Jacksonville Sheriff's Office November 5 News Release

\$8,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION IN FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

Jacksonville, we need your help bringing justice to this sweet Great Dane.

Over the weekend, someone spotted this dog on the side of the road. That person called for help, and Animal Care and Protective Services stepped in. The care team at ACPS named the dog Miracle in the hopes the dog would pull through. Despite the expert medical care ACPS provided, Miracle sadly passed away.

We know this story breaks your heart. That's why we're determined to find the person or people who left Miracle in this condition. First Coast Crime Stoppers is offering an \$8,000 reward for information, thanks to a generous donation.

To be eligible to receive the cash reward, you must report what you know through Crime Stoppers. You can call 1.866.845.TIPS, dial **TIPS, or visit FCCrimeStoppers.com

We will not tolerate anyone harming an innocent life like this. Our detectives and officers are working around the clock to find and arrest the person or people responsible.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office November 7 News Release

JSO ARRESTS WOMAN FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY AFTER GREAT DANE'S DEATH

42-year-old Dawn Lipford is behind bars tonight after abandoning a Great Dane on the side of a Jacksonville road earlier this week.

On Sunday, someone found the dog severely neglected. Animal Care and Protective Services immediately stepped in to try to save its life, naming the dog Miracle in hopes it would pull through. Sadly, despite expert care, Miracle passed away.

Our Vice Unit detectives worked tirelessly with ACPS to identify who was responsible for leaving Miracle in such terrible condition. First Coast Crime Stoppers offered a reward of up to \$8,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case, thanks to a generous donation, and we asked for your help.

With that support, we received numerous tips from social media and other sources. Detectives quickly identified Lipford as the suspect, and she was arrested tonight for felony animal cruelty.

We also learned Miracle's real name: Oak.

Thank you to the entire Jacksonville community for coming together to seek justice for this dog. Our partnership with First Coast Crime Stoppers once again shows the power of community and law enforcement working together.

We will not stand for animal cruelty.