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MARICOPA COUNTY ANIMAL CRIMES INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
CONDUCTING ANIMAL NEGLECT INVESTIGATION

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The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Animal Crimes Investigative Unit served warrants today on a Glendale woman for charges of animal abuse and neglect. 72-year old Joan Irene Reynolds was keeping a large number of cats in and around her residence at Lot 112 in the Hacienda del Sol mobile home park, 12727 W. Glendale Avenue.

MCSO responded to a complaints call at the home Monday (01/09/2017), and found a significant amount of cats outside and inside the residence. The animals were malnourished and in poor health. Living conditions were found to present a sizeable health hazard to Ms. Reynolds, to the animals, and to anyone who might enter the home. Ms. Reynolds told the investigating deputy that she had stored a dead animal in a plastic bag outside of her house for several months.
The Animal Crimes Investigative Unit, supported by MCSO MASH personnel and staff from the Palm Glen Animal Hospital wore protective clothing and entered the residence just after noon. In total, 11 cats, one dog, and one deceased cat were removed from the property. The 12 living animals are being assessed by a veterinarian. No weapons were found on the property.

Ms. Reynolds told investigators she has no family. MCSO is working with social services specialists to find a place for her to stay pending formal filing of charges. It does not appear that she has any criminal history.

MCSO video of the investigation is available here: Credit – Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office

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