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Boulder City Police, Animal Control Respond to Hoarding Case

BOULDER CITY – Boulder City Police Department received a tip on Friday, March 29, 2024 about an animal abuse/hoarding situation in a car driving in the City. Officers saw the car had a broken taillight and stopped the couple around 5:00 p.m., near Nevada Way and Juniper Way. When the occupants rolled down a window, officers could smell dead animals inside the car.

Boulder City Police and Boulder City Animal Control Officers searched the car and found a total 51 guinea pigs and rabbits - 11 guinea pigs dead - inside a variety of plastic totes and luggage (four additional guinea pigs have since died). Boulder City Police and Animal Control took the animals from the scene.

“Our officers knew right away that something was wrong,” said Lt. Thomas Healing of the Boulder City Police Department. “The female suspect was concerned about other animals that they said were at their home and a hotel in Las Vegas, and immediately notified Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.”

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department got search warrants and found 30 dogs (10 already deceased) inside a hotel room. The search warrant on their house found 15 dogs and more guinea pigs.

While this case crosses jurisdictions, there are other concerns. “Veterinary treatment will likely cost thousands of dollars for these animals,” said Ann Inabnitt, Supervisor of Boulder City Animal Control. “We’re also finding that some of the pets are pregnant, so it may be weeks before we have an exact number of impounded animals. I appreciate the efforts of the person who called us with the tip as well as the quick response of officers to investigate.”

The couple, both in their 70s, face eleven counts each of “torture, injure, abandon, or starve an animal.” Because it is their first offense, they are charged with misdemeanors. Additional cases in Las Vegas could include felony charges. Their names may be available for release later today.

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