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SEARCH AND RESCUE – ARIZONA STRIP

Mohave County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Units were deployed late Thursday (9/2) morning due to a missing person in the desert. The reporting party said that Clark Cooke, 58, of Colorado City, did not report to work on Monday and he was last seen Saturday, August 28th. The RP further said that he thought that Cooke was going to the Black Rock area. Search and Rescue units from Kingman, Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City responded and initiated a search. At about 7:30 p.m., Dispatch advised that while some hunters were scouting for an antelope hunt they came across a deceased subject sitting in a white dodge truck. SAR units responded to the area off of Clay Hole Road, about 14 miles west of Colorado City. It appears that Cooke died of natural causes. Autopsy results are pending.

SEARCH WARRANT – GOLDEN VALLEY

Mohave County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 3800 block of N Bryce Road in Golden Valley in reference to a zoning violation and animal cruelty Thursday (8/26) morning.

MCSO received information that Karen Grogan, 58, who operated K & S Puppy Ranch in Golden Valley last year, was still operating a kennel without a permit, breeding dogs and selling sick puppies.

At about 10:13 a.m., the search warrant was executed. David Thompson, 66, co-owner of the property, was contacted. Karen Grogan was not home at the time.

The search revealed 21 dogs, 10 cats, 3 pigs, 6 horses, 6 goats, 15 birds, 25 chickens, a goose and a duck. Some of the animals did not have water. Throughout the house animals were located in small cages. A calico cat was inside a cage with a dead kitten. There was no liter box for the cat. All of the cages were dirty with animal waste.

Outside pot-bellied pigs did not have a water container inside their pen; two pens of poultry did not have water. The parrots and cockatiels had water bowls with disgusting water which appeared hadn't been changed. A Great Dane and a Standard Poodle were extremely thin. The dog breeds ranged from poodles, standard poodles, pugs, yorkies, Australian shepherds and great Danes.

David Thompson was cited on a building regulation violation (operating a kennel without a license), a misdemeanor.

Thursday (9/2) afternoon Karen Grogan, 58, was arrested at a residence in the 3800 block of N Bryce Road. Grogan was arrested on a failure to appear felony warrant issued out of Mohave County Superior Court, along with cruelty to animals, building regulation violation (operating a kennel without a license) and three counts of no dog license, misdemeanors. Grogan was taken into custody, transported and booked into the Mohave County Jail without incident.

WEAPONS OFFENSE/MARIJUANA/SEX OFFENDER – DOLAN SPRINGS

Mohave County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Rodney Keller, 62, of Dolan Springs, early Thursday (9/2) afternoon on two counts of possession of a weapon by prohibited person, possession of marijuana and sex offender failure to obtain and carry identification, felonies. Approximately 12:55 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at Cobb Drive and 11th Street. Deputies contacted Keller. Keller failed to provide identification. Deputies knew from prior contacts with Keller that he was convicted of several felonies in the past and that he is a registered sex offender in Arizona. Deputies had Keller exit the vehicle. Deputies observed a pistol lying on the driver's side floorboard near the door. Keller was taken into custody without incident. The weapon was confiscated. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing marijuana and a loaded shotgun was found behind the seat inside a blue nylon bag. During conversations with Keller, he said the marijuana belonged to him. He was transported and booked into the Mohave County Jail. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

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