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On 10/28/21, 0815 hours, I responded to 512 Northwest 9th Avenue, Boynton Beach, in reference to a citizen complaint of possible dog neglect. The caller, who wished to remain anonymous, stated that over the past two weeks, she has observed a large white dog confined inside a crate underneath the carport. The caller stated the dog has a "cone" (Elizabethan collar) on its head and one of its legs is bandaged. The caller stated the dog often whines and cries as though it is in pain. The caller also stated she observed the dog's owner "hosing out the cage with the dog in it". The call was received on my office voice mail and the caller was crying and pleading for authorities to check on the welfare of the dog. It should be noted that the caller stated the residence is occupied by a white female and a black male and she often sees numerous other dogs "come and go" from the property.

Upon arrival, I observed two wire dog crates in/near a trash can next to the curb and four wire crates underneath the carport. The bottoms of the empty crates were laden with dog feces intermingled with dry dog kibble. Numerous flies swarmed the area and an overwhelming putrid stench of feces and urine permeated the air. The largest of the four crates contained fresh dog feces, empty metal bowls, a soiled blanket and a long soiled piece of medical gauze. There was a box of rolled gauze on the carport floor with two rolls of unused gauze inside of it. There were empty bottles of bleach discarded near the front door and a half-empty bottle of bleach sitting atop a wooden stool. There was a wooden gate on the west side of the carport that led into the backyard. The gate was open and there were several empty dog crates discarded directly inside the gate. Photographs taken and placed into evidence.



I knocked on the front door and windows; no one answered. No dogs were seen or heard and no vehicles were present.

As I walked back toward my truck, I observed a large white dog standing in a neighboring front yard; the dog had its tail tucked between its legs and it appeared scared. The lower portion of the dog's right foreleg was missing and a large section of its leg bone was protruding from the end of its limb. The dog was extremely thin and wearing a soiled Elizabethan collar. I gently approached the dog and slipped a leash around its neck. As I petted the dog, it wagged its tail and became extremely affectionate. I removed the e-collar and provided the dog with fresh food and water; the dog ravenously ate all the food. The dog was immediately transferred to PBC Animal Care and Control for medical treatment and safe-keeping (ACC Activity#21-010553).

The dog is described as a white, 1 year old, intact female, Dogo Argentino named "Snow"; Animal ID#2080104.

The tenant of the residence was subsequently identified as H/F via City of Boynton Beach records. I made phone contact with and advised her of the purpose of my call. stated she was last at the residence the prior evening.

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 Notary Public, Clerk of Court, Orange (F.S.S. 117.10) Date: 12/13/21	 (Signature of Arresting / Investigative Officer) Liz Roehrich (Print name of Arresting/Investigative Officer) Date: 12/13/21
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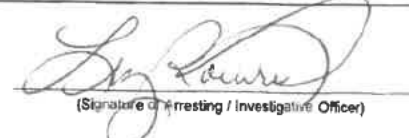

I asked \_\_\_\_\_ if she knew the whereabouts of her dog "Snow" and she replied "right now she's inside, she's in my house, in her cage". I asked \_\_\_\_\_ if the dog currently has an injured leg and she replied "there's nothing wrong with her, I've been treating her, she's completely fine".

\_\_\_\_\_ stated she resides with her boyfriend who she falsely identified as "Chris Thomas" (later identified as B/M Christopher Jamal Miller). \_\_\_\_\_ stated she and Chris own "2 or 3" dogs which were currently housed at a veterinarian's office due to a recent "parvo outbreak" at her home. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she was in Broward County at this time and unable to return home. At my request, \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to meet me at the police station on 10/30/21 at 0900 hours to further discuss this incident.

On 10/30/21, 0900 hours, \_\_\_\_\_ arrived at the police station as scheduled and I spoke with her in an interview room with Officer Gomez ID#1119 present (interview captured on Officer Gomez's BWC and preserved as evidence). Prior to the interview, Officer Gomez read \_\_\_\_\_ her Miranda rights. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she understood her rights and she signed the rights card (signed card placed into evidence). The following is a brief synopsis of \_\_\_\_\_ statement; refer to BWC footage for interview in entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated she is unemployed but attends college on-line and is studying "pre-med" with the intent of becoming a doctor. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she and her boyfriend own a total of seventeen (17) dogs of various breeds, including "Snow". \_\_\_\_\_ stated they breed the dogs and sell puppies. \_\_\_\_\_ admitted neither she nor her boyfriend possess a Hobby Breeder permit (as required by local ordinance) and she also admitted they do not provide veterinary health certificates when they sell dogs/puppies (as required by state statute). \_\_\_\_\_ stated she and her boyfriend acquired "Snow" approximately four months ago from a breeder in north Florida. \_\_\_\_\_ stated the dog has never been seen by a veterinarian while in her and her boyfriend's possession. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that at some point, "Snow" developed an unknown medical condition on her paws so her boyfriend took the dog to another breeder for medical advice. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she and her boyfriend self-treated the paws and did not seek professional veterinary care. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that approximately two weeks ago, she woke up one morning and the dog's right forepaw "was gone". \_\_\_\_\_ stated she treated the dog with penicillin she had left over from another dog's c-section surgery and placed a bandage over its leg. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she changes the bandage daily and she believes the dog has greatly improved. \_\_\_\_\_ readily admitted she is aware of the fact the dog's bone is protruding from its leg and she readily admitted she chose not to seek veterinary treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated she recently had an outbreak of the parvo virus at her home so she took all of her and her boyfriend's dog/puppies, with the exception of "Snow", to Best Vet Animal Hospital for treatment and safe-keeping while she was in the process of cleaning

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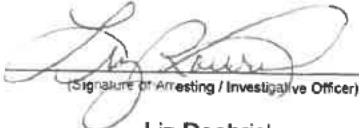
and disinfecting her home and the dogs' cages. admitted she confined "Snow" in the large crate underneath the carport. Also admitted she used a hose to clean the dog's feces out of the crate while the dog was still in it (as observed by the anonymous caller). After a lengthy discussion, agreed to relinquish custody of "Snow". was given an opportunity to relinquish custody of the sixteen dogs/puppies that were housed at Best Vet Animal Hospital, but she adamantly refused to do so.

After the interview, I received a phone call from \_\_\_\_\_; boyfriend who identified himself as Christopher Jamal Miller. At my request, Miller subsequently provided a copy of his driver's license via text to confirm his identity. I spoke with Miller in length on 10/30/21, as well as multiple times over the course of the following three days. Miller claimed ownership of "all of the dogs", including "Snow". Miller stated he resides with \_\_\_\_\_ but he was working out of town at this time. Miller stated he was last at residence approximately two weeks ago and he admitted he was aware that "Snow" had a leg injury. Miller stated he had sought medical advise/treatment from an out-of-town breeder (as told by \_\_\_\_\_). Miller stated all of his dogs are his "emotional support animals" and he identified "Snow" as being his primary emotional support dog. Miller stated he and \_\_\_\_\_ take excellent care of their animals and routinely take them to numerous veterinarians. When I asked Miller for the names of the veterinarians, he replied "I don't really know". Miller was given multiple opportunities to relinquish custody of "Snow" and/or any of the other sixteen (16) dogs/puppies but he adamantly refused to do so. On 11/06/21, Miller ultimately relinquished his ownership rights to "Snow".

On 11/23/21, Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control staff veterinarian Dr. Sara Chapman, DVM, provided a written report detailing the health and physical condition of "Snow" upon intake on 10/28/21. Dr. Chapman noted the dog's "right front limb is missing" and "a long bone is exposed from the end of the limb". Dr. Chapman also noted the "limb is caked with dried discharge" and there was "moist discharge oozing from where the bone is exposed". Dr. Chapman estimated the initial injury occurred "weeks to months" prior to 10/28/21 and it "would have been extremely painful when it occurred and throughout the duration of healing". Additionally, the dog was underweight with "ribs, lumbar vertebrae and hips becoming prominent" and diagnostic tests revealed it was positive for hookworms. (Refer to report in entirety which was placed into evidence.)

Based on all above facts and evidence, specifically the fact Christopher Miller claimed ownership of the dog and he knowingly, intentionally and admittedly deprived the dog of medical care which resulted in the excessive and prolonged repeated infliction of unnecessary pain and suffering, probable cause exists to charge Miller with one count of FSS 828.12(2), Felony Cruelty To Animals.

No further.

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