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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was called to The Great Seal State Park in the area of Rocky Road on 03/21/2013 at approximately 5:30 p.m. in reference to a female in trouble while hiking in the area.

Sergeant Mont Steele (Sgt. Steele) was dispatched to patrol the area to locate the female. Sgt. Steele while patrolling in the area of Lick Run Road contacted the victim's husband Steven A. Gray (Mr. Gray). Mr. Gray advised Sgt. Steele that his wife Holly J. Gray (Mrs. Gray) was near a tower in the area being attacked by dogs.

Mr. Gray was able to contact his wife by cell phone and determine that she was on Tower Road in Great Seal State Park. Sgt. Steele and Mr. Gray located Mrs. Gray and found her surrounded by three dogs. When Sgt. Steele and Mr. Gray arrived two of the dogs ran away, but the third dog a Boxer turned and charged at Sgt. Steele and Mr. Gray. Sgt. Steele at this time had to shoot and kill the dog.

Mrs. Gray was found to have several puncture wounds from dog bites over her lower body. Mrs. Gray was transported to Adena Regional Medical Center Emergency Room by Springfield Township Squad.

Sgt. Steele was able to obtain a statement from Mrs. Gray at the Emergency Room. Mrs. Gray said that she was hiking in Great Seal State Park when she came upon the dogs as they were feeding on an animal carcass. Mrs. Gray said that the dogs saw her and started barking and charged her. Mrs. Gray said that the dogs had her cornered and pinned against a tree. She said that she tried to fight the dogs off with a stick, but as she was dealing with one dog another one would attack.

This incident is still currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Office as well as The Ross County Dog wardens Office and Park Rangers from The Great Seal State Park.

The owners of the dogs were identified and contacted by the Dog Wardens Office who will be conducting an investigation into possible charges.