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RI ELECTED OFFICIALS VICTIMS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY AFTER MORE THAN FIFTY PET FISH POISONED IN FOSTER

[Riverside, Rhode Island, May 22, 2023] — On May 18, 2023 at approximately 1341, the Rhode Island SPCA's Division of Law Enforcement was contacted by the Foster Police Department requesting assistance with an animal cruelty investigation at the Stone House Motor Inn at 162 Danielson Pike.

Upon arrival, officers learned that a long term resident of the Stone House Motor Inn had placed a liquid substance, later determined to be Miracle Grow, in a koi and goldfish pond on the property following a dispute with management. Officers learned that approximately fifty fish, some more than twenty (20) years old died as a result of the poisoning.

Officers were able to identify the suspect as Jeffrey Gronski, DOB: 09/02/1963. Mr. Gronski was taken into custody without incident and charged with malicious injury or killing of animals in violation of Rhode Island General Law 4-1-5. Mr. Gronski was arraigned and released on personal recognizance. Mr. Gronski's next appearance in court was set for 8/17/2023.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we do not receive any local, state or federal funding nor are we affiliated with any national humane organization. We rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.
