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**Sheriff Kandy Fatheree**

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## **Animal Cruelty Incident in Green**

On April 11, 2025, the Summit County Sheriff's Office responded to East Turkeyfoot Lake Road in the City of Green for reports of a suspicious person/verbal dispute. When deputies arrived, they identified the suspicious person as Bret Stalnaker, age 57, of Green. It was determined that Stalnaker lives in a van on the East Turkeyfoot Lake property.

It was reported that earlier in the day, Stalnaker got into a verbal altercation with a female resident. The female resident retreated into a detached garage. Stalnaker began sending her text messages stating he was going to harm kittens who were born nine days prior to the incident. He then stated he was going to cut the tails off the newborn kittens and the mother of the kittens. A short time later, Stalnaker came to the garage and threw a container at the female, which contained tails of three kittens.

When deputies arrived at the residence, Stalnaker was in his van. Sheriff's Office personnel gave Stalnaker commands to exit the vehicle. When he did, deputies noticed he had an object in his hand. Stalnaker threw the object, which was later identified as a loaded .45 caliber pistol. Deputies approached Stalnaker and took him into custody.

Stalnaker was arrested and charged with Animal Cruelty (F4). Additional charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. He was transported to the Summit County Jail.

Sheriff's Office personnel transported the kittens to a local veterinary clinic where they are currently recovering from their injuries.