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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

vs.

NAME: **Rashdan, Hassan Hazem**

D.O.B: **June 27, 1999** RACE/SEX: **White/Male**

HOME ADDRESS: **15439 Montesino Drive**

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: HEIGHT: **6'00"** WEIGHT: **180** HAIR: **Black** EYES: **Brown**

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER **[REDACTED]**

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: **FL; R235-328-99-227-0**

**A F F I D A V I T F O R A R R E S T W A R R A N T**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

Comes now the affiant, **Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Hayden, 9380**, a sworn law enforcement officer, to wit: **a Deputy Sheriff** for the **Orange County Sheriff's Office**, submitted via a secure electronic file system before the below signed Judge, **The Honorable Christy C. Collins**, **Judge, in and for Orange County, Florida, Ninth Judicial Circuit**, who makes this affidavit and states under oath that affiant has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated **Orange** County, Florida, and that on/between **August 15, 2022 to November 15, 2022**, the Defendant, **Rashdan, Hassan Hazem**, did violate Florida State Statute(s), and commit the offense(s) of:

- C1: Cruelty to Animals** **FSS: 828.12(2)**
- C2: Confinement of Animal without food/water** **FSS: 828.13**

Your affiant, **Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Hayden, 9380**, is and has been since **February 28, 2020**, a duly sworn **Deputy Sheriff**, with the **Orange County Sheriff's Office**.

The applicant, **Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Hayden (9380)** has been a duly sworn law enforcement officer for the **Orange County Sheriff's Office** since **February of 2020**. Your affiant is currently assigned to the **Orange County Sheriff's Office Uniform Patrol Division**, tasked with investigating a wide range of crimes and aiding citizens in the community. Your affiant graduated from the **Valencia Law Enforcement Academy** in **2020**, which consisted of **770** hours of training. Your affiant then completed an additional **9** weeks of in house training with the **Sheriff's Office**, and then **20** weeks of **Field Training** working as a deputy. Your affiant has successfully completed multiple **FDLE** training classes, including **Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and Human Trafficking**. While working in the capacity of a patrol deputy, I have worked numerous investigations involving violent crimes, including **stabblings, shootings, and domestic violence crimes**. I have also completed over **200** hours of training with the **Orange County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes unit**, a unit that specializes in animal abuse investigations.

YOUR AFFIANT, IN THE COURSE OF THIER OFFICIAL DUTIES, HAS COME TO INVESTIGATE:

**On December 12, 2022**, I received an **Orange County Animal Services (OCAS)** case packet related to **Hassan Hazem Rashdan** and his abuse of his dog, under **OCAS Activity 22-659871, OCAS Case File 23-22912**. The following details a report generated by **OCAS** officers, after **Hassan's** dog, **Camo** (an intact male pit bull dog **DOB: 11/14/2016, animal ID: A503699**), was impounded by **OCAS**:

**OCAS initially responded to the above residence after a roommate of Hassan, Lina Maria Duarte Castro, called OCAS to report that Hassan is not feeding Camo properly and causing him to become extremely skinny, is not providing him with any water, and is forcing Camo to stay in his cage and live in his own feces.**

**On November 14, 2022, an OCAS Officer responded to the above address, where he met with Lina, who invited the officer into the house. In their report, the officer detailed that they observed the dog, Camo, who is a pitbull, laying down in a wire crate. There was feces piled beside the crate and in the crate that Camo was laying in, and Camo was not responsive. The OCAS Officer identified Camo as having a body condition score of "2". Lina told the officer that she periodically will feed Camo bits of dog food as Hassan does not feed Camo.**

**Lina also showed the OCAS Officer pictures of Camo when Hassan first took possession and ownership of Camo as he came to live with them. At first, Camo was a healthy weight. Lina stated to the officer that Hassan forces Camo to sit in his own feces to teach it a lesson whenever the dog barks. Lina claims that Hassan screams at Camo every time he barks, and she suspects that he kicks Camo. Another roommate, Vi, also stated that Camo was healthy when he first began to live at the house. Vi detailed that Hassan does not walk Camo or bathe him, despite infrequently cleaning the feces in and around his cage. There was also a cut on Camo's leg.**

**During this initial response, the Officer was unable to make contact with Hassan, which resulted in the Officer initiating an official notice to Hassan that he was required to acquire medical veterinarian attention for the dog, due to the level of neglect that Hassan was exhibiting towards Camo. At the time of this initial notice, there was no food or water available for Camo. The officer requested that the witness, (either Lina or Vi) provide food and water for Camo. The officer indicated that Camo was "ravenous" when he drank the water, and he ate some food.**

**The next day, on November 15, 2022, OCAS followed up with the house, and spoke with Marco Polo Padlan, another resident of the home. Marco explained that when Hassan returned home and saw the OCAS notice, he yelled and screamed about it. On the morning of the 15th, Hassan's vehicle was at the house, but he did not answer the door. It was determined that despite the official OCAS notice, Camo was still wallowing in the same poor, unsanitary, and unhealthy conditions as he was in previously. This includes Camo being forced to live in his own feces, confined in his cage, all without access to wholesome food, water, and exercise. Marco said that Hassan was refusing to take the dog to a veterinarian.**

**On 1709 hours on November 15, 2022. OCAS responded back to the residence and spoke with Marco, who invited them inside and advised that Camo was in the same conditions as from the previous day. They attempted to call Hassan, but he did not answer. The OCAS Officer observed that the feces appeared to be moved around, but had not been cleaned up. Camo still had no access to food or water, and was covered in feces and urine from being stuck in the cage. Camo's nails were long, and he appeared too thin. The official notice of impoundment (#84166) was also issued here after Camo was taken into OCAS custody.**

**Numerous pictures were also taken of the scene by OCAS to document the conditions Camo was being forced to live in. From the pictures, Camo was seen laying down in the cage, which had no tray or anything on the bottom of the cage, which forced Camo to step on and lay on the painful thin metal wires of the cage. From the pictures, there is a substantial amount of feces both inside of the cage and immediately outside of it, and Camo was closed inside of it, forcing him to wallow in feces and on the painful metal wires. There were also pictures provided to OCAS by Lina that detail Camo's initial condition, which also show his deterioration. Some of the earliest picture show Camo in healthy condition from back in August of 2022. Camo was a healthy weight, and none of his ribs or bones were visible, and he was not skinny nor overweight. The most recent pictures of Camo show that he is emaciated, with his ribs and hip bones clearly visible, poking out from his skin. He appears dangerously skinny, drastically skinnier than the first pictures of Camo.**

**On November 16, 2022, an OCAS Officer went to the Orange County Jail to speak with Hassan due to him being arrested for separate criminal charges. While interviewing Hassan, and explaining that an animal cruelty case had been opened, Hassan indicated that he had not fed Camo for three days. When OCAS asked about the excess of feces, Hassan said that he works and had not cleaned it up yet. OCAS countered by explaining that the amount of feces appeared to be more than a day's accumulation. There is no indication of any rebuttal from Hassan.**

**As the interview continued, Hassan kept repeating that he wanted his dog back and that "It wasn't cruelty".**

**There are also details regarding the veterinarian notes that resulted from the examination of Camo on November 15 and 16, 2022 by the veterinarian. One of the major takeaways from the examination was that Camo was classified as emaciated and dehydrated by the veterinarian. The veterinarian noted that Camo's coat was unkempt with feces/staining throughout, and that he had sores that were beginning to heal on his front limbs. The veterinarian noted that in the event Camo was returned to its owner, an official notice should be provided indicating follow up veterinarian attention would be required.**

**On December 12, 2022, I met with Lina in person at the Orange County Communications Center so that she could provide me with a sworn written statement regarding Hassan's treatment of Camo. I also reviewed her sworn written statement that she provided to OCAS on November 14, 2022. Lina advised me, and OCAS of the following in a sworn written and verbal statement:**

**Lina explained that she and her roommates initially moved in together at 15439 Montesino Drive on August 1, 2022, along with Hassan. A few weeks later, Camo, who had previously been in the care of Hassan's family members, came to live with Hassan at the house. Camo first appeared healthy and happy. He was at a good weight, and was not skinny. However, Camo began to poop in the house, which lead to Hassan keeping Camo locked up in his cage, instead of allowing him to walk around the house or be let outside. Hassan kept Camo locked up in the cage with his own feces to "teach him a lesson", which indicates Hassan's knowledge of and willingness to cause Camo to be confined in his own excrement, an extremely unhealthy environment for the animal.**

**Lina explained that she and the other roommates spoke with Hassan about the conditions Camo was being forced to live in, as the feces was making the house smell terrible. Despite speaking with him about the conditions, Hassan continued to force Camo to be confined to his cage and wallow in his own feces. Lina explained that as the months went on, she and her roommates continued to have issues with Hassan, and Camo continued to poop in the house, Hassan would infrequently clean it up causing large amounts of feces to pile up, and Camo would not be allowed outside. Hassan would not bathe or clean Camo despite him being covered in feces and urine from his living conditions. Hassan would also barely feed Camo, causing him to become extremely thin. Lina also verbally advised me that in Camo's cage, there was no tray on the bottom part of the cage, which caused Camo to be forced to step on and lay on the thin, painful metal wires of the cage.**

**Sometime in September, Lina and her roommates observed an injury, possibly an abrasion to Camo's leg. At no time did Hassan ever try to get Camo medical or veterinarian attention for this injury. This injury was made even more dangerous to Camo due to the fact that he was being forced to live in feces and urine in his cage.**

**On November 5, 2022, Lina came home and found Camo was not in his cage, but instead was inside of the bathroom. There was feces everywhere, on the toilet, floor, carpet, and inside of the tub. Camo was being forced to drink water out of the toilet that was covered in poop, as he had no access to clean or wholesome water otherwise. Lina cleaned the bathroom. She observed that Camo appeared to be extremely skinny, causing his ribs to be clearly visible. Lina described him as being very weak, and that he could barely walk. Lina described that Camo "stared at me as if pleading for help."**

Lina felt that this was the last straw, and began to look into how to report this incident as animal cruelty. She was able to contact OCAS to report what was occurring. A couple days later, on November 14, 2022, OCAS responded to the house to conduct their initial investigation. Lina advised that at this point, Camo had been in his cage, and his feces had been in there with him for at least two days. The next day, after Hassan had not complied with the OCAS order to provide medical attention for Camo, as well as food and water for him, OCAS impounded Camo.

Lina advised that she is willing to testify in court reference this incident.

On December 12, 2022, I met with Marco in person at 473 North Alafaya Trail so that he could provide me with a sworn written statement regarding Hassan's treatment of Camo. I also reviewed his sworn written statement that he provided to OCAS on November 14, 2022. Marco advised me, and OCAS of the following in a sworn written and verbal statement:

The dog, Camo, was living in filth for weeks at a time. Hassan paid no attention to the dog's needs whatsoever, and would make frequent death threats towards the dog. Hassan would not regularly feed Camo or bathe him, which lead to Camo becoming extremely malnourished and frail. Marco advised that he could see Camo's ribs, and that Camo had visible cuts around his paws/leg area.

Marco advised that he is willing to testify in court reference this incident.

I attempted to call the third roommate Vi multiple times, but was unable to speak with her or make contact with her. However, Vi advised the following in her sworn written statement to Animal Services:

Hassan has been abusing [Camo] since he moved in the house in the first month. [Camo] was a chubby, friendly, and cut dog now he lost weight, crying every day and malnourished. Hassan never walks [Camo], gives him a bath, or feeds him properly. Hassan let [Camo] poop in the cage as well as all over the dining room and never clean so the house's smell is getting worse every day. Hassan barely lets [Camo] out of the cage and often yells at [Camo] that he is going to put [Camo] down. Recently me and my roommates also saw there is a cut on [Camo's] leg.

I was unable to make contact with Hassan reference this investigation. It also should be noted that I was able to positively identify Hassan as the suspect in this investigation due to the investigative work of the OCAS Officer and his identifying information provided in the OCAS report, as well as Lina and Marco identifying Hassan due to their former-roommate relationship with him.

Based on the above investigation, Hassan Hazem Rashdan intentionally committed continuous actions over an extended period of multiple months to an animal, a pit bull dog known as "Camo" that he was in direct possession and control of, and his actions resulted in the excessive and repeated suffering of the animal. Hassan knowingly and intentionally tormented Camo, and in doing so, caused direct harm to the animal. Hassan confined Camo in a metal cage with no tray on the bottom, forcing him to step and lay on painful metal wires, and did not provide any good and wholesome food or water to Camo. Due to this, probable cause exists to charge Hassan with the following offenses:

F.S.S. 828.12(2) – Cruelty to Animals  
F.S.S. 828.13 – Confinement of Animal without food/water

This concludes my involvement in this investigation.

s/Deputy Sheriff Benjamin Hayden,  
9380

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AFFIANT

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED** before me in the County and State aforesaid this 5 day of January, 202023.

**s/Sergeant Jason Kern, EID 2705**  
**PLACED UNDER OATH BY**