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**(Neb.) - Dead horses in Nebraska not checked for weeks**

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OSHKOSH, Neb. (AP) - Authorities say seven horses found dead near Oshkosh this weekend hadn't been checked for weeks.

Garden County Attorney Phillip Pierce says the horses died due to dehydration or starvation and weren't checked for 22 days.

He says the horses were found April 8 near a stock tank after a well had apparently stopped pumping and went dry. Pierce says at least one horse had been dead for several days. He says a neighbor notified authorities.

Pierce says he's waiting for a report from a veterinarian to verify the cause of death, and charges are possible.

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