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NEWS RELEASE

Newport couple facing cruelty to animal charges

Carteret County deputies have arrested Gina Marie Alfano, 43, and Kevin John Diers, 52, of 618 East Branch Drive, Newport for cruelty to animals.

County deputies and animal control officers responded to the home of the Newport couple on 12/06/2011 after a complaint from an anonymous source. Deputies received consent to look in their storage building and were shocked at what they observed.

Inside the shed was a black dog eating the leg of an eight week old puppy that was previously skinned and gutted by the defendants. Further investigation revealed the puppy's internal organs and meat was then fed to the other dogs. The remains of the deceased puppy have been collected for analysis to determine if the trauma the puppy suffered was ante or post mortem. Upon further examination of the shed another dog was found dead in a cage and was also collected for a necropsy to be performed.

Alfano and Diers were both charged with cruelty to animals and failing to dispose of a deceased domesticated animal. Both subjects each posted a \$25,000.00 bond and were released from the Carteret County Jail. Both subjects will have a first court appearance today.



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