

Gruesome discovery at Mooresville, charges of animal neglect filed

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Members of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 800 block of Cherry Street in Mooresville that resulted in two persons being arrested regarding an investigation of alleged Animal Neglect.

The search warrant resulted in the seizure of 13 dogs/puppies from the home. The investigation also revealed a full size abandoned freezer/refrigerator on the property. Sheriff Steve Cox said allegations suggesting animal neglect are related to the conditions within and around the home. The deputies were required to wear Hazardous Material Full Body Suits due to the volume of rotting trash, urine, feces, and possibly mold inside the home. Some of the officers were vomiting outside the home at Mooresville.

An investigation report was submitted to Prosecuting Attorney Adam Warren and charges were filed yesterday in Livingston County Associate Court. Summons have issued on two Mooresville residents for alleged misdemeanors of Animal Neglect and Abandonment of an Airtight Container. They are 66 year old Mishell Blomenkamp and 59 year old Anita Frazier.

The Livingston County Humane Society assisted in transporting, seeking vet care, and boarding the dogs. The sheriff spoke with Livingston county commissioners, prosecuting attorney, and health department regarding the ability to condemn the property due to the health and welfare issues for the community. But the sheriff has learned that none of the current ordinances or laws provides for any relief to the community at this time.