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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: April 8, 2017
Complaint Number: 17-216295
Type of Incident: Building fire
Reporting Officer: Deputy Joe Abram
Supervisor Approval: Sergeant Bryan Muir

On Saturday, April 8, 2017 at approximately 02:10 am, the Lowell Fire Department responded to a barn fire in the 3200 block of Timpson Ave SE. Upon fire personnel arriving on scene they located a fully involved barn which took several hours to extinguish. The fire caused the tragic loss of 13 horses and nearly the entire barn structure.

While fire fighters were extinguishing the blaze, the property owners notified fire personnel of several inconsistencies with the condition of the barn and surrounding property. Lowell Fire contacted the Kent County Sheriff's Office to report the information provided by the property owner.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene to begin the investigation. Initial deputies on scene also documented several concerns with the nature of the fire and requested the assistance of investigators from the Sheriff's Office and the assistance of a State Police fire investigator for further examination of the scene.

The investigation is currently ongoing at this time and the Sheriff's Office is requesting anyone with information about this incident contact the Kent County Sheriff's Office investigate division at (616) 632-6125.