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PARNELL INDICTED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY

On January 12, 2010, Bedford County Sheriff's Animal Control deputies executed a search warrant at 1248 Locust Lane Bedford, Va. after receiving a complaint of possible animal cruelty. The owner of the property Phillip Parnell, age 47, was served with the search warrant. While conducting a search of the property the deputies found 12 dead alpacas and one dead emu. The deputies also located 8 live alpacas, 3 live sheep and 3 live goats. All the surviving animals were examined on the scene by a veterinarian and found to be in very poor condition. The deputies took possession of the animals.

On Tuesday March 2, 2010, a Bedford County Grand Jury indicted Phillip Parnell on 14 counts of animal cruelty. The investigation is on going and more charges are possible.

On Wednesday March 3, Phillip Parnell was arrested and transported to the Bedford Blue Ridge Regional Jail. He is being held on \$5000.00 bond.

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