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ANIMAL CRUELTY ARREST IN TEWKSBURY

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and Tewksbury Township Police Chief Timothy Barlow announced that a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office and the Tewksbury Township Police Department has led to the arrest of one individual for animal cruelty offenses.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "The joint investigation resulted in the arrest of Roger Kolbe, age 62, of Tewksbury, on March 26, 2019, for 3rd degree Causing the Death of an Animal, 3rd degree Causing Serious Bodily Injury to an Animal, 4th degree Causing Bodily Injury to an Animal, and Animal Cruelty a Disorderly Persons Offense." This is an ongoing investigation and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Prosecutor Kearns added, "The investigation spans a three year period during which time the Department of Agriculture made numerous recommendations to Mr. Kolbe to rectify the living conditions and treatment of the cattle on his property. On March 26, 2019, Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Detectives and Tewksbury Township Police served a search warrant on Mr. Kolbe's property and over a period of two days, 24 cattle were removed from the property and brought to auction."

The filing of a criminal complaint is merely a step in the criminal justice process. The defendant is presumed innocent until the matter is resolved in a court of law.

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