

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY

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\$7500 IN REWARD OFFERED FOR COW KILLER

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Oklahoma City—There is a pretty big payoff for someone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever killed a decapitated a Logan County man's pet cow.

“Both the Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the U.S. Humane Society are offering rewards for the conviction of the criminal or criminals who committed this crime,” said Col. Mike Grimes, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Investigative Services Director. “Farm Bureau is offerings up to \$5,000 and the Humane Society is offering up to \$2,500.”

The crime is believed to have been committed somewhere around December 6-8. Grimes said the mixed breed Angus cow had unusual horns and this is probably why she was killed.

“First, it is unusual for an Angus type cow to have horns as this breed is normally polled,” he said. “This animal had horns about six inches wide and they were about six or eight inches tall making the configuration rather unusual.”

Polled cattle are cattle born without horns.

Grimes said the owner of the cow considered her a pet and she was extremely gentle.

“Her mother was killed right after she was born and he had bottle fed her until she matured,” Grimes said. “This is a case that goes beyond the market value of a cow.”

Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach, said Grimes's division has been highly successful in solving cases of cattle theft, arson and other rural crimes.

“Investigative Services agents are quickly building a reputation for solving tough cases and I'm confident in their abilities,” he said. “I appreciate the fact that these rewards are being offered to help our agents.”

Oklahoma Farm Bureau officials said the victim was a member of their organization and as such qualified for the reward.

“This is a horrible crime and we want to do everything possible to catch the perpetrator,” said Mike Spradling, OFB president. “We are pleased to offer this reward as a Farm Bureau member benefit.”

Anyone with information is urged to call the ODAFF Investigative Services Division at (405) 522-6102.

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2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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AG INVESTIGATORS SEEK PUBLIC HELP IN FINDING PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING AND DECAPITATING “PET” COW

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Oklahoma City—State agriculture department investigators are seeking help from the public with information regarding the killing and decapitation of a Logan County black cow.

“This is the first case like this I’ve worked in my career,” said Col. Mike Grimes, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Investigative Services Division. “The animal was killed—most likely by gunshot—and then the head was roughly cut from the carcass. Nothing but the head was removed.”

Investigators believe the crime probably occurred around December 6-8.

The cow’s owner said it had unusual horns and someone may have wanted the head and horns for display or to sell. The cow was a mixed breed black angus, a breed that seldom has horns.

“The cow had horns approximately six inches wide and six to eight inches in length and the owner said they stood straight up from her head,” Grimes said. “That is a very unusual appearance.”

The owner is especially upset with the loss because the cow was extremely docile and considered as a pet, he added. Anyone could walk up to her and pet her.

“That’s what we believe actually happened to her,” Grimes said. “We think someone walked up to her while she was lying down and shot her in the forehead before cutting her head off.”

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