

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

vs

Cruelty to Animals 828.12 (2)

Angel King

Lake County Sheriff's Office: 17-0098150

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now, the affiant, Deputy Eric VanBuskirk a sworn law enforcement officer, who personally appeared before a notary public or certified officer, makes this affidavit, which has been electronically submitted to the Court. The affiant swears under oath that he has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in Lake County, Florida and that on or about July 14, 2017, Angel King did commit 7 seven counts of Cruelty to Animals 828.12(2).

1. That the events hereinafter set forth occurred at 35403 Huff Road, Eustis, in Lake County.
2. That Angel King is the self proclaimed proprietor of "Kings Cove Horse Rescue" and was in care of horses 1 through 7.
3. That Angel King failed to provide horses 1 through 7 the necessary food, nutrition, and care.
4. That as a result of Angel King's inaction of care, horses 1 through 7 began to starve. Their bodies first using fat reserves progressing to muscle degeneration to fuel their bodies requirement for food and nutrients.
5. That based on the Henneke Body Condition Score (BCS) which rates a healthy horse at a 9, which all impounded horses rated by, Lake County Veterinarian, Dr. Burba, scored well under.
6. That horse number one has a body condition score of 2 which is emaciated.
7. That horse number two has body condition score of 1 which is very emaciated.
8. That horse number three has a body condition score of 2 which is emaciated.
9. That horse number four has a body condition score of 2 which is emaciated.
10. That horse number five has a body condition score of 2 which is emaciated.
11. That horse number six has a body condition score of 0 (a body condition score of 1 is very emaciated) this horse has starved to the point it appears its skin is stretched over its bone structure.
12. That horse number seven has a body condition score of 0 (a body condition score of 1 is very emaciated) this horse has starved to the point it appears its skin is stretched over its bone structure.

13. That starvation over time is a repeated infliction of unnecessary pain and/or suffering.
14. That the Lake County Sheriff's Office Ag/Marine Unit has investigated three previous allegations of cruelty to animals due to the conditions of the horses beginning June 01, 2016.
15. That the horses have deteriorated since the initial investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office.
16. That the hooves of horses 1 through 7 have gone untended for long the term, causing them to become soft and begin to decay. (It is necessary to trim horse's hooves of excess material and clean the frog (center area of the hoof). If this is not done the hoofs will over grow causing posture issues for the animals which is painful.
17. That on July 16, 2017 DVM David Burba conducted a thorough exam of horses 1 through 7.
18. That from DVM David Burba's exam initially concluded that the condition of horses 1 through 7 is not attributed to age nor to obvious illness but is due to being deprived adequate food and nutrition.

Your Affiant believes that probable cause exists for the arrest of Angel King for seven (7) counts of Cruelty to Animals.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric VanBuskirk", followed by the date "11/22".

Eric VanBuskirk, Deputy LCSO

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

this 17th day of July, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheryl Barnes".

Circle One: Notary Public Certified Officer

☒ Personally known to me
☒ Produced identification
Type: FLA DL

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ARREST WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATORS OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICES AND/OR ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACTING WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION:

Whereas, Deputy Eric VanBuskirk of the Lake County Sheriff's Office has this day electronically submitted a sworn affidavit, hereby incorporated herein, which establishes probable cause that in the County aforesaid, Angel King did commit seven (7) seven counts of Cruelty to Animals contrary to Florida State Statutes 828.12(2) in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

Therefore you are hereby commanded forthwith to arrest the said **Angel King** and bring her before the proper court to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of July, 2017.



County/Circuit Judge, Lake County

Lawrence J. Semento