



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORT

1. On March 11 & 12, 2021 the Lyon County Sheriff's Office responded to citizen complaints of malnourished horses seen off KY 93 South approximately 9 miles South of Eddyville. No horses were located on March 11th.

Deputy Sam Adams returned to the area after 2:30pm on Friday, March 12th and began searching a field and wooded area. By 3:30pm, Deputy Adams had located 2 dead horses and found several neglected horses on the property. A local veterinarian was summoned to the scene. The veterinarian determined the horses were in a neglected state with severely low body condition scores.

Deputy Adams' investigation revealed the owner of the horses was out of the state and had been gone for several weeks, leaving a young adult in charge of their care with very minimal resources which were inadequate to properly care for the animals. There was no hay found, no grass pasture, little water, and only a small amount of processed feed located at the site. In addition, many of the animals were without shelter and standing in deep mud; some had even resorted to eating branches on trees for food.

Evidence obtained indicated the owner was aware of the death of the horses but prohibited the young adult from summoning help to bury them for fear of being prosecuted for animal cruelty/neglect.

Deputies Adams, Keith Suits, and Joe Witherspoon assisted in rounding the horses up. The Lyon County Road Department Foreman, Tommy Melton, responded to the scene and assisted in burying the two dead horses. During this process Melton discovered a third dead horse and buried it also.

A & A Horse Haven personnel were called to the scene to assist law enforcement in removing the neglected horses from the property. They brought three trucks/trailers and several personnel to assist. Their team worked until midnight with documenting and removing the remaining neglected animals. The animals were transported to A & A Horse Haven facilities where they will remain during the investigation.

The Eddyville Fire Chief, Josh Schenk, assisted with portable lighting at the scene. Lyon County Animal Control Officer Stan Kinnis assisted in the removal of a neglected canine from the property as well.

In total, 16 horses were found neglected on the property, 3 of which were dead. In addition, 2 neglected canines were removed from the property. One was transferred to McCracken County.

Sheriff Brent White stated, "This incident is 'not' representative of the majority of horse owners and animal agriculturalists in Lyon County. Most of our citizens practice excellent and responsible animal husbandry. Unfortunately, this was not one of those cases.

The investigation is continuing by Deputy Sam Adams and charges are pending against the owner. The Sheriff's Office would like to thank all those who assisted with this investigation.

**Note: no photographs of the horses will be released at this time.*

2. On March 12, 2021 at 8:33pm Deputies Keith Suits and Joe Witherspoon were dispatched to Thrush Lane in the Old Eddyville area regarding a suspicious person complaint. Upon arrival they encountered Johnny Bean (44) of St. Charles and Emily M. Tucker (48) of Princeton. Both Bean and Tucker were detained initially. Tucker was observed by officers attempting to crush an item in her hand and discard it on the ground. A cigarette package container with suspected Methamphetamine residue was found in her hand.

Tucker was arrested and charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence and Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree (Methamphetamine). Additional items of evidence were seized from Bean; however, he had just been released from the hospital hours earlier and officers noticed he did not appear to be well. He also complained of chest pains.

Lyon County EMS was summoned to evaluate him and determined he needed to be transported back to the hospital for further medical attention. He was transported to Baptist Health. Charges are pending against Bean upon his release.

The Eddyville Police Department and Kentucky State Police assisted the Sheriff's Office personnel with this investigation. Tucker was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. At the time of this incident, Tucker was out of custody/on bond from Hopkins District Court for Methamphetamine-related offenses on January 6, 2021. In addition, she was out of custody/on bond from Caldwell Circuit Court for a 2020 indictment relating to traffic and Methamphetamine-related offenses.

**Note: see attached photograph/mugshot of the female offender.*



Emily M. Tucker

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