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This statement is being released in regards to the neglect and death of a horse over this past weekend. We will confirm that Matthew Matherson, 28, of Moundville was arrested and charged with Cruelty to Animals on October 30, 2015. Mr. Matherson was transported to the Hale County Jail where he was booked and processed. Mr. Matherson has since been released on bail. A court date has not been set yet for this case. In response to the allegations of misconduct by a deputy with this department regarding this case, we have begun an internal investigation to determine if policy and procedure was followed by the deputy in question. We will not release any further information, nor answer any questions regarding this incident until the conclusion of the internal investigation.

Thank You,

Jason H. McCrory

Chief Deputy Sheriff