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Animal Cruelty Investigation

On Wednesday January 2, 2019, local citizens contacted Sheriff John Miles in reference to possible animal cruelty on Donnell Road. Sheriff Miles called in Sheriff's Investigators immediately and a search warrant was executed on the property. Investigators discovered numerous dogs in pens under deplorable conditions. Sheriff Miles requested assistance from the Atlanta Humane Society's Animal Cruelty Unit. Evidence of cruelty to animals was discovered at the site. 167 total dogs were discovered on the site. 163 of them were placed with rescues, three were humanly euthanized, and one escaped from a rescue unit. Angela Felinda Powell was arrested and charged with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals that night by Sheriff Miles. Investigators processed the site and animals through Sunday January 6, 2019.

The case is still very much an active investigation. We fully anticipate more charges on Powell.

According the Sheriff John Miles, "This is the worst incident of cruelty to animals in this county in recent memory. These dogs were living in mud, urine, and feces. I sincerely appreciate the effort that everyone involved put forth into investigating the case and getting these animals the care that they needed."

This investigation was a very large undertaking for the Sheriff's Office. A vast number of agencies and individuals assisted with the effort. The following is a list of those agencies and individuals that helped with the case. We sincerely thank each and every one who contributed to this effort.

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Atlanta Humane Society

- Jessica Rock
- Mike Perkins
- Dr. Jennifer Morris
- Alyssa Hill
- Julie Hurwitz
- Kate Mullaney
- Amanda Harris

Candler Industrial Authority

- Molly Olson

Effingham County Sheriff

- Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie
- Brandon Roberts
- Tommy Williams

Metter Animal Control

- Tommy Condry

Bulloch Animal Control

- Joey Sanders

Tattnall Animal Control

- Seth Boyett
- Loretta Boyett

Laurens Animal Control

- Tim Aldridge

GA Animal Association

- Regina Wells

Chatham Animal Control

- Jason Bristol

Port Wentworth Police

- Patrick Galvin

S.O.A.P.S.

- Shawanda Smith
- Thyra Burakowski

Georgia Sheriff's Assn.

- Terry Norris

Bevricks, Jomax

- Ricky Patrick

Metter Vet Clinic

- Dr. Jay Bridgers
- Sheryl Bridgers

Paws and Reflect

- Jake Futch

Glynn Animal Control

- Tiffany Hill
- Daniel Mayne
- Gerald Rewis

GA Dept. of Agriculture

- Gary Kelley
- T. Cowart
- D. Sellars
- D. Bizzell

Georgia Farm Center

- Ronnie Ponder

Individuals

- Jamey Kemp
- Dennis Hart
- Kendall Gross
- Gabe Cliett
- Tripp Fitzner
- Brad Jones
- Jimmy Braddy
- Ken and Kim Brown
- Tony Aldrich
- Bryan Aasheim
- Latasha Newsome
- Regina Davis-Jones
- Heidi Miles

Animal Rescues

- Heidi's Legacy
- Coco's Cupboard
- Cashiers Highlands
- Paws Animal Shelter
- Moore Humane Society
- Charleston Animal Society
- Pet Alliance Orlando
- Nassau Humane Society
- Brandywine Valley SPCA
- Mid-Atlantic Shepherd
- Critical Care Animal Angels
- Georgia Canine Rescue
- Heather Zaresky
- Pawsome Southern
- Leica's "Saving Paws"
- Tri County
- Furever After
- Daytona Beach GSD

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