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TWO SEVERELY NEGLECTED DOGS REMOVED FROM TIVERTON HOME AND IN THE CARE OF THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA. THE OWNER IS CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT UNNECESSARY CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TWO COUNTS OF FAILING TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE

[Riverside, Rhode Island, September 4, 2020] – On 08/26/2020 The Rhode Island SPCA Division of Law Enforcement responded to an undisclosed address in the Town of Tiverton at the request of the local Animal Control Officer.

According to Animal Control, there were two dogs on the premise, in plain view, that appeared to be in need of immediate medical attention. Both dogs were described as Pitbull-type dogs. After further investigation, both dogs were seized by the Rhode Island SPCA and immediately transported to an emergency veterinary facility.

One dog can be described as an 8-year-old male, named "Remy", that was found to be emaciated and in extremely poor body condition as all of the dog's boney structures were clearly visible through his fur coat and he was void of any fat or muscle mass. The second dog can be described as a 5-year-old female, named "Beni", that was found to be underweight and with a large tumor on her rear hind quarter. Both dog's nails were extremely overgrown.

The suspect is identified as Amanda Medeiros(08/26/90) of Tiverton, RI. Medeiros was charged with (1) count of RIGL 4-1-3 for Unnecessary Cruelty to Animals and (2) counts of RIGL 4-13-42/Care of Dogs, for failing to provide adequate veterinary care.

The Rhode Island SPCA would like to thank the Tiverton Police Department and Animal Control for their assistance with this investigation.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, it does not receive any local or federal funding nor is it affiliated with any national humane organization. It relies on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations. The Rhode Island SPCA can be contacted at 401-438-8150 or email at info@rispca.com or visit www.rispca.com.

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