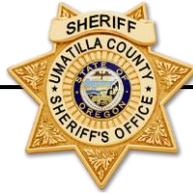


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Animal Neglect Case

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office has turned over an investigation to the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office for possible prosecution in an Animal Neglect case. On July 30th, 2022 our agency responded to a trailer in the 2300 block of N 1st Place, Hermiston, Oregon after receiving a report of a possible puppy mill. The deputy contacted a 70 year old woman living in a travel trailer at that location, who stated she bred Yorkshire Terriers. There were several adult dogs (believed to be Yorkshire Terriers) in cages inside the trailer with puppies of various ages. The woman initially volunteered to surrender some of the dogs to a local animal rescue facility.

An investigation was opened for Animal Neglect and the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office was also notified. During the course of an investigation, deputies contacted the woman again and she eventually voluntarily surrendered a total of 12 dogs into the custody of a local animal rescue facility. Yesterday, a detective returned to the location, to find the woman's trailer had been removed from the area. Her whereabouts are unknown at this time. The case has been referred to the Umatilla County District Attorney's office for possible prosecution.

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