

Trial in animal cruelty case will proceed

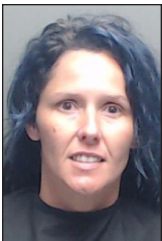
Motion to suppress evidence in arrest of Diana woman denied

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A motion to suppress evidence in a Harrison County cruelty to livestock animal case involving the

discovery of dead and malnourished horses was denied, with trial set this month.

Attorney Matthew Patton, representing 35-year-old defendant Katiland Gray of Diana, had filed the motion to suppress evidence, arguing that the investigating offi-



Katiland Gray

cer did not have a warrant to search the property when responding to an animal welfare check.

Evidence shown by prosecutors Thursday during a hearing in the 71st Judicial District Court included pictures of the deceased and malnour-

ished horses along with discovered remains.

Harrison County District Attorney Reid McCain contended that the search was lawful because of exigent circumstances, which are urgent matters that require immediate attention, allowing law enforcement to conduct a warrantless search or seizure, which is allowed under the Fourth Amend-

ment's exceptions.

After hearing arguments from both sides along with testimony, Judge Brad Morin denied the motion to suppress evidence, ruling that the officer had a duty to investigate upon observing the dire conditions just as he would've done if responding to a shooting.

"It's very apparent he could've seen the condi-

tions of the horses (from his vantage point from the road)," the judge concluded.

Lt. David Brown testified Thursday, recalling seeing a deceased horse in front of a pen, decomposing by what appeared to be contaminated water when he arrived at the property on Clower Road off FM 450.

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'GOING THE EXTRA MILE'

Unexpected opportunity led Marshall woman to start longtime business

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Editor's note: This is part of an occasional series of stories spotlighting Marshall-area businesses owned by members of our Hispanic community.

What started as a small job to support her family turned into a Marshall business that Yarezmi Reyes Gaona has been managing and building for the past 13 years.

Yarie's Cleaning Services started when Reyes impressed her friend, Pamela Ford, so much that Ford began recommending her to friends.

"(Ford) just fell in love with what I was doing, and so she referred me to one friend and another friend. And then, you know, when I least expected it, I had enough customers that I could get help. I hired some help, and that's how it started," Reyes said.

She began cleaning houses in 2012 to help support her family.

"The reason why I started doing cleaning services was for my children, so I can be there for them anytime they need me," she said. "I've been able to manage my schedule around the cleaning services to be present with my kids."

The opportunity that Ford gave her changed



Yarezmi Reyes Gaona is the owner of Yarie's Cleaning Services, which she began 13 years ago. (Lia Portillo/Marshall News Messenger)

Reyes' trajectory. Not only did Ford recommend Reyes to potential customers but also gave her the name for the business.

"(Ford) couldn't say my name - Yarezmi. So she would say, 'I'm gonna call you Yarie,'" Reyes said.

As Ford introduced Reyes to customers, the name Yarie stuck, which is why when Reyes began promoting her business, she decided to keep it.

Yarie's Cleaning Services officially became an

LLC in 2024.

The business offers residential and commercial cleaning, organizational or seasonal services and move-in or move-out cleaning for dorms.

Reyes also works at Marshall High School as a secretary.

"(The business) has helped me provide for my family," she said. "It has helped me to become an independent woman. It has given me a lot ... that my kids can enjoy. I've

taught my kids how to become a leader, and how to set an example for my children on how to better themselves," she said.

She attributes her work ethic to her parents' immigrant background.

"Our dedication to doing what we love and putting the extra mile (is a result of) coming into this country and wanting to better ourselves, and do it for our parents that came in and make it worth it for them and to give our

children the future that our parents wanted or came here for us to have," Reyes said.

She said she never saw herself owning a business and having this opportunity, which is why she tries to give back to the community as much as she can.

Reyes advises other business owners not to be afraid and embrace whatever challenge that comes.

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Cornyn gains ground against Paxton

BY JOSEPH MORTON AND GROMER JEFFERS JR.
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and his allies spent the summer attacking primary challenger Ken Paxton as unfit for office in an effort to erode the state attorney general's robust early support among more conservative Lone Star State voters.

They've also defended Cornyn's credentials as a President Donald Trump fan in the face of criticism he's been squishy in his commitment to the Make America Great Again movement.

Recent polling indicates the effort is paying dividends in a contest that goes to the heart of where the Republican party is and where it could be heading.

National Democrats are watching closely for evidence they could flip the seat, which would be a significant boost in their efforts to win control of the Senate.

Party leaders worried Paxton could be hampered by personal baggage in a general election are sounding alarms that despite Cornyn's progress, voters

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