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## **Charges laid under Animal Protection Act – Corman Park Police Service**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2018, Corman Park Police received information that four horses remains were discovered on a property on Range Road 3063 in the Rural Municipality of Corman Park. The complainant, who identified himself as the owner of the horses, indicated that he suspected the horses may have been shot. When officers attended the four horses were found in an advanced state of decay and no cause of death could be determined at that time. This issue received some media and social media attention in early January, 2019.

Police conducted an investigation and were not able to support the claim that the horses died from gunshots. Corman Park Police partnered with the Animal Protection Service of Saskatchewan and subsequently seized partial remains from the horses for the purposes of a laboratory analysis. That analysis determined that the horses remains that were analysed showed evidence of prolonged malnutrition. As a result of those findings, and statements collected by police, a charge of causing an animal to be, or continue to be, in distress, contrary to section 4(2) of the Animal Protection Act of Saskatchewan has been laid against Ronald B. Delver, 72, of Corman Park, SK. Mr. Delver was identified as the owner of the horses.

Mr. Delver was issued a summons to attend court and the matter is scheduled for a first appearance in Provincial Court in Saskatoon on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

The penalty for a first offence under the Animal Protection Act is a fine of not more than \$25,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. The Animal Protection Act of Saskatchewan was enacted in 2018.

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