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Detectives Seeking Leads in Horse Killing

Tooele County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the shooting and killing of a horse near Tooele City limits. While feeding his horses early Monday morning, the owner noticed one horse was missing from the corral. The man found the gate open and followed horse tracks and a blood trail through his pasture until he found the animal lying dead just south of Smelter Road. At that point the man called Tooele County Sheriff's Dispatch to report the crime.

Detectives determined the crime occurred sometime between Sunday night, June 17th, and Monday morning, June 18th. Detectives are asking anyone who might have heard gunshots or seen a vehicle parked near the area, or who might have heard something "through the grapevine" to call the Tooele County Sheriff's tip line at (435) 843-3199. Callers may remain anonymous.

Upon rolling the dead horse over, detectives discovered a bullet entry wound, and recovered a slug in the animal. Further investigation provided a spent shell casing near the corrals, as well as evidence that a building and horse trailer were burglarized. Detectives have not yet determined a motive or identified suspects.

Possible charges in the case include cruelty to animals, destruction of property, and burglary. The investigation is ongoing.

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