



Captive Wildlife Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
10247 N. SUNCOAST BLVD.
CRYSTAL RIVER, FL

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| Report Date / Time 7/22/2019 11:16:46 PM | Report Number ISR069008 (01) | Report Case/CAD Number FWNC19OFF000060 / FWNC19CAD000015 | Reporting Officer Rank / ID INVESTIGAT / WK370 | Reporting Officer Name KENNETH HOLMES |
| Originating Agency ORI FL0218000 | Reported to Agency Date 1/3/2019 3:41:53 PM | Occur Date Range 01/03/2019 15:41:53 - | Jurisdiction Private Property | Status: Clearance: |
| Offense Description S65W WILDLIFE EXHIBITS | | | | |

LOCATION(S)

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| County GILCHRIST | Location Type INCIDENT LOCATION | Location Description X2[SW 20TH ST] | | | | | | |
| Street Number 2219 | Street SW 45TH AVE | Apt/Lot/Bldg | City BELL | State FI | Zip Code 32619 | Phone Number | Ext. | |


Person: LICENSEE

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| First Name ROBERT | Middle Name GENE | Last Name MULLEN | Suffix | Race WHITE | Sex MALE | Height 5'09" | Weight 200 | Hair BROWN | Eyes BLUE |
| MNI # FWC13MNI017991 | SSN | Date of Birth 02/28/1966 | Age 52 | ID Type A | Drivers License or other ID M450767660680 | State FL | OCA / Agency ID 2755 | | |
| Place of Birth: | OHIO, OH, UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | |
| Addresses • RESIDENCE / 2219 SW 45TH AVE, BELL, FI 32619 / 407-492-3204 | | | | | | | | | |

Charge

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| Counts | Charge | Arrest Offense Code Description | | |
| Charge Degree | Charge Level | General Offense Code | | |
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| UCR Code / UCR Description | | | | |

Narrative: COMPLAINT INSPECTION

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| Narrative Date/Time 7/22/2019 11:20:38 PM | Narrative Synopsis COMPLAINT CLASS I WIDLIFE FACILITY IN DISREPAIR | | |
| Reporting Officer KENNETH HOLMES | Officer Rank INVESTIGAT | Officer ID No WK370 | Officer Org/Unit FWNCINC REGIONALACH UA |
| Officer Signature  | Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION | | |

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On 01/03/2019 at about 1400 hours, I, Inv. Kenneth J. Holmes of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission received a complaint of possible unsafe conditions at Class I captive wildlife facility. The complainant stated they were concerned with the overall condition of the property. Since the property and home were in such disrepair, they were concerned the wildlife cages were also in disrepair.

The complaint location was 2219 SW 45th Avenue, Bell in Gilchrist County, Florida. Robert G. Mullen (W/M; DOB 02/28/66) doing business as PM Productions Entertainment, Inc had valid commercial licenses (ESA, ESC, App ID 11726) for the possession of captive wildlife to include tigers, cougars, and servals at the location. He also resided on the property. I was familiar with the location and licensee. In past inspections, I observed the residence was in poor shape with multiple loose tarps on roof and building and roof had multiple leaks. R. Mullen no longer resided in the permanent dwelling, but in a RV trailer parked in the yard. The yard was also overgrown with multiple vehicles and trailers, some in disrepair (Figure 1).

Also, as a result of my previous inspection on R. Mullen's facility on 09/06/2018, I had direct filed the following three misdemeanor charges against R. Mullen that are still pending;

- 1) Maintaining captive wildlife in an unsanitary condition; to wit fecal waste not removed from in and around a tiger cage, a Burmese python cage and Ball python cage per FAC 68A-6.0023(1) and pursuant to FAC 68-6.0023(5)(d).
- 2) Maintaining captive wildlife in an unsanitary condition; to wit multiple cages to include a tiger cage, cougar cage, Fishing cat cage and birds cages not cleaned and/or dirt floors not raked per FAC 68A-6.0023(1) and pursuant to FAC 68-6.0023(5)(e).
- 3) Failure to equip a tiger cage as required; no elevated platforms per FAC 68A-6.004(1) pursuant to 68A-6.004(4)(a)1.b.

There were not structural issues with the caging. Previous insufficient strength caging material issues were corrected.

I responded to the complaint and arrived at R. Mullen's facility at about 1600 Hours on the same day (01/03/19). R. Mullen accompanied me during the inspection.

I did not observed any structural issues with the cages; therefore I determined the complaint was unfounded. I also observed an elevated platform was installed in the tiger cage that previously did not have one. The conditions of the cages were cleaner with no waste build-up that led to an unsanitary conditions, however there were multiple Styrofoam food trays strewn around the outside of tiger cage and compound. The residue from meat packaged in the trays could be a potential for noxious odors and/or act as a pest attractant especially in warmer temperatures. Although this was not currently observed. Also tiger cage's dirt floor was muddy (Fig. 2). R. Mullen stated he had to add mulch to the cage to minimize the muddy conditions.

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The two tigers (2.0, one standard color the other white) were still underweight. I used the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal Welfare Inspection Guide's Body Condition Chart (BCC) to classify the body conditions tigers of both tigers a body condition of **2** (see attached document, Body condition- tiger). The BBC rates the body conditions from 1 to 5; 1 as emaciated, 2 as underweight, 3 as optimal body weight, 4 as overweight, and 5 as obese. The orange tiger looked thinner than previous inspection. The white tiger was more active than previous inspection, but this may have been due to the cooler temperatures.

I did not observe any of the other animals being underweight. The only other Class I wildlife, a cougar was at optimal weight (Fig 4). R. Mullen attributed the tigers' underweight condition to the following;

- Genetic issues due to inbreeding from [REDACTED] lineage
- A constant load of round worms), he consistently treats. He also said he was working with Dr. Addison on a deworming regiment.
- The tigers are no longer performing animals and the sedentary existence led to lost muscle mass and body weight.

He had stated this all in past. First, I have observed other tigers from the [REDACTED] lineage at other facilities and none showed the persistent underweight issues R. Mullen's tigers suffer. One owner stated they have a special diet so the tiger maintained a proper weight.

In reference to the round worms, R. Mullen stated during the 09/06/18 inspection that he was working with his veterinarian Dr. Clifford Addison on a worming regiment. However, there was no indication a deworming regiment that would properly treat the tigers was ever created or administered. The only deworming treatment R. Mullen stated he gave the tigers was ivermectin. Other veterinarians advised me that round worm eggs can persist in the soil and re-infect treated animals. In addition, the worms can become resistant to medication with repeated use.

R. Mullen stated the tigers eat well and supplemented with vitamin powder. He also had a large freezer full of meat that included chicken, beef, pork and horse meat. He did not have the receipts or information of where and when he got the meat or a daily log of what was fed and consumed. He previously advised he would maintain this information to show the tiger were being properly fed.

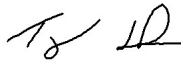
Another ongoing issue was some of the cages could not be cleaned and maintained as required per FAC 68A-6.0023(5)(e). Weeds and plant growth in the smaller cage including the Fishing cat cage, Class III primate cage and kinkajou cage prevented raking of the dirt floors to thoroughly remove waste as required (Fig. 5).

Due to the pending charges against R. Mullen, I did not take any law enforcement action of the issues found during this inspection. I will use the information for any future action in necessary, in particular the welfare of the tigers.

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End of report


Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 01)

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| Officer Name HARRISON, TYLER | Officer Rank LIEUTENANT | Officer ID No WN187 | Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION |
| Approval Date / Time 7/23/2019 11:42:43 AM | Officer Signature  | | |

| Sup # | Officer Name Rank / ID # | Involvement On Report / Reporting Role | Officer Agency Org/Unit |
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| 01 | KENNETH HOLMES INVESTIGAT WK370 | INVESTIGATOR / REPORTING OFFICER | FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FWNC\INC REGION\ALACHUA |
| 01 | HARRISON, TYLER LIEUTENANT WN187 | APPROVING SUPERVISOR | FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FWN\WNWREGION\GHQ |

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement01)

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| Officer Name KENNETH HOLMES | Office Rank INVESTIGAT | Officer ID No WK370 | Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER |
| Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION | Officer Signature  | | |