

# The Cattleman



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## NEWS BRIEFS



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### Fairfax Man Arrested on Larceny of Livestock Charge

A FAIRFAX, OKLA, MAN WAS ARRESTED IN OKLAHOMA CITY ON DEC. 18, and charged with larceny of domestic animals. Garrett Mitchell Gibson, 26, is alleged to have stolen 7 head of cattle from a neighboring rancher in the Big Bend area of Osage County. TSCRA Special Ranger Bart Perrier led the investigation and made the arrest.

Perrier said Gibson was barricaded in a house closet when the arrest was made. The Oklahoma City Police Department took custody of Gibson and transported him to the Oklahoma County jail. He will eventually be transported to the Osage County jail.

According to Perrier, Gibson is accused of the theft

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and sale of 7 cows on 3 days in October 2014. The cattle were sold at livestock markets in Pawnee, Blackwell and Newkirk, all located in north-central Oklahoma. The cows belong to an Osage County rancher who pastured the cattle within a couple miles of Gibson's residence.



TSCRA would like to thank the Oklahoma City Police Department, the Osage County Sheriff's Office and Investigator Doug Elliott with the Osage County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this investigation.

## Arkansas Man Arrested on Charges of Livestock Theft

**B**RADLEY WAYNE GUTHREY, 25, OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK., was arrested Dec. 9 and charged with multiple felonies after it was revealed that he was involved in the theft of approximately 70 head of cattle across Texas and Arkansas. Guthrey was also wanted on outstanding warrants out of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

TSCRA Special Rangers Larry Hand and Toney Hurley initiated the investigation and were joined by TSCRA Special Rangers Hal Dumas, Marvin Wills, Jimmy Dickson, Brent Mast and the Panola County Sheriff's Office.

The Panola Livestock Auction in Carthage contacted Hand after a suspicious man from North Little Rock, Ark., brought in 8 head of unbranded cattle. The stolen cattle were traced to a victim in Hearne.

Panola County Constable Bryan Murff arrived at the Panola Livestock Auction at the same time Guthrey returned. Upon seeing Hand and Murff, Guthrey fled the scene.

Hand and Murff pursued Guthrey at a high rate of speed toward Carthage, where Guthrey eventually ran his truck through a gate onto the Luminant Beckville Mine property. He then abandoned the vehicle and took off on foot to avoid authorities.

Local and state law enforcement officers, K9 police, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers and a DPS helicopter were used to search for Guthrey until after dark. After a 7-hour manhunt, Hurley talked to Guthrey by phone and talked him into surrendering.

"The suspect told special rangers that he specifically targeted unbranded cattle to steal and sell at cattle auctions, because they are not as easy for authorities to identify when stolen," said Hurley. "Some of the 70 stolen livestock were branded. These branded cattle were found turned out in a pasture in Camden, Ark. Due to the visible brands, these cattle were identified as stolen and were turned over to the rightful owners in Texas."

"The suspect in this case identified unbranded cattle off rural roads, roaming in pastures with no nearby homes, and he targeted them," said Hand, "Guthrey was able to capture the cattle using a bag of cubes he kept in his pickup. It is crucial that ranchers properly secure their property, report suspicious activity and keep an accurate count of livestock."

## Health Insurance Open Enrollment Cutoff Date is Jan. 15



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For example, an application must be turned in by Jan. 15, 2015, for a Feb. 1, 2015, effective date.

We don't want you to miss the February deadline!

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- Jan. 16-Feb.7: Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Fort Worth
- Jan. 20: Ranching 101 — Cattle Selection and Buying Basics, Fort Worth
- Feb. 13-14: TSCRA Ranch Rodeo, Duncan, OK
- Feb. 17: Ranching 101 — Cattle Health, Fort Worth
- March 27-29: Cattle Raisers Convention, Fort Worth
- July 18: TSCRA Ranch Rodeo, Levelland

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