses or animals that needed care. She said there are no more. She said the pony and maybe one other horse was leased out and the people were going to buy them. I found out later that was not exactly the case. The horses came from all over. She advised Northern VA, WV , Maryland and even Florida were the origins of these animals. I couldnt believe what I was hearing. I cant believe no individual checked on these animals in person. I asked for any paper work on the animals or vet records. Stanton said she had no paperwork. Stanton basically was giving out a wonderful story on facebook and people were buying it. They would have the horses sent to her with no questions asked. Stanton started out with four horses but got into her current situation within a few months. I obtained a warrant for animal cruelty and fail to provide care for livestock animal. The SPCA had veterinarian . come and look at the horses. . has provided a report about each horses current condition. She made suggestions to the shelter manager about how to start treatment. The horses are mainly thoroughbred and many suffer from injuries. They require special diets and care. The pony has been returned to the true owner of the animal. explained she leased the pony to Stanton. She had no idea of the current situation. She is one of the few folks that knew Stanton for some time. She feels Stanton's intentions were good but she should have asked for help. I will list the horses and dispositions below. The SPCA director did advise a few horses were in such shape that they had to be euthanize. The other animals have been placed in appropriate care and adoption locations.

#1 Phantom : Thoroughbred Bay/ Black, G, 10-11 YOA

will have the animal. has previous dealings with the animal. She advised in good condition until Stanton obtained animal. said the horse had healing ulcer with hooks and points present. rot eggs were present on the abdomen and fore limbs. Horse had rain rot and multiple superficial scrapes, bite marks and lose of hair. The body score was 1.5. #2 Deliah: Thoroughbred, Bay Mare, 4 years of age. Going to

Score of 1.5. #3 Legend: Thoroughbred, Chestnut, G, 8-9 years. Going to . Hind fetlocks broken back with laxity towards the ground. Significant weakness and lack of mobility. The body score was 1.5. #4 Debra: Appendix, Bav. Mare, 15 YOA, front knee broken, unable to ride. Body score of 4.5. Going to

Euthnized #5 Lilly: Thoroughbred, Grey Mare, 14 YOA. Severe cancer Body score of 2.5. took the animal and it was euthanized. #6 Archie: Thoroughbred, Black/Bay, G, 4 YOA, Rain rot, scrapes and bite marks on body. Body score 3-3.5. Horse adopted to

. #7 Slicky: Thoroughbred, Bay, G, 4-6 YOA Has pin fire scars on dorsal cannon bones in both forefeet. Evidence of a fetlock/ Suspensor region injury on left hind. Ulcers in mouth , body score of 4. #8 Magic: Thoroughbred, Bay/Brown, G, 4 YOA Body score of 3. #9 Warrior: Thoroughbred, Bay, G, 4-5 YOA Leg injury with staples. Bell removed wrap and prescribed treatment and medicine. Body score of a 3. Going to

#10 Junior: Thoroughbred, Bay, G, 4-6 YOA. Body score of 4-4.5.

#11 Eighteen: Thoroughbred, Chestnut, G, 4 YOA. Medical cathis of right eye, both hind fetlocks swollen. Oral ulcers. Body score of 4.5. #12 Monte: Thoroughbred, Chestnut, G, 5 YOA. Hind end wrapped in polo wraps. Right hind proximal suspensory a little thickened on palapation. Oral ulcers. Body score of 4-4.5. Pony ; picked up animal. She was true owner. Stanton had animal on lease agreement. The SPCA had write up a report on the horses. She will be able to testify. The SPCA has had numerous organizations and people callin regards to the animals. They all were given fraudulent information by

Stanton. The vet report should help determine what other charges need to be obtained. Stanton also lied about not having any other horse's. Stanton had several others on lease and some in transit from other locations. I specifically asked about any other animals. I also asked about any arrangements or paperwork for the horses. I explained she must own them t

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