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MEDIA RELEASE

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS IN NORTHEAST BRADLEY COUNTY

CLEVELAND, TN. (November 24, 2025) — On November 23, 2025. Deputies responded to a residence in Northeast Bradley County after receiving a report that a dog had been shot that was secured on the property. Witnesses reported that Crystal Palmer retrieved a firearm and fired multiple rounds at the confined dog. The dog fled into the residence, where it was found deceased. Evidence collected at the scene included blood inside a kennel where the dog was housed, a blood trail leading into the residence, and multiple spent .22-caliber casings.

Palmer was later located by deputies and provided a statement regarding the incident. Bradley County Sheriff's Office Detectives obtained and executed a search warrant at the residence, where the deceased canine was recovered and transported to the Medical Examiner's Office for further examination.

Crystal Palmer was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
