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MEDIA CRIME REPORT

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Lenox Township Man Arrested for Animal Cruelty

On 02-21-15 at approximately 8:15pm, Macomb Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to a Lenox Township address on a complaint about animal cruelty.

According to the caller, there were multiple animals in and around a house (in the 63000 block of Gratiot) that were not being cared for (fed or watered).

Sheriff deputies arrived at the residence and realized that there was no one home. Deputies could see animals (a German Shepherd and numerous cats) inside the home, and it was clear that there was no electricity or heat in the residence.

Unable to make any contact with anyone inside, deputies entered the home to check on the welfare of any residents and the animals. The house was in poor condition with garbage and animal waste throughout.

There were animal carcasses inside (four dead cats) and skeletal remains of what was believed to be a dog in an upstairs bedroom. Deputies called the Macomb County Animal Control Division to assist in the investigation.

While at the residence, the homeowner arrived and spoke with deputies about the condition of the home and environs. The homeowner told deputies that there hadn't been heat in the home for "well over a month". He said that he was aware of the dead animals inside the home, and that the ground was frozen preventing him from burying the carcasses.

The man was arrested and brought to the Macomb County Jail on a charge of Animal Cruelty.

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The Macomb County Animal Division removed a horse, a sheep, the German Shepherd and numerous cats from the home.

On 02-24-15, **Robert Walter Denys**, 60 years of age, was arraigned in the 42nd District Court of New Baltimore.

He was charged with: Animals – Abandonment/Cruelty (4 to 10 Animals).

This charge is a felony and carries a potential 2-year prison sentence.

Denys was granted a \$10,000 (personal) bond and he was released. He is due back in Court on March 4th 2015 at 9am.

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