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**From:** sheriff@shencosheriff.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:48 PM  
**To:** Denise; Holly  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA: Horse rescue February 2020

**From:** Katie Castellani <kcastellani@timesdispatch.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** sheriff@shencosheriff.com  
**Subject:** FOIA: Horse rescue February 2020

Hi,  
My name is Katie Castellani, I am a reporter with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, I am reaching out with a FOIA requests for records relating the seizure or rescuing of horses that took place on or around February 26, 2020. For background, my understanding is that approximately 30 horses were taken from a property under the name Riverview Farms then and I believe Rose A. Howell runs the farm.  
I am looking to get a warrant, affidavit, and narrative police report from the incident as well as any documents relating to the conclusion of the follow-up investigation.

If the cost exceeds \$50 or you need additional information please let me know and my phone number is 9784602439

Thanks!  
Katie

# Shenandoah County Sheriff's Case Report Compact

Print Date/Time: 06/22/2023 11:25  
Login ID: dvolmer  
Case Number: 2020-00014056

SHENANDOAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
ORI Number: VA0850000

## Case Details:

Case Number: 2020-00014056	Incident Type: Animal Case	
Location: 137 BRADY LN ,VA	Occurred From: 02/26/2020 08:43	
	Occurred Thru: 02/26/2020 08:52	
	Reported Date: 02/26/2020 08:53 Wednesday	
Reporting Officer ID: S0501-Brill	Status: Closed	Status Date: 03/08/2023
Assigned Bureau: Animal Control Section		

## Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	720	3.2-6570	Animal Cruelty	1
2	State	720	3.2-6503	Fail to provide food, water, shelter or vet care to animal	27

### Offense # 1

Group/ORI: State	Crime Code: 720	Statute: 3.2-6570	Counts: 1	Attempt/ Commit Code: Completed
Description: Animal Cruelty				Offense Date: 02/26/2020
Scene Code: Farm Facility		Bias/Motivation: _No bias/not applicable		
IBR Seq. No: 1				

### Offender Suspected of Using

Alcohol: No  
Drugs: No  
Computer: No

### Offense # 2

Group/ORI: State	Crime Code: 720	Statute: 3.2-6503	Counts: 27	Attempt/ Commit Code: Completed
Description: Fail to provide food, water, shelter or vet care to animal				Offense Date: 02/26/2020
Scene Code: Farm Facility		Bias/Motivation: _No bias/not applicable		
IBR Seq. No: 2				

### Offender Suspected of Using

Alcohol: No  
Drugs: No  
Computer: No

## Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Suspect	1	Harper-Howell, Roseann Channell	2377 QUICKSBURG RD ,VA		White	Female	/1950 70

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Subject # 1-Suspect

Primary: No  
Name: Harper-Howell, Roseann Channell  
Address: 2377 QUICKSBURG RD  
VA

Suspect Type:  
Race: White  
Height: 5ft 3 in  
Eyes: Green  
State:

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Suspect  
Sex: Female DOB: /1950  
Weight: 155.0 lbs.  
Hair: Grey Age: 70

Primary Phone:  
Resident Status: Non Resident

## Related Offenses

Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description
State	720	3.2-6503	Fail to provide food, water, shelter or vet care to animal
State	720	3.2-6570	Animal Cruelty

Domestic Violence Referrals:

## Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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## Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Recordings/Audio/Visual			Photos obtained and placed into evidence locker.		
03/12/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Weight tape used to measure horses		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Feces from Famosa Charlie to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Seven (7) samples of feces from unknown horses to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Feces from Horse #6 to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Feces from Arrogant to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Feces from Houdin to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Weight tape used to weight the horses.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Other			Sample of senior feed texture from the main barn to be tested.		
02/26/2020	Evidence (Non IBR)	Crops			Three samples of hay were taken to be tested.		

## Seq #10

Property Codes: Property Type: Recordings/Audio/Visual Property Class: Photographs Date Received: 02/26/2020  
Evidence (Non IBR)  
Quantity: 2.000 Unit of Measure: Each Initial Value: \$1.00  
Description: Photos obtained and placed into evidence locker.

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## Seq #9

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 03/12/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Weight tape used to measure horses			

## Seq #8

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Feces from Famosa Charlie to be tested.			

## Seq #7

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 7.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Seven (7) samples of feces from unknown horses to be tested.			

## Seq #6

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Feces from Horse #6 to be tested.			

## Seq #5

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Feces from Arrogant to be tested.			

## Seq #4

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Feces from Houdin to be tested.			

## Seq #3

<b>Property Codes:</b>	<b>Property Type:</b> Other	<b>Property Class:</b> Other Negotiable Instrument	<b>Date Received:</b> 02/26/2020
Evidence (Non IBR)		<b>Initial Value:</b> \$1.00	
<b>Quantity:</b> 1.000	<b>Unit of Measure:</b> Each		
<b>Description:</b> Weight tape used to weight the horses.			

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## Seq #2

**Property Codes:**      **Property Type:** Other      **Property Class:** Other Negotiable Instrument      **Date Received:** 02/26/2020  
Evidence (Non IBR)      **Initial Value:** \$1.00  
**Quantity:** 1.000      **Unit of Measure:** Each  
**Description:** Sample of senior feed texture from the main barn to be tested.

## Seq #1

**Property Codes:**      **Property Type:** Crops      **Property Class:** Other Negotiable Instrument      **Date Received:** 02/26/2020  
Evidence (Non IBR)      **Initial Value:** \$1.00  
**Quantity:** 3.000      **Unit of Measure:** Item  
**Description:** Three samples of hay were taken to be tested.

## Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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On 2/26/20 at 0853 hours, Deputy C.J. Brill was dispatched to 137 Brady Ln, Quicksburg, VA in reference to reported malnourished horses.

Brill arrived on location and was able to identify Roseann Channell Harper- Howell (2377 Quicksburg Rd, Quicksburg, VA) due to past complaints at this location. Animal control had gone out to this business several times prior to this complaint, in reference to the care of the horses. Howell, who is the farm owner, gave consent for animal control to search the property and check the animals.

Brill arrived on location with a licensed veterinarian, Jennifer LaPlum (NFI), to assist animal control in examining the horses as well as the daily routine for horse care on the farm. There are several barns located on the property housing horses. The main barn is located to the left of the driveway. Most of the grain can be found in this barn with a silo outside the barn containing feed from Mathias Brothers (NFI). Several of the stalls had miscellaneous items which appeared to be paper on the ground. It appeared the stalls had not been cleaned properly as there was a significant amount of feces in several stalls.

To the east of that barn there was a stable/arena housing fourteen (14) horses. There were buckets hanging on the outside of the arena with grain most of them. There was one (1) bale of hay located in the arena. The horses in the arena were examined by LaPlum (attached). They appeared underweight according to the Henneke Body Score Scale Chart. The horses all had their spine as well as the hip bones clearly visible. Most of the horses had no fat or muscle left on their bodies. Their rib cage was clearly visible with the top of the shelf sunken in. Several of the horses had what appeared to be lice on their bodies. The small bugs were crawling all over their mane and other hair on the body. One (1) of the white horses had what appeared to be melanoma cancer on several parts of the body according to LaPlum. All of the horses located in this area were signed over to the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office.

Located at the west of the property, away from the other barns, was a red barn used to house the "Older Horses" according to the farm hand who takes care of the horses in the immediate area. She lives across the street from this barn. The inside of the barn was clean and had several bags of grain as well as bales of hay. The horses located at this barn were in a field, fenced off to the barn area, scored between a 1-3 on the Henneke Body Scale Chart according to LaPlum. The horses in this area had visible hip and shoulder bones. Some appeared to have lice on their skin crawling around. There was no food or water located in the field readily accessible to the horses. All horses in this location were signed over to the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office.

There was a significant amount of horses kept in an open field located at the back of the property. Brill was unable to count the number of horses in the field due to the large amount. There were several round bales laid out at different spots in the field. However, LaPlum stated the amount of hay put out for the horses was not adequate for the day Animal Control was there. There was not enough grass accessible in the field to sustain the number of horses housed in that immediate area. LaPlum located between ten (10) and fifteen (15) horses in the field scoring a 1-3 on the Henneke Body Scale Chart. These horses were attempted to be caught by Animal Control and a farm helper, but the whole herd ran making it difficult for them to be captured. The only source of water, available to these horses was located at the bottom of a hill where the horses had to travel through

another field to a creek running through the property.

While examining horses on the property with LaPlum, a tractor trailer arrived with round bales for the horses. Prior to its arrival, there were only a few round bales located under covered area in a field.

Samples of feces were taken from the following horses to be tested:

Feces from Fosa Charlie

Houden

Arrogant

Horse #6

Seven (7) samples from horses in the arena.

Samples of feed were taken from a round bale and square bale located inside a barn.

Samples of feed senior textured feed were taken to be tested.

Photos were taken of the horses and property. Brill placed them into evidence.com.

On 2/27/20, Brill along with Brogan responded back to the residence to take custody of the remaining horses, with a poor body score, located in the large field. The farm workers had placed the horses in several pens as well as the arena where horses were the day prior. Brogan attempted to catch the horses in poor body condition, but it was not safe to handle them as they had not been handled in a significant period of time. None of the horses had halters on them. Juliet Channell (NFI) who is Howell's daughter was located on the property. Channell stated she was there to assist in helping run the farm to get things back on track. Brill advised Channell she would need to put the horses in a separate field to identify them as well as start a refeeding plan to get the horses back up to adequate body condition. She agreed to this plan.

Case active.

Brill had gone out to perform a welfare check on the horses on 03/21/2020 and 04/23/2020. On both of those occasions the horses appeared to be getting in better shape. There had been several water sources added. Brill observed an adequate amount of feed and hay for the horses.

On 06/13/2020, Brill was doing a welfare check on the horses when Channels stated they had an incident where a horse had died. The farrier was trimming the horses feet prior to Brill's arrival. When attempting to do a white horses feet, the horses bucked forward and head butted a support beam to the side barn located east of the main barn. Brill spoke with the farrier and his helper who confirmed this was the cause of death.

The rest of the horses appeared to be getting into better shape and had an adequate amount of food for the horses.

Case active pending further follow ups.



On 9/16/20 at 1239 hours, Brill did a welfare check on the horses located at this address. The horses appeared to be getting in better condition. The farrier was on location working on some of the horses feet. Brill observed an adequate amount of feed on the premises.

Case active pending further follow ups.

On 12/10/20, Brill did a welfare check on the horses located at this address. The horses appeared to be in good shape and health. There was an adequate amount of food on the property for the horses.

Case active

On 1/25/21, Brill did a welfare check on the horses located at this address. The horses appeared to be in good shape and health. There was an adequate amount of food on the property for the horses.

Case active

On 3/9/21, Brill did a welfare check on the horses located at this address. The horses appeared to be in good shape and health. There was an adequate amount of food on the property for the horses.

Due to no issue with the horses the case will be closed.

Case closed

Destruction order was filed out for one (1) weight tape used to measure horses.