



# Captive Wildlife Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 644 CESERY BLVD., STE 300  
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## LOCATION(S)

County <b>CLAY</b>	Location Type <b>WILDLIFE FACILITY</b>	Location Description <b>X2[BELLAMY RD]</b>						
Street Number <b>8187</b>	Street <b>FOREST HILLS RD</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>MELROSE</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>32666</b>	Phone Number <b>904-377-7993</b>	Ext.	

## Person: LICENSEE

First Name <b>CARL</b>	Middle Name <b>BENJAMIN</b>	Last Name <b>BOVARD</b>	Suffix	Race <b>WHITE</b>	Sex <b>MALE</b>	Height <b>601</b>	Weight <b>185</b>	Hair <b>BLD</b>	Eyes
MNI # <b>FWC16MNI449638</b>	SSN	Date of Birth <b>03/27/1971</b>	Age <b>47</b>	ID Type <b>E</b>	Drivers License or other ID <b>B163122711070</b>	State <b>FL</b>	OCA / Agency ID <b>12931</b>		
Place of Birth:									
Addresses • FACILITY / 8185 FOREST HILLS ROAD, MELROSE, FL 32666 /									

## Narrative: IBE DETAILS NARRATIVE

Narrative Date/Time <b>5/14/2018 8:44:21 AM</b>	Narrative Synopsis <b>IBE AND INSPECTION NARRATIVE</b>		
Reporting Officer <b>DORICCHI, RICHARD R</b>	Officer Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN353</b>	Officer Org/Unit <b>FWNC\NC RE</b>
Officer Signature	Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>		

On 5/5/18, at approximately 0931 hrs, I, Inv. R. Doricchi with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) received multiple phone calls in reference to a bite that occurred to the licensee of a facility called "Single Vision". The facility is located at 8185 Forest Hills Rd. Melrose, FL 32666 in Clay County. The information I received at that time, was that the licensee Carl B. Bovard was bitten by one of his animals at the facility. It was later learned that the animal that bit him was one of his cougars.

A short time later, I was able to make contact with Bovard reference the bite via telephone. Bovard advised over the phone, that he was in the enclosure when the cougar bit him. When asked, he advised that he was fine, at the hospital and receiving stitches/staples. He went onto

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advise that he was trying to get back to the facility to continue the daily chores with the animals. I asked Bovard multiple times if the cougar was secured, and each time, he advised that it was secured in its enclosure.

Officer A. Wester (also with FWC) went to the facility a short time later with Bovard. Officer Wester advised that the cougar was secured in its enclosure. He was able to take pictures of the cougar in the enclosure (see attached). One of the pictures depicts the door to the enclosure shut with a pad lock through it, however it was not locked.

On 5/10/18, I went to Bovard's facility to follow-up reference the bite, as well as conduct an inspection. While at the facility, Bovard completed a sworn witness statement (see attached). In his statement Bovard stated "Saturday morning approximately 8:00 am, I entering cougar enclosure to do morning cleaning. After cleaning enclosure for approximately 10 min, Mayhem, 6 year old male cougar became playful. I played around for a few minutes w/ him and he got excited and began to play rough causing my injuries. I got out of enclosure, both cats were safely secured and I left property to go get stitches in ER". The statement he gave was consistent with what he advised over the phone to me on 5/5/18.

After receiving the statement, I conducted an inspection at the facility. I started inspecting the enclosures closest to the entrance of the facility. In this area of the facility, there is a raccoon on exhibit. I asked Bovard if the raccoon has a rabies vaccination. Bovard advised that it did when he received it. When asked, Bovard was not able to provide documentation showing the vaccination.

***379.304 Exhibition or sale of wildlife.***

*(3) Any animal on exhibit of a type capable of contracting or transmitting rabies shall be immunized against rabies.*

I moved onto the enclosure housing a serval (class II wildlife) cat. The enclosure was not equipped with a safety entrance or lock-down area that could be entered by a keeper and prevent the escape of the animal. When asked why it was not equipped with one, Bovard advised he did not know that class II wildlife were required to have one.

***68A-6.003 Facility and Structural Caging Requirement for Class I, II and III Wildlife.***

*(1) In addition to the standard caging requirements set forth in Rule 68A-6.004, F.A.C., Class I*

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and Class II animals shall be caged in accordance with the following requirements:

*(a) All cages or enclosures of Class I and Class II wildlife, and Class III capuchin, spider and woolly monkeys, except paddocks, approved open air habitats, or outdoor reptile enclosures shall be equipped with a safety entrance. A safety entrance is defined as a protected, secure area that can be entered by a keeper that prevents animal escape and safeguards the keeper, or a device that can be activated by a keeper that prevents animal escape and safeguards entry. Such entrances shall include: A double-door mechanism, interconnecting cages, a lock-down area, or other comparable devices, subject to Commission approval, that will prevent escape and safeguard the keeper. Safety entrances shall be constructed of materials that are of equivalent strength as that prescribed for cage construction for that particular species.*

After inspecting other enclosures housing wildlife, I then went to the enclosure housing his two bears. On 6/30/17, I conducted an inspection where Bovard was issued one warning for not having a pool in the bear enclosure. I went back to the facility multiple times in between that date and now for separate incidents. Each time I was at the facility, it was noted that no progress had been made as far as providing a minimum standard pool as required per Florida Administrative Code 68A-6.004(b). During this inspection, it was noted that there was still no progress or pool in the enclosure for the two bears.

**68A-6.004 Standard Caging Requirements for Captive Wildlife.**

*(b) Bears.*

*1. Black bears, Asiatic, sloth, spectacled.*

*a. For one animal, a cage 20 feet by 20 feet, 8 feet high. For each additional animal, increase cage size by 25 percent of original floor area.*

*b. Each cage shall have an elevated platform(s) for resting. Each cage shall have a 4 foot by 6 foot pool of water, 3 feet deep.*

*b. Each cage shall have an elevated platform(s) for resting. Each cage shall have a 3 foot by 4 foot pool of water, 2 feet deep.*

*3. Brown bears (e.g., European, grizzly, Kodiak) and polar bears.*

*a. For one animal, a cage 24 feet by 32 feet, 10 feet high. For each additional animal, increase cage size by 25 percent of original floor area.*

*b. Each cage shall have an elevated platform(s) for resting. Each cage shall have a 6 foot by 10 foot pool of water, 4 feet deep, except for polar bears, which shall have a 10 foot by 10 foot pool, 5 feet deep.*

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After inspecting the remaining enclosures of the facility that I could, as well as the perimeter fencing, I started to go through Bovard's paperwork. It was noted that Bovard did not have records of births or deaths for his animals. This is including, but not limited to a new bear cub that was born at the facility, as well as the recent death of one of his cougars. I advised Bovard that he was required to record and provide records of all births and deaths.

I then asked for his inventory list. The inventory list that Bovard gave was not completely accurate. It was missing some wildlife to include but not limited to additional serval's, lynx, caraval(s) and a bear. He did have a record of acquisition for a 4.5 month old tiger.

***68A-6.0023 General Regulations Governing Possession of Captive Wildlife; Public Contact; Transfer of Wildlife and Record Keeping Requirements.***

*(6) No person shall possess any wildlife requiring a permit for personal use, or any wildlife for sale or exhibition, without documentation of the source and supplier of such wildlife. Possessors of such wildlife must maintain an accurate record of changes in inventory including acquisitions and sales or transfers of all wildlife. Possessors of Class I or Class II wildlife must also maintain an accurate record of all births and deaths. Such records shall be open to inspection upon request by commission personnel.*

*(a) Records of births or deaths must include the date of the birth or death and the quantity and species of each birth or death. For the purposes of this section "birth" shall be defined as the initial hatch or live birth date for the clutch or litter.*

Bovard did have a critical incident disaster plan part b (CIDP Part, B) available upon request. While he was able to provide a plan including a drawing layout of the facility, I asked where the information for the contiguous landowners were. He was not able to provide that information when requested. I advised Bovard he was required to have that information detailed in his CIDP Part, B.

***68A-6.003 Facility and Structural Caging Requirement for Class I, II and III Wildlife.***

*(2) In order to assure public safety, the facilities for the housing of Class I and Class II wildlife shall meet the requirements of this rule. Compliance with these requirements is a necessary condition for licensure. For the purposes of this rule, a "facility" means the site at which Class I or Class II wildlife are kept or exhibited, except for those locations where the standard caging requirements are exempted under Rules 68A-6.0041 and 68A-6.005, F.A.C. Upon receipt of an*



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*initial application regarding Class I or Class II wildlife, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall notify the county or municipality wherein the proposed facility is to be located of a pending application. Current licensees that desire to expand their inventory to include a family of Class I or Class II species not previously authorized at their facility location shall comply with the requirements herein. Requests to upgrade wildlife classification authorizations shall be considered initial applications for license purposes. Applicants shall complete and submit a Facility Location Information form, FWCDLE\_616IV (09-10), which is adopted and incorporated herein by reference. Forms may be obtained by submitting a request to: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, or at [http://myfwc.com/media/1152266/captive\\_facilitylocationinfo.pdf](http://myfwc.com/media/1152266/captive_facilitylocationinfo.pdf).*

*(a) Notification of escapes: Any person authorized to possess any Class I wildlife as listed pursuant to Rule 68A-6.002, F.A.C., must report any escapes from the primary caging or enclosures or the approved facility location; or other enclosure, cage, leash or other constraint when wildlife is away from such approved facility location, to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement. Such reporting shall occur immediately upon discovery of the escape. Any person authorized to possess Class I wildlife shall maintain a list of the current contiguous land owners or neighbors in Part B of the Captive Wildlife Critical Incident/Disaster Plan form FWCDLE\_619 (06/09), as required in subsection 68A-6.0022(7), F.A.C. Such list shall include the name, address and contact phone number for contiguous land owners or neighbors. For the purposes of this section a "contiguous land owner or neighbor" shall mean the current resident for all properties sharing a common boundary with the facility location. The entire width of a dedicated roadway shall be considered sharing a common boundary in instances of a dedicated roadway between neighboring properties.*

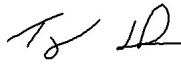
Bovard will be issued one citation for failing to provide a pool for his two bears held in captivity as required by F.A.C. 68A-6.004. Bovard will be issued one warning for failing to provide documents showing the vaccination of wildlife on exhibit capable of contracting and/ or transmitting rabies as required by Florida State Statute 379.304. One warning for failing to equip an enclosure housing Class I and/or Class II wildlife without a safety entrance as required by F.A.C. 68A-6.003(1). One warning for failing to maintain accurate records of births and deaths of his Class I and Class II wildlife as required in F.A.C. 68A-6.0023(6). One warning for failing to maintain a list of the current contiguous land owners or neighbors in Part B of the critical incident

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disaster plan as required by F.A.C. 68A-6.003(2)(a).

End of report.

**Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 01)**

Officer Name <b>HARRISON, TYLER</b>	Officer Rank <b>LIEUTENANT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN187</b>	Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>
Approval Date / Time <b>5/14/2018 3:34:25 PM</b>	Officer Signature 		

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Description  
**Injuries to Bovard from cougar.**



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Description  
**Injury to Bovard's head from cougar.**





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Description  
**Injury to Bovard from cougar.**



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Description  
**Enclosure housing the cougar that bit Bovard.**





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Description  
**Unlocked lock to cougar cage found by Officer Wester after returning from the hospital with Bovard.**



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Description

**Bear enclosure without proper sized pool.**





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Description

**Same bear enclosure without proper sized pool.**



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01	HARRISON, TYLER LIEUTENANT WN187	APPROVING SUPERVISOR	FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FWN\NWREGION\GHQ

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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)**

Officer Name <b>DORICCHI, RICHARD R</b>	Office Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>WN353</b>	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency <b>FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	Officer Signature		