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* GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK

* APPLE OF THE WEEK

* CREAM OF THE DAIRY

SEEING RED: PONY THEFT SUSPECT FACES TRIAL



Red-head Devi Ernshaw was apprehended on the stable grounds on Sunday 7th March by Ponizei agents Axelle and Aida Beorn and put to work as a guest pony as she awaits trial.

Chief Axelle stated “We got her. It’s an open and shut case. We have CCTV evidence and witness statements. She is going down. There will be no need to waste court time and money with a lengthy hearing.”

It is rumoured that Ms Ernshaw has appointed the infamous Jane Sorrowman as her lead counsel in her defence. Despite what is claimed to be overwhelming evidence, she continues to deny all charges, proclaiming her innocence.

“Quite frankly it wasn’t me. Yes I have red hair but that’s it. At best this is a case of mistaken identity or worst-case, discrimination against red heads. The Ponizei must and will be stopped!”

Overhearing this statement, Chief Axelle exclaimed “This is yet another of her many lies. She isn’t a red head, she is a ginger. We will be pushing for the maximum penalty. We will set a clear example as how we deal with cattle rustlers to deter any other would-be thieves.”

Just how serious is this crime in the eyes of the courts?

Explosive Court Appearance

Few citizens will forget that the last time Jane Sorrowman represented someone in court she exploded a bomb in the courtroom abruptly bringing the proceedings to an alarming and unexpected close. Court officials have stated that additional security measures will be in place to prevent such a repeat occurrence.

Town local Tom Sanders was approached for comment “Two ponies go missing and return later unharmed so who cares? It’s a non-story. I don’t know why this is such a big deal.”

Both the prosecution and defence are thought to have some surprises up their sleeves to win round the court with knock-out evidence and testimony.

Whether you are with Team Ginger or Team Ponizei this promises to be an intriguing trial with both liberty and reputation at stake. Your trusty gazette will be there in court with photographers and reporters to capture every twist and turn of this intriguing case.

The judge presiding will be Danaira and the trial is scheduled for Saturday 3rd April at 1pm SLT.

The Evidence

The prosecution have asserted that they have a truckload of evidence to deliver to the defence team which Devi scoffed at, accusing them of bluffing.

All that has been revealed to the press is that the prosecution has CCTV footage and key witnesses, but who knows what additional evidence is being kept back that might be revealed at the eleventh hour.

The CCTV footage is grainy and dark but certainly our experts say that there is nothing to confirm that it isn’t her, just whether it is clear enough to establish it is her. Obviously the video will enable other personal traits to be reviewed such as they way she walks.

Suffice to say the evidence appears to be compelling and it might not be thrown out quite as easily as the defence team suggest.

The video which will be shown at the trial apparently shows her entering the stable, leashing the ponies and casually walking out with them in tow.



Grainy CCTV Footage captured the theft

Under Pony Arrest

Following her arrest the accused was given the option of spending weeks in a solitary cell or getting fresh air and social contact as a guest pony.

Presumably she was under the illusion that security would be lax and she could make her escape or that a rescue mission was coming to bust her out.

Amusingly she is still very much kept as a pony pending her trial and faces the prospect of being in tack and bitted in court - something perhaps she didn’t properly consider when she made her choice.



The accused is put to work as pony as she awaits trial