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Reward Leading to Conviction of Person(s) Responsible

Barely Alive, Emaciated Horse Dumped in South Gate Gutter



A severely emaciated female horse was found lying next to the gutter in the street on the 5400 block of Gardendale Ave. in the city of South Gate this morning. SEAACA officers received a call at about 6:10am stating there was a full size horse laying in the street near Gardendale Park.

"When officers arrived, they found an incredibly emaciated horse laying motionless, but clearly alive," said Capt. Aaron Reyes of SEAACA. They called an equine veterinarian to the scene and summoned the horse trailer from the SEAACA animal care center.

"An officer took an apple from her lunch and fed it to the horse, and she was so excited to receive this treat. Two neighbors brought a small amount of hay and fresh water and the horse clearly enjoyed it for as long as she could keep her head up," Reyes said.

A witness told SEAACA investigators that she saw a dark colored SUV pulling a light colored horse trailer in the same area at about 1am this morning. SEAACA officers will canvass the area going door to door today for more leads.

According to the equine veterinarian, the horse was suffering and was recommended to be humanely euthanized on scene. "It is distressing to know that she was so hungry and so thin, and somebody so calloused to abandon her in this condition, like a piece of trash," Reyes exclaimed. "No living creature deserves this type of treatment and we are pleading for the public's help in finding the responsible person(s)," Reyes stated.



SEAACA Officer Robby Gochicoa assists abandoned horse found on South Gate street.

Facts - Adult (female) horse, dark brown, abandoned on the 5400 block of Gardendale Ave. in South Gate in the night or early morning hours (7/21/10 or 7/22/10). Dark colored SUV pulling a light colored horse trailer seen in the area at approximately 1am.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is offering a reward of \$2500 for the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact SEAACA investigators at (562) 803-3301 x229.

Video and photos available - contact Ofcr. Woodside.

