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**Press Release**

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Cruelty to Animals Arrest

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the Hampton Police investigated a report of Animal Cruelty involving several animals that were being kept in what was described as “deplorable” conditions. The animals were held at 3 Trafford Rd. and totaled 20 dogs and 1 bird. The animals were taken into custody with the assistance of the NHSPCA where they were later examined and treated.

After examination it was determined that 17 of the dogs showed various levels of neglect. On Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> Susan Bahatouris, 63 years of age from Hampton, NH, was charged with 17 counts of Animal Cruelty for negligently depriving these animals of necessary care by leaving them without food or water in an unclean living environment.

She was released on a hand summons and is scheduled for an arraignment on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 0800 at the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit District Court in Hampton.

We encourage everyone to report animal cruelty, abuse, or neglect to their local authorities. We would also like to thank the NHSPCA for their partnership and cooperation.

Anyone with information on incidents occurring in the Town of Hampton is urged to contact the Hampton Police Department at 603-929-4444. Anonymous tips can be made through the Crimeline for the Hamptons at 603 929-1222.

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