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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHARGED:**                    **Andrea DeCarlo**  
                                      **355 Montana Road**  
                                      **Washington NJ 07882**  
                                      **DOB: May 30, 1989**

On April 24, 2023, Andrea DeCarlo was charged with three counts of animal cruelty. The underlying charges arose when the Department of Agriculture (Department) was notified by Animal Control that a horse appeared to be neglected. The Department responded to the report and subsequently visited the property on three separate occasions. The following conditions were discovered: a severely underweight horse with inadequate shelter observed eating hay soaked in urine and feces; several malnourished sheep with little shelter and were exposed to areas containing broken glass and sharp nails; and a ram that appeared to have an injured leg, missing hair and in poor health.

Prior to being charged Ms. DeCarlo had been given written recommendations about how to remedy the issues. Despite three visits to the property with recommendations to remedy the conditions, no efforts were made to cure the conditions. As a result, Ms. DeCarlo was charged with:

1. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17c(2) Animal Cruelty for Failing to Provide Necessary Care for a Horse; a fourth degree crime.
2. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17c(2) Animal Cruelty for Failing to Provide Necessary Care for Sheep; a fourth degree crime.
3. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17c(2) Animal Cruelty for Failing to Provide Necessary Care for a Ram; a fourth degree crime.

A Fourth Degree crime carries a maximum penalty of eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

Please note, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:  
Date: May 3, 2023

  
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