

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### MCTXSheriff Investigates Animal Cruelty Allegations at Calico Dairy Farm

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is fully aware of the animal cruelty allegations that have been reported at Calico Dairy Farm in Conroe, TX. Our dedicated Livestock Specialists initiated an investigation in December of 2023 in response to distressing images of livestock in poor conditions shared on social media. Our team has diligently conducted several follow-up investigations at the farm with the latest being today.

It is important to note that many of the photos currently circulating on social media are old photographs that have resurfaced. While the pictures are disturbing our investigation has revealed that all the injuries seen in the photos were being treated by a licensed veterinarian prior to arrival of law enforcement.

However, we want to assure the public that an active animal cruelty investigation is underway. As part of our efforts, we have partnered with the Texas Animal Health Commission, which has regulatory jurisdiction, to investigate the conditions inside the dairy barn, particularly concerning products intended for human consumption.

We fully understand the emotions that arise when confronted with reports of neglected animals, and we want to emphasize that we take all animal cruelty reports very seriously. We kindly remind everyone that posting pictures on social media is not a sufficient means of reporting criminal activity to law enforcement. If you witness any potential animal cruelty within Montgomery County, we urge you to contact law enforcement at (936) 760-5800. By doing so, we can ensure that a thorough investigation is conducted promptly.

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