

## UNDEAD CHICKEN RUN

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Byline, KY (Roadkill News exclusive) Animal rights activists are distancing themselves from the actions of a self-styled “vegan necromancer” who spent last Saturday night inscribing pentagrams in the soil and conducting elaborate rituals outside the Pertou poultry farm near Byline, Kentucky. Harvey Poulet, a rail-thin college freshman with tousled hair and a prominent aquiline nose, doesn’t look dangerous, but authorities have remanded him to a secure psychiatric facility for evaluation. Police found candles, unidentified herbs and a gem-encrusted “magic staff” that they say he used to bring thousands of chickens back to life.

Madison County Sheriff Richard Gallus called it the most bizarre case he’s had in his thirty years on the job.

“It’s given me nightmares, tell you the truth,” he said. “If we didn’t have video, I’d swear it was a bad dream. When we got to [the Pertou facility], it was basically awash in plucked, headless chickens running around like, like—you know. The workers had fled into the night, terrified, which is understandable, and there was just this kid laughing madly, surrounded by those birds, if they were still birds. I get goose bumps just thinking about it.”

Reportedly, the undead birds were rounded up and rendered into pet food. Pertou officials declined to comment on the affair, but the USDA released a statement declaring that “All indications are that reanimated pet food is not unhealthful so long as it is handled in accordance with food safety standards.” It remains to be seen whether the kibbles made from the affected birds exhibit any unusual properties.