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PRESS RELEASE

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INVESTIGATORS LOOKING FOR PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCARDING SEVEN PUPPIES ON ROUTE 55 RAMP

Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae announces:

On Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at approximately 9:44am, a motorist notified the Cumberland County Sherriff's Department of deceased puppies on an entrance ramp to State Route 55 located off Sherman Avenue within the City of Vineland.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department responded to the area and located seven deceased multi-colored puppies that had been discarded on the State Route 55 south-bound entrance ramp. Members of the Vineland Police Department and Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office responded to the scene. The City of Vineland Animal Control department assisted with the investigation and collected the deceased puppies who were estimated to be three to four weeks old.

Investigators believe that the individual(s) responsible for discarding the puppies would have traveled east towards Vineland on Sherman Avenue and entered the Route 55 southbound entrance where the puppies were located.

Investigators are asking for the public's help in identifying the person responsible for discarding the puppies. Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae stated: "Someone in the community is aware that an individual had a litter of puppies that suddenly disappeared. We are asking the public to give us information that will lead to identification of the person responsible for discarding these puppies in this irresponsible manner."

****If this press release involves the charging, accusation or indictment of a criminal defendant, same is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.***

Any information can be forwarded to the Officer E. Visconti of the Cumberland County Sherriff's Office at 856-451-4449 or Officer J. Ramos of the Vineland Police Department at 856-691-4111. Anyone wishing to share information anonymously may do so by typing CCPO.TIPS in their search engine.