

YOUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

315 N. Cliff Drive
Graham, TX 76450
(940) 549-1555

Case #: SO222284

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Report Type: Incident Report
Status: Open
Reason: Not Applicable
Report Date: 6/28/2022
Title: ESTRAY

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Cargo Theft

Incident Date/Time: 6/27/2022 3:30:27 PM

Location: 315 N. Cliff Drive
Graham, TX 76450

INVESTIGATING OFFICER:

Saucedo, Conrad ID-NR: 2311

SIGNATURE: 

REGION/DISTRICT/SGT. AREA: Texas

APPROVING SUPERVISOR:

ID-NR:

SIGNATURE: _____

Suspect Name

DOB

DL/ID#

EVIDENCE INFORMATION:

VIDEO EVIDENCE

Evidence Collected:

Yes No

Evidence Type:

Body Camera

NARRATIVE:

On June 27, 2022 at approximately 3:30 pm, I, Deputy Conrad Saucedo and Deputy Will Cauthern responded to the Graham Livestock Auction Barn in reference to an Estray bull. Upon arrival, contact was made with Jackie Bishop (W/M, 2/9/1950) who advised that Duke Reynolds (W/M, 11/24/1957) brought a bull to the sale barn that was in his pasture.

I observed a brown and tan color Corriente bull (male) with horns that was in a holding pin. The bull was approximately 10 years old and weighed 1,200 pounds. There was a brand located on the left rib cage that will be available in the pictures provided in this report. One of the sale barn hands advised that they had the bull for about two weeks.

I informed Bishop that I would try to contact possible owners before continuing an estray case. I was unable to locate any owners. I spoke with Reynolds who advised that he was unsure where the bull came from. Reynolds advised that the bull was on his property off Sloan Rd and FM 61 near Newcastle, Texas. Reynolds advised that he tried to located an owner but had no luck. Reynolds informed that he then took the bull to the sale barn in Graham, Texas.

Photographs of the bull are attached to this report.

I, Deputy Conrad Saucedo badge number 2307 with the Young County Sheriffs' Office completed this supplement in reference to this case. I hereby state that at this time, and to the best of my knowledge, this supplement and the named attachments in this supplement, contains all the information in my possession in connection with this offence.

I further state that to the best of my knowledge, I have no knowledge or belief of any exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating documents, items or information that tend to negate the guilt of the defendant or reduce their punishment for the offense charged.

Any further information, items, or documents that come to my personal knowledge, in reference to this offense will be supplemented in writing and forwarded as required by law.

Signature

Date

 6-28-2022

DEPUTY

BADGE# 2307

C. SANCHEZ

NOTICE TO SALE BARN OF ESTRAY

DATE: 6-27-2022

1. CONTRACT COWBOY IMPOUNDING ESTRAY

NAME: NA

ADDRESS: _____

2. DATE ESTRAY REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

6-27-2022

3. LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND:

Sloan rd off FM 61

4. IMPOUND LOCATION:

Sale Barn

5. DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK:

BREED: Corriente

COLOR: Brown / tan

SEX: Male

AGE: 10 years

SIZE: 1200 pounds

BRAND, EAR TAGS, MARKINGS; IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:

T located on left ribs

TRAVIS BABCOCK
SHERIFF OF YOUNG COUNTY

BY: C. SANCHEZ
(DESIGNEE)

- The Sale Barn cannot release or sale any livestock until a "Release of Livestock" form from the Young County Sheriff Office has been received.

YOUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Travis Babcock
(940) 549-1555 Administration

(940) 549-0011 Facsimile

Authorization for the Release or Sale of Estray Livestock

Case# SO 222284

Releasing Deputy

Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE

In accordance with Texas Agriculture Code Title 6, Subtitle B, Chapter 142 the following described Estray livestock are eligible for sale as of the ___ day of _____ 20___. The Sheriff of Young County authorized the release/sale of the livestock as of the above date.

AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE TO OWNER

If the owner of the Estray livestock should be identified and wishes to exercise his/her ownership rights, the sheriff authorizes the release of the livestock only after all fees have been paid to the Young County Sheriff's Office in the administration office located at 315 North Cliff Drive, Graham, Texas 76450. This can be completed Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M, unless otherwise arranged.

Date released or sold: _____

Sold

Released to owner

Kind of Animal: _____

Breed: _____

Color: _____

Sex: _____

Age: _____

Size: _____

BRAND, EAR TAGS, MARKINGS; IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:

Service No: SO222284 Date: 06272022 Ref: Operator: TP
Received: 073524 Dispatch: 073524 Respd: Arvd: Clear: 073903

Nature: 092 ESTRAY
Str/Hwy #: Str/Hwy Name:
Reported By: WIRELESS CALLER Phone: Typ:
How Reported: T Report: Y Incident:

Complainant:
Address:
City/ST/Zip: GRAHAM TX 76450 Phone: Typ:
Direction: BULL WAS FOUND ON RP'S PROP OFF OF SLOAN RD

911? N Priority: Geo: City/Dist: GRAHAM
Vehcl/Lic: ST: Color: / Make: Model:

Officers: SAUCEDO
Oth Unit: Dispatch: Arvd: Clear:
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Wrecker:
Disposed: 004 CALL SHEET

Remarks:

ESTRAY LIVESTOCK

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines outlining the legal procedure of impounding and disposing of estrays. Young County adopted the Stock law in 1905. This law continues to exist, and makes it unlawful to permit livestock including cattle, to run at large in Young County. A person who finds an estray on public or private property must report the presence of the estray to the Sheriff as soon as reasonably possible. If the owner cannot be determined or does not immediately remove the estray, the Sheriff or his designee must proceed with the impoundment process.

Definition of Estray

- a. An "estrays" is a valuable animal which has strayed from its owner.
- b. As used in the Estray Act, "estrays" means any stray horse, mule, ass, hog, sheep, goat, or any species of cattle, exotic livestock or exotic fowl.

Finding a Estray; Notice

- a. A person who finds an estray on his property, or the custodian of public property who finds an estray on public property, must report the presence of the estray to the Sheriff of the county where the estray is discovered as soon possible.
- b. A deputy, on observation or notification of a stray animal, will;
 - (1) Respond, investigate and document the incident on an incident report.
 - (2) If the animal is a danger to persons or property, the deputy will attempt to secure the animal in a safe place while he attempts to identify and contact the owner of the animal. If the owner is identified, file the owners contact information with the dispatcher.
 - (3) If the animal presents a danger and cannot be contained in a safe place or the owner cannot be identified; the deputy will contact a Contract Cowboy to impound the animal. The deputy will complete a Contract Cowboy forms, a Estray Report Form, a Notice to Sale Barn Form and submit an email to the Administrator Assistant on the day of the report of the impoundment.
 - (4) Under-no circumstances will a deputy leave an animal where it presents a danger to persons or property.
 - (5) Deputies will not herd animals onto private or public property where it may present a danger to persons, property, other animals or crops.
 - (6) If a deputy can confirm the pasture an animal belongs in then the deputy will attempt to place the animal back where it belongs. If possible, contact the owner and advise the animal was out.
 - (7) If the animal is secure on property other than the estray's owner, then the estray requires impoundment, it is permissible for the responding deputy to make arrangements for the estray to be impounded at a more convenient time, such as necessary to obtain a contract cowboy. This is providing the deputy receives consent from the property owner.
 - (8) A deputy is required to be on scene when an animal is impounded. The only variance is with prior approval of a supervisor.

It is the responsibility of each Young County Deputy responding to a call for an astray to attempt to find the owner of the animal.

Deputies should do the following:

1. Request dispatch to attempt to locate any owners listed in this area. Remember horses or cattle can easily travel two to three miles from the area they got out from. Also have dispatch check to see if they have had any animals matching the description reported missing.
2. Look for tracks showing where the animals may have traveled from and backtrack to that area to attempt to locate where the animal got out at.
3. If the animal has a brand on it attempt to find out who the brand is registered to at the Young County Clerk's Office. If it is a bovine and it has an ear tag it might have a telephone number or name of the owner stamped on it.

If you have to impound an animal, you need to do the following:

4. Have dispatch contact a contract cowboy.
5. When cowboy arrives complete a **Contract Cowboy Invoice**, and have them sign it. This form will need to be given to the Administrator Assistant to insure the Cowboy gets paid. Make a copy of this form and place in the file folder.
6. Complete an **Estray Report Form** include the information included in #9 below, location impounded from and any information the reporting party has concerning the animal.
7. Complete a **Notice to Sale Barn of Estray Form** and give this form to the contract cowboy to leave with the sale barn when he takes the animal to the sale barn.

If the impounded animal is a horse, then the Contract Cowboy needs to take the horse by a vet to obtain a Coggins test prior to leaving it at the sale barn if possible. The invoice for the Coggins test needs to be given to the Administrative Assistant.

9. Estray Report and Notice to Sale Barn of Estray Form needs the following information:
 - a. Breed
 - b. Color
 - c. Sex
 - d. Age
 - e. Size
 - f. Description of Brands, Ear Tags, or any other identifying information. If it is a brand include where the brand is located. If it is an ear tag include the ear it is located in and the color of the tag with any information on the tag.
 - g. Your report will also need pictures of the animal. Obtain pictures of the animal, front, back and both sides. Include pictures of brands and ear tags.

(If you do not know the answer to these questions in #9 you may want to ask the Contract Cowboy to help you with this.)

If the animal is a bull and it has to be spelt may also need to be tested for "Trich", confirm this with a supervisor.

"The day of the impoundment" you need to prepare a report and email the Administrative Assistant the information listed in #9 and include location animal was impounded from and CC the Patrol Sgt. and the Estray Officer. You need to write on the white board-in the patrol room the information listed at the top of the board pertaining to the impounded animal.

The Administrative Assistant will send you an email confirming the date that the impoundment was posted on the Website. The posting has to be on the website for a period of 18 days and then if no one claims the animal it can be sold.

Place on the white board the date that the animal can be sold.

If the animal is not claimed and needs to be sold, then an Authorization for Sale form needs to be prepared and taken to the Sale Barn as soon as the 18 days is up. Place a copy of the Authorization for Sale form in the file folder.

If the animal is claimed an Authorization for Release form needs to be prepared and the owner needs to sign for the animal and pay the appropriate fees listed below to get the animal back. Owner needs to provide proof that the animal belongs to them. Confirm permission to release the animal by a supervisor.

(a)Contract Cowboy fee for taking the animal to the sale barn is determined by the Contract Cowboy.

(b)Fee for storage of the animal is \$7.00 per day per head.

(c)Owner has to pay these fees by check, money order, or cash. The check is to be given to the Administrator Assistant. Place a copy of the check in the file folder attached to the release form.

If the animal was on someone's property and created damage to their property get with a supervisor and confirm how this is to be handled.

When responding to a livestock call, if you locate an owner, determine if they are registered with the Young County dispatch as a livestock owner. If they are not, complete a Young County Livestock Registration form and give it to dispatch.

The Sheriff is responsible for all stray in the county. This can be a serious liability to the Sheriff personally and to the county. It is imperative that this process is completed properly. If any deputy has a question they are to contact their supervisor. Deviation from these procedures will not be allowed without prior supervisor approval. This is considered the official procedure for the Sheriff's Office and noncompliance will result in discipline actions per policy.

Young County Sheriff Office

315 North Cliff Drive
Graham, TX 76450
Tel 940-549-1555
Fax 940-549-0011

Invoice

CONTRACT COWBOY SERVICES **DATE:** _____

CONTRACT COWBOY **CASE#**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____

DESCRIPTION **TOTAL**

Responded to Estray at the request of the Young County Sheriff Office.

Number of estray impounded _____ \$ _____

Type of livestock _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Contract Cowboy Signature

Deputy Signature Badge#

This invoice will be process with the official packet at the sheriff's office and forwarded to the county treasurer's office. There is no need for you to submit an invoice for you to submit an invoice for the above service. You will receive a check from the county based on this invoice.

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ESTRAY REPORT

DATE: 6-27-2022

1. PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY

NAME: Jackie at Sale Barn

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: 940 549 9016

2. DATE ESTRAY REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

6-29-2022

3. LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND:

Dalee Reynolds land off Sloan Rd. Graham TX

4. CONTRACT COWBOY:

NA

5. DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK:

BREED: Corriente

COLOR: Brown / Tan

SEX: Male

AGE: 10 years

SIZE: 1200 pounds

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T located on left ribs

LOCATION OF LIVESTOCK (WHILE IMPOUNDED): Sale Barn

CONTRACT COWBOY

Affidavit #: _____

PRODUCER AFFIDAVIT

Continuous Affidavit of Country of Origin of Livestock

This affidavit should be completed by the rancher and provided to the buyer to keep on file. All animals received from the rancher are from the listed country of origin unless noted.

As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of _____ origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described above, I agree to notify the buyer/agent when this occurs.

This affidavit/declaration shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and is delivered to _____ (agent/buyer).

Company/Ranch Name

Address

Signature

City, State, Zip

Print Name

Office Phone

Date

ESTRAY REPORT

DATE: 6-27-2022

1. PERSON REPORTING ESTRAY

NAME: Salé Barn

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: 940 549 9016

2. DATE ESTRAY REPORTED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

3. LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND:

4. CONTRACT COWBOY:

5. DESCRIPTION OF LIVESTOCK:

BREED: _____

COLOR: _____

SEX: _____

AGE: _____

SIZE: _____

BRAND, EAR TAGS, MARKINGS; IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:

LOCATION OF LIVESTOCK (WHILE IMPOUNDED): _____

CONTRACT COWBOY
