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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- OWNER OF DOG KENNEL CHARGED FOR ANIMAL ABUSE

[Pickerington, Ohio, March 18, 2013] Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that on Friday, March 15, 2013, Cory W. Dewberry was charged with a total of 70 misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty, abandoning animals and prohibitions companion animals. The counts are first degree and second degree misdemeanors. First degree misdemeanors are punishable up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail. Second degree misdemeanors are punishable up to a \$500 fine and three months in jail.

On March 10, 2013 it was reported to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office of an allegation of abuse and unsanitary conditions at the Dewberry Family K-9 Kennel.

Upon further investigation the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, along with the Fairfield County Dog Warden, and the Humane Society, executed a search warrant at 9280 Carroll-Northern Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147. It was found that the kennel was not in compliance with current licensing and permits. The condition of the kennel was unsanitary, and the dogs appeared to be neglected. Six dogs were seized by the Fairfield County Dog Warden and the remaining dogs were picked up by their owners.

Cory Dewberry is currently wanted on these charges. Anyone with information of his whereabouts, please contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

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