

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

Case Number: 11-053466
Complainant: Deloris Kopchak
Date 10/18/2011

On 10/18/2011 at approximately 18:00hrs I was at my residence when I was contacted by Sheriff Lutz. Sheriff Lutz advised that several exotic animals were running at large in the area of Kopchak Road. He requested that I respond to the area. I immediately left my residence and responded to the area.

I arrived at the scene and spoke with Sheriff Lutz. Sheriff Lutz advised that a body was located in a field and it was believed to be Terry Thompson. We needed to secure an area around the body and verify it's condition. It was determined that we would approach the body in my county vehicle. Sgt. Blake would operate the vehicle and Deputies Angelo, Paisley, Lawhorne and I would be in the bed of the vehicle.

At 18:27hrs we drove through the gate of the farm. Sgt. Blake had been in the scene earlier and had observed the body. He stated that it was in a field east of the driveway near the residence. We drove to the area to check on the body. We pulled into an area near the barn that would allow us to view the body. We were confronted by two tigers that exited the barn. Both animals were dispatched. I was able to observe the body and it was apparent that the subject was deceased. There were numerous animals in the area that prevented us from approaching on foot. Sheriff Lutz advised that several cats were crossing the south boundary of the property and we needed to stop them. We went to that area and dispatched the animals. We then returned to the area of the body. While securing the area I discovered that cages had been cut along with the doors opened. The damaged cages would prevent any animal from being housed in it. While securing the area a black leopard was located inside its cage and the cage had not been damaged. The area was eventually secured as it was getting dark. We requested additional manpower and for detectives who were assigned to the scene to come to our location.

Captain Welker, Detective Knox, Detective Jones and other officers came to our location. We secured the area so that they could process it. They began to work on the scene when I noticed that there were additional animals behind the barn, which would cause security problems. We stopped processing the scene while we secured the area behind the barn. There were several cages in this area. We observed cats in the cages. We began to clear the area and were able to secure cage doors. As we approached one cage I observed a hole had been cut in the fence. A lion exited the hole and confronted us. The animal was dispatched. We then began to check the cages in the area and discovered that holes had been cut in several areas. The animals escaped the cages and were unrestrained. Several more animals were dispatched in this area. We finally determined that the area was secured to allow the scene to be processed. The scene was processed and we continued to check for unsecured animals.

I left the scene at approximately 22:30hrs.

Investigating Officer: Detective Todd Kanavel