

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.) No. 20-1-07262-8 SEA
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 MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK,) INFORMATION
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 Defendant.)
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I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK of the following crime[s], which are based on the same conduct or a series of acts connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or plan: **Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty in the First Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree, Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree**, committed as follows:

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve, dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903523, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering;

Contrary to RCW 16.52.205, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

Count 2 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve, dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903519, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering;

Contrary to RCW 16.52.205, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

Count 3 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903268; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903268, and did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;

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Count 4 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903498; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903498, and did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;

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Count 5 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve, dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Mouse #A45903489, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering or the death of that animal;

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2 Washington.

3 Count 6 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

4 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
5 Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve,
6 dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Mouse #A45903485,
7 and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for a period
8 sufficient to cause considerable suffering or the death of that animal;

9 Contrary to RCW 16.52.205, and against the peace and dignity of the State of
10 Washington.

11 Count 7 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

12 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
13 Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve,
14 dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig
15 #A45903577, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for
16 a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering or the death of that animal;

17 Contrary to RCW 16.52.205, and against the peace and dignity of the State of
18 Washington.

19 Count 8 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

20 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
21 Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
22 with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Guinea
23 Pig #A45903310; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903310, and did
24 unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;;

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Count 9 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve,
dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig
#A45903562, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for
a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering or the death of that animal;

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3 Count 10 Animal Cruelty in the First Degree

4 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, did unlawfully and with criminal negligence starve,
5 dehydrate, suffocate, or expose to excessive heat or cold an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig
#A45903204, and as a result caused substantial and unjustifiable physical pain that extended for
6 a period sufficient to cause considerable suffering or the death of that animal;

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8 Count 11 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

9 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
10 with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Guinea
Pig #A45903507; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903507, and did
11 unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
12 unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;

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15 Count 12 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

16 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
17 with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit
#A45903509; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903509, and did
18 unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
19 unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;

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21 Count 13 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

22 That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
23 with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit
#A45903493; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903493, and did
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1 unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
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Count 14 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit
#A45903470; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903470, and did
unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
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Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit
#A45903513; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903513, and did
unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
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Count 16 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County,
Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or
with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Rabbit
#A45903338; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Rabbit #A45903338, and did
unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal
with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered
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Count 17 Animal Cruelty In The Second Degree

That the defendant MATTHEW ARTHUR HAZELBROOK in King County, Washington, on or about October 15, 2020, (1) did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, inflict unnecessary suffering or pain upon an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903290; and (2) was the owner of an animal, to-wit: Guinea Pig #A45903290, and did unlawfully and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, (a) fail to provide that animal with necessary shelter, rest, sanitation, space, or medical attention and that animal suffered unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain as a result of that failure;

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DANIEL T. SATTERBERG
Prosecuting Attorney

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tali E. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Tali E. Smith, WSBA #49997
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

CAUSE NO. 20-1-07262-8 SEA

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR
CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause prepared by Detective Jonathan Flores of the Seattle Police Department for case number 2020-294392.

Pursuant to CrR2.2(b)(1), the State requests that the Court issue a summons directing the defendant to appear in court. At the first appearance hearing on this case on October 16, 2020, the District Court set bail in the amount of \$7,500 and the defendant posted that amount. Due to continued and ongoing investigation, the State did not file charges by the rush filing deadline. The State is now filing charges and asks that the Court impose these strict conditions, but is not seeking bail at this time.

The defendant often travels out of State and has kept properties in other jurisdictions. The defendant was in possession of at least 211 live animals of different species on two adjacent properties that were living in deplorable conditions-ammonia, feces, lack of food, lack of water, lack of space; and there were deceased animals in cages, on the ground, and in cages with live animals. The animals were suffering from medical conditions that were being untreated. In addition to the various animals that were located as deceased on scene, at least seven animals have died since being seized due to the defendant's neglect. The defendant poses a risk for acquiring and neglecting more animals as he runs a transport business across state lines, is involved in 4H groups, has unknown properties, and the condition of this property and the animals likely developed over a significant period of time going unnoticed and unreported.

Hoarding situations such as this are complex and the defendants are prone to recidivism.

Prosecuting Attorney Case
Summary and Request for Bail
and/or Conditions of Release - 1

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2 Per Dr. Sarah Mantovani, DVM, Shelter Veterinarian: "Small mammals are prey animals
3 and as such are evolutionarily prone to freeze or hide when in pain and distress as a survival
4 tactic. Drawing attention to their pain with vocalizations is an invitation to be captured. As such,
5 traditional expressions of pain we see in larger mammals are rare except in cases of severe acute
6 distress. Signs of chronic distress and suffering in these species can include some of all of the
7 following: a lack of appetite or pica (eating non-food items such as hair), grinding teeth or
8 misshapen teeth, lack of energy, lack of normal mobility/ambulation, imbalance and paralysis,
9 increased respiratory effort, excessive scratching and self-trauma, lack of play and foraging
10 behavior and death. Many of the animals in this case have multiple medical conditions that are
11 accompanied by many of these non-specific signs that indicate chronic suffering and distress. The
12 most severe animals were noted to cry out/vocalize during their exam, indicating severe acute
13 pain. When evaluating small mammals for pain, we use an acute pain scale, meaning an
14 assessment of sharp stabbing pain in the moment, but it is critical to appreciate that most
15 conditions related to poor husbandry and neglect actually result in chronic physical and mental
16 suffering and discomfort as manifestations of pain."

17 The State requests the additional conditions:

- 18 • the defendant not possess/own/transport/reside with any animals,
 - 19 • the defendant not leave the State of Washington,
 - 20 • the defendant keep his address(es) up to date with the court, and
 - 21 • the defendant not commit any new law violations.
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2 As of November 16, 2020, the defendant's criminal history includes convictions for:
3 Theft 3 (1987). The defendant has the following pending case: DWLS 3 (8/23/19, Mercer Island
4 Municipal Court, 9Z0861263). The defendant has had approximately one prior bench warrant.
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6 Signed and dated by me this 16th day of November, 2020.
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10 Tali E. Smith, WSBA #49997
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Certification for Determination of Probable Cause

That **Jonathan Flores** is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case number **2020-294392**. There is probable cause to believe that **Matthew A Hazelbrook DOB 6-24-66** committed the crime of **Investigation of Animal Cruelty in the First Degree** within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington. This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances.

On 8-13-20 Seattle Animal Control had received a complaint of dead animal remains inside of cages on the property of 5619 26th Ave SW. During an initial onsite investigation, Animal Control officers reported observing dozens of wire-type cages strewn around the exterior of the property, visible from the front walkway. They also observed animal cages stacked high inside of the various structures on the property. While onsite, they were approached by the resident from 5618 26th Ave SW, who informed the Animal Control officers that the owner of 5619 26th Ave SW (identified as Matthew A Hazelbrook DOB 6-24-66) also owned the property next door, 5627 26th Ave SW. Hazelbrook is the owner of record for both 5619 and 5627 26th Ave SW per the King County Department of Assessments.

On 10-15-20 at approximately 1129hrs, Seattle Police Officers were dispatched to assist Seattle Animal Control Officers with executing a signed Search Warrant. The Search Warrant was obtained by Animal Control Field Supervisor Brandi Homeier and approved by a Seattle Municipal Court judge and authorized the search of 5619 and 5627 26th Ave SW, located in West Seattle.

SPD Officers contacted Matthew Hazelbrook at 5627 26th Ave SW. Hazelbrook was informed of the Search Warrant that was to be executed on his properties, authorizing the search of "5619 and 5627 26th Ave SW, two adjacent single family-type residences including common areas and surrounding curtilage." SPD Officers noted observing approximately 25 animals in the front room of 5627 26th Ave SW. The animals were inside of cages that Hazelbrook described to officers as being "transport" cages. Officers observed that many of the animals did not appear to have water or food in their cages.

SPD officers were alerted by Animal Control to the fact that Animal Control had located over a hundred deceased animals in varying stages of decay in and around the two properties covered under the Search Warrant. Per Animal Control, the number of deceased animals located was set conservatively at 139. According to Animal Control Officer St. Clair, the count of the dead animals "was limited only to animals in which I could visualize all or almost all of the skeletal remains for the species beyond doubt." The skeletal remains were believed to have been of birds, guinea pigs, rabbits, mice and dogs. Animal Control estimated that a portion of the remains found had been



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decomposed “for years”, others decomposed “within the past year” and some remains “that are currently decomposing”.

Seattle Animal Control Officers impounded a total of 222 live animals from both properties. The recovered animals were classified as:

- 128 Guinea Pigs
- 77 rabbits
- 7 chickens
- 3 fowl (Guinea)
- 3 dogs
- 2 chinchilla
- 2 mice

Of 222 live animals, 197 of the animals were found to have no access to food, and 115 of the animals were found to have no access to water. Hazelbrook was taken into custody without incident for Investigation of Animal Cruelty.

I was assigned this in-custody case for follow-up investigation. I made contact with Seattle Animal Control personnel and requested copies of Animal Control reports for this case as well as all photos and videos collected by Animal Control during the course of their investigation. I also requested any available veterinary reports on the impounded animals. I reviewed the provided documents.

The impounded animals were classified into three separate groups.

- Group 1 consisted of animals who “appeared normal with no visible concerns”. This group consisted of 43% of the impounded animals.
- Group 2 consisted of animals who had “mild or moderate health concerns that required treatment but not urgent care”. According to Animal Control, the animals in this group presented with issues including “inappropriately long nails or teeth, ear or eye issues, parasitism, emaciation or low weight, poor body condition, scabs, open wounds, hair loss, ulcerated or urine scaled feet, matting, and mechanical fecal obstruction.” This group consisted of 55% of the impounded animals.
- Group 3 consisted of animals with “severe health concerns that required urgent veterinary attention and care”. This group consisted of 2% of the impounded animals.

The impounded animals were transported to Seattle Animal Shelter for initial intake. At that time they were weighed and assessed for general condition. Three animals were considered to be in critical condition and transported to the Center for Bird and Exotic Medicine (CBEAM-veterinary hospital)



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in Bothell, WA for further medical treatment. The three animals transported to CBEAM were identified as Guinea Pig #A45903204, Rabbit #A45903523, and Rabbit #A45903519.

On 11-8-20 I a copy of the "Summary of Diagnosis" report prepared by Seattle Animal Shelter veterinarians, Dr. Sarah Mantovani and Dr. Jennifer Bennett. The report summarized the medical conditions of 17 individual animals. The report summary was as follows:

CRITICAL CONDITION "LEVEL 3" ANIMALS

1. A45903523 (Rabbit): MALNUTRITION; DEHYDRATION; EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PARASITES; PODODERMATITIS; RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE; GASTROINTESTINAL DYSFUNCTION

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Vocalizing in pain when touched.
- ii. Lack of movement and lack of normal ambulation (falling over to one side when trying to move)
- iii. Patient was passing hair/fur when defecating
- iv. Mats along back half of body that are interfering with mobility/comfort and defecation/urination. Mobility and activity improved after mats were removed.
- v. Blood present in urine and small frequent urination indicating painful when urinating.
- vi. Not eating on own – needed to be syringe fed
- vii. Severely dehydrated and needed fluids administered to correct
- viii. Patient observed trying to scratch at hind end with difficulty - Positive for psoroptes mites which cause intensive scratching

- b. **Outcome:** Patient was hospitalized for intensive care which included fluid therapy, syringe feeding, and medications for gastrointestinal pain and disfunction. Parasite testing was completed and medications were started for parasitic infections. After returning to the shelter patient has been on proper diet and housed in adequate conditions since intake. He has also been treated with antibiotics, pain medication and additional medication based on exposure to mites and fungi. He is eating on his own, gaining weight, becoming more ambulatory and active, no longer vocalizing when his abdomen is palpated and his skin wounds have healed. Expected to recover.

2. A45903519 (Rabbit): MALNUTRITION; DEHYDRATION; EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PARASITES; PODODERMATITIS; RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE; GASTROINTESTINAL DYSFUNCTION



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a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Vocalizing in pain when touched.
- ii. Lack of movement and normal ambulation (falling over to one side when trying to move)
- iii. Mats along back half of body that are interfering with mobility/comfort and with urination/defecation. Mobility and activity improved after mats were removed
- iv. Not eating on own – needed to be syringe fed
- v. Severely dehydrated and needed fluids administered to correct
- vi. Patient observed trying to scratch at hind end with difficulty - Positive for psoroptes mites which cause intensive scratching

b. Outcome: Due to patient suffering, exotic DVM recommended euthanasia, we elected to treat and give pain medication in order to improve comfort while trying to reverse course. Patient was hospitalized for intensive care which included fluid therapy, syringe feeding, and medications for gastrointestinal pain and dysfunction. Parasite testing was completed and medications were started for parasitic infections. After returning to the shelter, patient has been on proper diet and housed in adequate conditions since intake. He has also been treated with antibiotics, pain medication and additional medication based on exposure to mites and fungi. He is eating on own, gaining weight, becoming more ambulatory and active, no longer vocalizing when his abdomen is palpated and his skin wounds have healed. Expected to recover although this patient was much more severely ill on intake. Very close monitoring required to have the best chance of a full recovery. It is possible this patient could still quickly decline.

3. A45903268 (Guinea Pig): RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE; URINE SCALD AND FECAL MATTER ON COAT - DECEASED

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Lethargic and less active/less mobile then what is considered normal in this species.
- ii. Patient was found struggling to breath (mouth open and extended body struggling to get air) less then 48 hours after intake.

b. Outcome: Euthanized to prevent suffering after brief recussitative efforts

c. Histopathology Findings: confirmed pneumonia secondary to either infectious or inhalation of high levels of ammonia (very commonly seen in hoarding cases and in environments which are not sanitary).



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4. **A45903498 (Rabbit): SEVERE INTERNAL PARASITES; SYSTEMIC GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE - DECEASED**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Not eating well from day 1 in our care
 - ii. Weight loss and poor appetite was observed over the first few days in our care despite adequate diet offered
 - iii. Patient was observed to be laying stretched out with body extended in cage, evidence of abdominal pain.
 - b. **Outcome:** Patient was found deceased in cage. Although signs prior to death can be seen for a variety of reasons, paired with the outcome and histopathology findings, these signs are an indication of severe GI pain.
 - c. **Histopathology Findings:** Necropsy findings yielded evidence of a severe GI infection of both bacterial overgrowth and a parasite infection
5. **A45903489 (Mouse): DERMATITIS; MALNUTRITION - DECEASED**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Scratching at skin excessively
 - ii. Marked decrease in activity - found in one area of enclosure often. Normal for this species is to forge and be active – this patient was not exhibiting this normal behavior.
 - b. **Outcome:** Patient was found deceased in cage.
 - c. **Histopathology Findings:** Inconclusive
6. **A45903485 (Mouse): SEVERE DERMATITIS; MALNUTRITION - DECEASED**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Scratching skin consistently.
 - ii. Lethargic and lacked response to stimuli when held for medicating.
 - iii. Normal for this species is to forge and be active – this patient was not exhibiting this normal behavior.
 - b. **Outcome:** In addition to treating patient for external parasites and fungi/skin infection, the patient was also given fluids, supplemental oxygen and a warming pad. Despite efforts to reverse his condition, he died in his cage.
 - c. **Histopathology Findings:** Inconclusive
7. **A45903577 (Guinea Pig): SEVERE DERMATITIS; MALNUTRITION/ STARVATION/ EMACIATED; EXTERNAL PARASITES - DECEASED**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Not eating well since intake and was offered critical care (liquid nutrition) supplemental feeding.
 - ii. Patient was also observed scratching often.



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- iii. Patient was less mobile and active than what is considered normal in this species. Found in same area of enclosure throughout day and often outstretched positions, indicative of gastrointestinal discomfort
 - b. **Outcome:** Patient was found deceased in cage.
 - c. **Histopathology Findings:** Necropsy finding yielded evidence of lung infection/respiratory compromise likely from antigen stimulation (from the environment). Patient was also underweight and had a lack of fat stores.
- 8. **A45903310 (Guinea Pig): PODODERMATITIS; DERMATITIS; EXTERNAL PARASITES; RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE; OVERGROWN NAILS**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Patient had overgrown nails and ulcers on the bottoms of all feet making it difficult for her to move around normally without discomfort. As a result, this patient was less mobile and active than what is considered normal in this species.
 - ii. Observed scratching at skin and ears on multiple occasions.
 - iii. Observed increased effort while breathing
 - iv. Patient was losing weight first few days in care due to systemic illness and poor appetite, despite adequate nutrition offered in our care
 - b. **Outcome:** Placed on antibiotics and medication for parasites. Has been improving – more active, less scratching being observed, hair is growing back, ulcerated feet is resolving and patient is gaining weight.
- 9. **A45903562 (Guinea Pig): HEART DISEASE; RESPIRATORY COMPROMISE; EAR INFECTION; MALNUTRITION; MUSCLE ATROPHY - DECEASED**
 - a. **Evidence of pain/discomfort:**
 - i. Observed sneezing and had an increase breathing effort
 - ii. Observed less active than cage mates, although still ambulatory
 - iii. Patient continued to lose weight in our care due to systemic illness and poor appetite, despite adequate nutrition in our care
 - b. **Outcome:** This patient was placed on antibiotics and her condition declined. She was then transferred to our exotic specialist partner hospital where she was put on continuous oxygen therapy and additional medication for a severe lung infection and heart disease where she declined further. Humane euthanasia was elected due to declining condition, poor prognosis and ongoing suffering in the form of struggling to breath. Heart failure in young animals is commonly caused by severe nutritional deficiencies.
 - c. **Histopathology findings:** Lab results and necropsy pending to assist in determining the cause of her decline.



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10. A45903204 (Guinea Pig): MALNUTRITION/ STARVATION/ EMACIATED; EXTERNAL PARASITES; PODODERMATITIS; DERMATITIS - DECEASED

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Patient had ulcerations on both corneas that was suspected to be caused by excessive itching due to skin infection/parasite infection.
- ii. Observed scratching
- iii. Decreased activity and movement
- iv. Increase respiratory effort – difficulty breathing
- v. Signs of GI discomfort – not wanting to move or eat and vocalizing when handled.
- vi. Positive for psoroptes mites which cause severe scratching

b. **Outcome:** Patient was treated with pain medication, anti-inflammatories, antibiotics, and anti-fungal medication at the exotic hospital. Was transferred back to the shelter after a day of hospitalization where patient continued to struggles to breathe and eat on own. Due to patient decline and poor prognosis, humane euthanasia was elected to prevent further suffering.

c. **Histopathology findings:** Lungs had evidence of extensive hemorrhage and pulmonary edema – may have been post-mortem changes. However likely related to perimortem condition.

MODERATE CONDITION "LEVEL 2" ANIMALS

1. A45903507 (Guinea Pig): MALNUTRITION; PNEUMONIA; OVERGROWN TEETH; EAR INFECTION; OVERGROWN NAILS; EXTERNAL PARASITES

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Overgrown teeth making it difficult to eat (patient will pick up food and then discard it)
- ii. Severe debris in ears causing patient to scratch obsessively (observed)

b. **Outcome:** Significant weight gain while in care of SAS after being placed on a appropriate diet; Scratching resolved after ear cleaning

2. A45903509 (Rabbit): – MALNUTRITION; LOWER BACK PAIN; SEVERE MATTING; MISSING TOENAIL

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Observed patient attempting to groom hind end unsuccessfully
- ii. Patient expressed signs of pain when handled (vocalized and made sharp sudden movements to get away only when lumbar region was touched)

b. **Outcome:** After placing on pain medication and shaving mats, patient was much more amenable to being handled and no longer was reacting to touch on hind end. X-rays were taken to rule out other causes.



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3. A45903493 (Rabbit): – SEVERE ULCERATIVE DERMATITIS; CONJUNCTIVITIS

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Ulcerated wound on vulva that patient was observed consistently attempting to groom/scratch at, wound discharge was causing skin adhesions and preventing normal urination, painful when examined and cleaned (observed kicking, attempting to get away, resisting touch to the area and minor vocalizing)
- ii. Scratching consistently at ears and skin
- iii. Reluctant to move in enclosure due to severe overgrowth of nails/claws

b. **Outcome:** After nail trim, antibiotics, eye drops and pain medication, sanitary clipping and topical medication to affected region, patient was eating more, moving more, gaining weight and less reactive to handling.

4. A45903470 (Rabbit): - DERMATITIS; CONJUNCTIVITIS

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Necrotic (area of dead tissue) wound on scrotum causing patient to react when handled or examined in this area (even getting near this area causes patient to have strong reaction and try to get away, my kicking and resisting indicating this area is very sensitive), discharge from wound was causing adhesions from the scrotum to the skin preventing normal testicular movement and sensitivity when touched
- ii. Observed patient scratching at eyes and face excessively; thick yellow infected discharge from eyes with sensitivity to touch was noted and scratches and abrasions found throughout face, around eyes and nose indicating self-trauma due to itchy and painful eye infection.

b. **Outcome:** After starting antibiotics, eye drops and cream to soothe scrotum, patient was moving more and less reactive to handling. Scrotum is starting to scab and heal, although we are watching closely as surgical repair of the scrotum may be needed; face shaved and scratches/dermatitis treated topically, eye infection treatment with antibiotics. Both conditions are resolving now.

5. A45903513 (Rabbit): – SEVERE CONJUNCTIVITIS

a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Observed patient scratching at face and eyes

b. **Outcome:** Patient placed on eye drops and medication for mites and ringworm infection due to exposure. No bacteria was grown on culture which lends evidence that conjunctivitis was a result of excessive scratching to face likely secondary to parasites. Patient has since improved.

6. A45903338 (Rabbit): – DERMATITIS; CONJUNCTIVITIS



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a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Patient reacts negatively (sharp jump and vocalizing) to touching/handling near groin where the most severe abscess is located
- ii. Observed patient scratching at face and eyes

- b. Outcome:** After several days of antibiotic eye drops and oral antibiotics to address the multiple abscesses, patient is gaining weight, moving more consistent to what is normal in this species, more amenable to handling and eye infection resolving.

7. A45903290 (Guinea Pig): DERMATITIS; EXTERNAL PARASITES (CONFIRMED RINGWORM INFECTION)

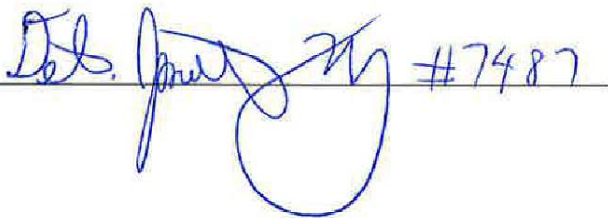
a. Evidence of pain/discomfort:

- i. Observed Patient scratching at face and eyes
- ii. Positive lab result for ringworm (fungal species) which is a highly zoonotic external parasite that is common in close contact hoarding conditions and persists in the environment; requires isolation with long-term medication and repeated testing to clear the parasite, often persists long-term in skin and coat

- b. Outcome:** Treated medically for ringworm and mites, Patient is improving, eating better, more mobile, gaining well and overall improving.

There is sufficient information in the Offense report, BWV, follow-up reports completed by Seattle Animal Control officers, and video and photographic evidence, to refer this case to KCPA-Adult for consideration of charges of Investigation of Animal Cruelty in the First Degree for Matthew A Hazelbrook.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signed and dated by me this **9th** day of **November 2020**, at Seattle, Washington.

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AGENCY: Seattle PD	WASPD0000	CASE NUMBER 2020-294392	FILE NUMBER	PCN NUMBER	SUPERFORM

ARREST INFORMATION		
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 10/15/2020 12:54 PM	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	ACCOMPLICES
DATE OF ARREST/TIME 10/15/2020 12:54 PM	ARREST LOCATION 5619 26 AV SW Seattle, WA 98106 	

SUSPECT INFORMATION								
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/JR, SR, 1st, 2nd) Hazelbrook, Matthew Arthur		DOB 6/24/1966	ALIAS, NICKNAMES					
ARMED/DANGEROUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IDENTITY IN DOUBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	CITIZENSHIP N/A						
PHYSICAL DETAILS								
SEX M	HEIGHT 509	WEIGHT 185	SKIN TONE	RACE W	EYE BLU	HAIR BRO	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES	
IDENTIFICATION DETAILS								
CCN	PRIOR BA # 0	AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID #	DRIVER'S LICENSE #		STATE	SSN
RESIDENCE					EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL			
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 5619 26 AV SW Seattle, WA 98106					EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER) :			
RESIDENCE PHONE 2063566192					BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
EMERGENCY CONTACT								
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY			RELATIONSHIP	Address			PHONE	
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CHARGE INFORMATION			
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE I - ANIMAL CRUELTY INV	RCW / ORD# 5398	COURT / CAUSE # /	CITATION #
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE	RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #

WARRANT / OTHER				
WARRANT DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	OFFENSE	AMOUNT OF BAIL	WARRANT TYPE
ORIGINATING POLICE AGENCY		ISSUING AGENCY	WARRANT RELEASED TO: (SERIAL # / UNIT / DATE / TIME)	

PROPERTY INFORMATION	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL wallet, misc cards, \$80 canadian	
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (SIMPLE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFYING MARKS, SERIAL #)	
LIST ITEMS ENTERED INTO SAFEKEEPING	
TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$83.25	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO AMOUNT: \$0.00
SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #	

OFFICER INFORMATION		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Kim, Hyung 7934	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL # :	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL # :
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE/SERIAL #) Kim, Hyung		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME/SERIAL#/PHONE) :

COURT FILE		
SUPERIOR COURT FILING INFO <input type="checkbox"/> IN CUSTODY <input type="checkbox"/> AT LARGE <input type="checkbox"/> OUT ON BOND	COURT CAUSE (STAMP OR WRITE)	
COURT/DIST. CT.NO.	DIST. CT BOND \$	SUP. CT. DATE

EXTRADITE				
PERSON APPROVING EXTRADITION	SEAKING-LOCAL ONLY WACIC-STATE WIDE <input type="checkbox"/>	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM ID & OR ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM OR, ID, MT, WY, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, IL, AK <input type="checkbox"/>	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM FROM ALL 50 STATES <input type="checkbox"/>
E N T R Y	CCN _____ WAC _____ NCIC _____	DOE _____ TOE _____ OP _____	C L E A R A N C E DOC _____ TOC _____ OP _____	

PROBABLE CAUSE INFORMATION	
STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE: NON-VUCSA	
CONCISELY SET FORTH FACTS SHOWING PROBABLE CAUSE FOR EACH ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE AND THAT THE SUSPECT COMMITTED THE OFFENSE. IF NOT PROVIDED, THE SUSPECT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED. INDICATE ANY WEAPONS INVOLVED. (DRUG CRIME CERTIFICATE BELOW.)	