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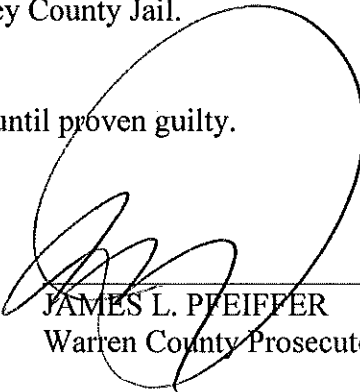
Charged: Ryan Whitmore
10 Dean Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825
DOB: 06/02/1985

On November 29, 2022 the Animal Control Officer contacted Blairstown Police in reference to possible animal abuse/neglect at 10 Dean Road in Blairstown, New Jersey. The Blairstown Police Humane Law Enforcement Officer responded to the address and found multiple animal abuse violations. These violations included deceased livestock on the property or inside the pasture; an adult cow who was nonambulatory; the flooring of the barn was entirely covered with manure and mud with no dry bedding; multiple objects in the barn and pasture that could cause injury to the livestock and multiple visits to the farm showed no water or access to water for the cows, horses, and goats. Through a joint investigation with the Blairstown Police Department, The Warren County Prosecutor's Office, and the Office of the Attorney General, Ryan Whitmore was charged with the following pending a court appearance:

1. Two (2) counts of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17C(2) – Failure to provide a living animal or creature with the necessary care. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.
2. Four (4) counts of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17C(2) – Failure to provide a living animal or creature with the necessary care. A Fourth degree crime. Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.
3. Ten (10) counts of N.J.S.A. 4:22-17A(4) - Failure to provide a living animal or creature with the necessary care. A disorderly persons offense. Disorderly persons offense carry a maximum penalty up to six (6) months in New Jersey County Jail.

The Defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Date: February 24, 2023



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