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UPDATE: ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH APRIL 30, 2019 ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION

WEST MILFORD, NEW JERSEY:

MAY 17, 2019

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and West Milford Police Chief Timothy Storbeck announce that based upon an investigation by the West Milford Police Department, Tonya Fea a 47 year old Jefferson Township resident, was arrested on May 7, 2019 in relation to an animal cruelty incident that took place April 30, 2019. Tonya Fea is charged with two counts of Animal Cruelty, both Third Degree offenses and Defiant Trespass, Petty Disorderly Persons Offense.

Ms. Fea has waived her appearance at Central Judicial Processing (CJP Court) and the matter has been referred to the Grand Jury. The CJP court appearance originally scheduled for May 22, 2019 has been cancelled. Ms. Fea is represented by Richard Baldi, Esq.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or tips@passaiccountynj.org or contact West Milford Detective Eric Darnsteadt at 973-728-2810.

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