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FWB WOMAN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Fort Walton Beach woman with animal cruelty after an extremely neglected dog was found at her Cloverdale Boulevard home. A PAWS animal control officer found the small dog suffering from hypothermia, anemia, and malnutrition - and near death on November 30, 2011.



The dog, named "Lagniappe" was seized due to her critical state. Dog owner 48-year old Ynid Marie Fitzwilliams said she was not aware the dog, which was about half its normal weight, was sick and she denied ownership, saying Lagniappe belonged to a male acquaintance. However, Fitzwilliams refused to provide a name or contact information. Court documents later confirmed she had owned the dog for years.

An Ex Parte Petition for Animal Cruelty Hearing took place January 10th, 2012 to determine if Fitzwilliams was fit to have custody of the animal. The defendant did not show up for the hearing.

A warrant was issued for Animal Cruelty and the Sheriff's Office arrested Fitzwilliams on February 14th.

Deputy Laura Yanna says the dog, which ate ravenously after being taken in by PAWS, has since gained more than six pounds and her health has improved dramatically with good nutrition and veterinary care.

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IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO12ARR001134

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO11OFF013267	Other No OCSO11CAD187526	OBTS 4601085695
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
 FITZWILLIAMS YND MARIE
 Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN I.D. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID
 HAZ BRO OCSO11MNI017276  F324973645420 FL E 184895

Birth Location: City: FORT WALTON BEA County: OKALOOSA State: FL Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

208 CLOVERDALE BD Apt/Lot: 5 FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: NURSING, Entered: 5/23/2011

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 10/11/2008

Suite:

Business: FT WALTON BCH DEVELOPMENT CENT, Job Title: , Phone: 8508620108 Entered: 2/5/2001

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

FITZWILLIAMS, YND MARIE

FITZWILLIAMS, ANGEL MARIE 2/2/1964

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 11/30/2011 : to 11/30/2011 : Lat / Long
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 208 CLOVERDALE BD 5 FORT WALTON BEAC FL 32547 2 - 15 - PG40 - J-38

[CHARGES]

828.12.1

CONSERVATION-ANIMALS

TORMENT DEPRIVE MUTILATE KILL

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Misdemeanor	First	Principal	9000		6201	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 11/30/11, Animal Control Officer, Lisa Russell, responded to 208 Cloverdale Blvd, after being notified that there was an extremely neglected dog, at the residence, belonging to the defendant. The dog was found in an critically neglected state, suffering from hypothermia, anemia, and malnutrition. She had blood and infection draining from both ears, as well as painfully swollen gums, all due to neglect. Her body temperature was 97.4 degrees, 4.5 -5 degrees below normal, which indicated that she was near death. She was infested with parasites and her body weight was at 10lbs, which is approximately 50% of what her normal weight should be. The dog was weak and stumbling when she tried to walk. The dog, "identified as Lagnippe" was seized due to her critical state. The dog ate ravenously on intake and has since gained 6.2lbs. The dogs health has improved dramatically with good nutrition and veterinary care.

Witnesses Lori Palmer, Lindsay Dubriel, and Claude Connell, provided written statements, documenting the neglected condition of the dog. The defendant provided a written statement to Okaloosa Animal Services stating that she was unaware that the dog was "sick" and denied ownership, stating that the dog belonged to a male acquaintance. The defendant also confirmed this statement in a telephone interview and refused to provide the last name or contact information for the "alleged owner". Court documents were later obtained with a subpoena, confirming that the defendant admits that she has owned the dog for years, directly contradicting both her verbal and written statements, which were contrived to keep her from being held responsible for the condition of her dog.

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An Ex Parte Petition for Animal Cruelty Hearing was held on January 10, 2012, to determine if the defendant was fit to have custody of the animal. The defendant failed to show for the custody hearing.

Based upon the above facts, written and verbal statements, I have reason to believe and do believe that Ynid Marie Fitzwilliams, aka Angel Marie Fitzwilliams, has failed to provide proper and reasonable care of her dog, resulting in needless suffering. These facts indicate that she has committed the offense of cruelty to animals, in violation of F.S.S. 828.12.1.

This offense was committed in Okaloosa County.

Signature (Arresting Officer) _____ SULLIVAN, PHILLIP J _____ 307
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 22 day of February A.D., 2012 by _____
who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires _____

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____ Supervisor Name (Please Print) _____ Rank _____

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist			
2/14/2012 10:33	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No			
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs			
	No	Within jurisdiction	No	No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
1940		LEWIS TURNER BLVD		FORT WALTON BEACH	FL	32548	
Arresting Officer	Unit		(GEO)	2 - 19 - -			Officer Type
307 SULLIVAN, PHILLIP J							OCSO/PART-TIME
Reporting Officer	Unit						Original Offense Jurisdiction
126 YANNA, LAURA L							OCSO/FSV/SPECOPS/SPECENFOR/ENVIRO OCSO

Forward to for approval
OCSO/FSV/SPECOPS/SPECENFOR/ENVIRO

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- () None
- () ROR
- () Cash
- () Pro

Bond Set by Judge (X) None () ROR/Sign
\$1,000.00 () Cash () PTR

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Return Court: COUNTY COURT: MISDEMEANC Date: 3/6/2012 Time: 13:00
Instructions: OKALOOSA COUNTY COURT HOUSE ANNEX EXT

[COURT INFORMATION]

Court Judge Date
Sent 2/8/2012
Rcvd COUNTY MANEY 2/8/2012
Court Case Number 11-13267

Assigned To:

[DISPOSITION]

Disposition Type Release Type Other Desc
Release Date Release Time Release Officer Printed Printed By
No
Released To

Court DispositionType Court Disposition Description

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

COURT DISPOSITION: _____

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No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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