

Ahoskie Police Departments
Media Release Information

Investigators with the Ahoskie Police Department have been investigating Animal Cruelty and Illegal Disposal of Dead Animals within our city for the last 4-weeks. Investigators have determined that these incidents have occurred every Wednesday for approximately one month. Investigators determined that these animals were picked up from Northampton Co. and Bertie Co. Animal Shelters. At the time these animals were picked up from these shelters the animals were reported living. Surveillance was conducted on yesterday's date 6-15-05 and as a result of this investigation with local agencies, this investigation resulted with two arrests. (1) male and (1) female. The van that was seized was registered to PETA and both suspect(s) reportedly employed by PETA.

1- Andrew Benjamin Cook, 24 yoa, 504 Tree Top Drive Virginia Beach, Va.

2- Adria Joy Hinkle, 27 yoa, 1602 Claremont Ave. Norfolk, Va.

31 animals were found yesterday. 18- dogs were located in a commercial dumpster located in New Market Shopping Center in Ahoskie, NC. The rest of the animals were located in the van that was seized.

Both were charged with 31 felony counts of Animal Cruelty and 8 Misd. counts of Illegal Disposal of Dead Animals. Both were placed under \$35,500.00 Secured Bond and were bonded out. The first court date will be 06/17/2005.