

**AFFIDAVIT OF** [REDACTED]

State of Ohio  
County of Lucas

[REDACTED], personally appeared before me and took an oath that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is [REDACTED] I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, of sound mind, and competent to testify to the matters stated in this affidavit. I have never been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements contained in this affidavit and each statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
2. The Kelly Miller Circus performed at Friendship Park, in Point Place, Ohio, on Thursday, August 8, 2013. I was on circus premises from approximately 8:45 AM to approximately 9:15 AM.
3. Around 9:00 A.M., I observed elephant rides that were being provided on the premises of Kelly Miller. I observed an elephant who was being used to give rides standing with four children on his or her back. These children were approximately ages 4-7.
4. I started walking toward the elephant and the man who was apparently handling the elephant. I was not in the man's line of vision since his back was turned to me. The man was of stocky build, had dark hair, and was wearing a gray t-shirt with pink lettering that had the logo for Kelly Miller Circus on the back.
5. I observed and heard the man say, "move up Tracy" three times, after each the elephant did not respond. He repeated the "move up Tracy" one more time in a loud angry voice.
6. Suddenly, the man hit the elephant three times with the stick that he was carrying, which appeared to have a sharp hook on the end. The man hit the elephant hard, and I could hear a "whack" sound with each strike even though I was standing approximately 30 feet away. The man beat the elephant in the area near the elephant's right front armpit. After the man hit the elephant for the third time, the elephant emitted a high pitched sound that sounded like a scream and started to move forward.
7. The man noticed that I was watching him beat the elephant shortly after he hit the elephant for the third time. When he saw me, the man twirled the stick around in his hand and started to lean against it as if it was a cane. With the hook end being concealed with his hand.


8. My son [REDACTED], who is 13 years old, witnessed the beating. The beating occurred near other individuals, including the parents of the children who were riding the elephant. Their view may have been obstructed by the stands, but they all laughed when the elephant screamed. The employee of Kelly Miller who was administering the camel rides was also present.
9. For the rest of the time I was observing the elephant rides, which lasted approximately 10 minutes, the elephant who was beaten did not stop moving except to let off passengers and wait for new ones to climb on his or her back.
10. At the time I did take 3 photographs of the employee who beat the elephant on August 8, 2013, on the premises of the Kelly Miller Circus in Point Place, Ohio.



Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 10 day of August, 2013, by [REDACTED]

Personally Known      or Produced Identification ✓

[REDACTED]

  
(Signature of Notary)

ROBERT L. SOLT, IV  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission has no Expiration Date  
Section 147.03 ORC



(Name of Notary Typed, Stamped or Printed)  
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: None