Husband arrested for cruelty to infirm wife

Thursday, July 19, 2018

A Mira man was arrested on Saturday after he failed to seek medical help for his infirm wife after several months, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Alice Essary, 68, had not moved from her couch in months, according to Caddo deputies, and as a result had become unresponsive, severely malnourished, and suffered from life-threatening wounds and medical issues. Her husband, Johnny Wayne Essary, 66, also lived in the house but did not seek medical help or other assistance for his wife.

“It was the worst case of neglect I’ve ever seen,” said CPSO Detective Davis Romero.

Essary’s daughter, who lives in Springhill, called 911 on Saturday after arriving at the home to check on her mother. Fire District #8 responded to the residence at 11680 Westside Lane in Mira where they removed Essary from the couch and transported her to University Health in critical condition.

Fire District #8 contacted the Caddo Sheriff’s Office Patrol Division to respond after seeing Essary’s condition. Romero was called to investigate and interview Johnny Essary and others.

Romero said that it had been over a month since anyone had checked on Alice Essary according to witnesses, and several months since she had moved from the couch for any reason. She was at least 50 pounds underweight and her medical condition was too graphic to describe.

On Tuesday, Romero obtained an arrest warrant for Johnny Essary for Cruelty to Persons with Infirmities. He was arrested by patrol deputies the same day and booked into the Caddo Correctional Center.

Bookings



Essary, Johnny

So# 132385
Jacket# 132385
Dob: 01/27/1952
Race: W Sex: M
Height: 6' 3" Weight: 180