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Federal Bureau of Investigation #24 Shackleford West Boulevard Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

RE: Violation of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (18 U.S.C. 43)

Violation of My Civil Rights

## Dear FBI Field Agent:

Representatives of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO) conspired and violated the explicit provisions as set out in the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA). As a result of this conspiracy and consummated acts, which involved communications and actions outside of the State of Arkansas, I became a victim. Additionally, my 14th Amendment Civil Rights were violated as a result of an improper and baseless search and seizure of my horses on November 12, 2009. In this regard, there is reason to believe that the 25 felony charges of animal cruelty that were filed against me were dismissed in an attempt to cover-up the incriminating circumstances surrounding the issuance of a baseless search warrant; the issuance of a bench warrant for my arrest; and the inappropriateness of 25 felony animal cruelty charges against me. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigate the actions that I have documented and set out below. In this regard, the AETA explicitly states that the AETA is "An Act to provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute and convict individuals committing animal enterprise" if someone "travels in interstate...commerce, or uses...any facility of interstate...commerce for the purpose of damaging or interfering with the operation of an animal enterprise; and ...intentionally...causes the loss of any...personal property (including animals and records) used by an animal enterprise; ...or conspires or attempts to do so."

To put my request in perspective, the following information and documentation are provided.

- 1. I have been the owner and operator of the OK Trading Post for more than 19 years.
- Since the OK Trading Post involves the use of riding stables and horses "for profit," the OK Trading Post is an "animal enterprise" as defined by the AETA.
- Up until my horses were improperly seized and removed from my property on November 12, 2009, I had a reputation for operating the OK Trading Post in a most humane and proper fashion.
- Subsequent to the improper seizure and removal of my horses from my property, I was criminally
  charged with 25 felony counts of mistreatment of my horses. (Tab #1 contains the three pages
  listing the 25 counts).
- Here it is significant to note that all criminal charges that had been filed against me were dropped on August 17, 2010, as evidenced by the attached Court Order that granted a Motion for Nolle Prosequi. (Tab #2 contains a copy of the Motion for Nolle Prosequi).



- On November 12, 2009, a search warrant was issued based on unsubstantiated assertions that
  evidence of cruelty to animals would be found on my property. (Tab #3 contains a copy of the
  Search Warrant dated November 12, 2009).
- 7. I have stated that the Search Warrant was based on unsubstantiated assertions because my requests for a copy of the probable cause affidavit were never honored. In this regard, I followed up on my requests by submitting a formal written request on September 3, 2010 to Stone County Clerk Donna Wilson, and was told there was nothing attached to the copy of the Search Warrant from the Court File. (Tab #4 contains copies of both notarized statements).
- On November 18, 2009, a Bench Warrant was issued for my arrest. (Tab #5 contains a copy of the Bench Warrant).
- 9. As a result of my arrest, I was required to post a \$20,000 bond, which cost me over \$2,000. (Tab #6 contains a copy of the Ball Bond and copies of the Conditions of Bond and Drug Testing documents).
- Even though my horses had been confiscated, once I learned where they were being stabled, I
  continued to monitor them until I won the right to feed them by Court Order on December 8, 2009.
  (Tab #7 contains the copy of that Court Order).
- 11. On February 11, 2010, even though the 25 felony counts of animal cruelty were still pending, the District Judge issued an order, which was agreed to by the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, for my horses to be returned to me. (Tab #8 contains a copy of the "Agreed Order").
- 12. Despite the fact that my horses were returned to me, I incurred financial losses, as well as, loss of profits as a result of the interference with my animal enterprise. The losses began on November 12, 2009, and are still being incurred even though the charges were dismissed on August 17, 2010. Such interference with my animal enterprise meets one of the critical elements for violation of the AETA.
- 13. Another aspect of the violation of my Clvil Rights occurred on August 16, 2010, the day before the charges were dismissed. In this regard, the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney filed a Motion in Limine that sought to prohibit me from using character evidence at the trial. (Tab #9 contains a copy of the Motion in Limine).
- 14. One of my character witnesses was Mr. David Duquette, who is President of the United Horsemen's Front, who had traveled from out of state to be present at my trial. His phone number is 541-571-7588.
- 15. The Motion in Limine should be considered to be a "Red Flag" of impropriety.
- 16. The reason why I have accused the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO) as a complicit conspiratorial parties to the violation of the AETA is because both are headquartered outside of the State of Arkansas, and on November 13, 2009, the day after my horses were confiscated, the HSUS posted on its Website an announcement that "The Humane Society of the United States, along with... the Humane Society of Missouri, removed 25 horses from the OK Trading Post, a trail riding business." (Tab #10 contains the HSUS website posting).
- 17. Additional reasons for asserting that representatives from the HSUS and the HSMO violated the AETA are because of the out-of-state addresses listed on the subpoenas for a number of Prosecution Witnesses. In this regard, the following individuals were subpoenaed to testify, and the address for each of them included the Humane Society of Missouri and/or the Humane Society of the United States. (Tab #11 contains copies of the subpoenas).
  - Bonnie Dean
  - Christine Portmann
  - Patience Scanlon

- Jeff Mcroy
- Brian Williams
- Mike Bizzell
- Carmen L. Skelly
- Kyle Held
- Desiree Bender, HSUS State Director
- Tab #12 contains a list of witnesses who would provide corroborating information on behalf of me 18. if there had been a trial.
- Tab #13 contains "Chronological Timelines". 19.

In the truest sense of the word, I have been "terrorized" by the vigilante-like actions of the representatives of the Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society of Missouri, and if the truth be known, one or more of them may very well have improperly misted the Sheriff into becoming an unwitting accomplice in the violation of the AETA as well as my Civil Rights.

I have been a tragic victim, and I respectfully request that the FBI investigate the allegations that I have presented and documented in this formal request for action.

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