

June 5, 2014

Elizabeth Goldentyer, D.V.M.
 Regional Director
 USDA/APHIS/AC Eastern Region

Re: Request for Investigation of Report of Apparently Illegal Elephant Exhibition
 by Harry 'Bones' Craig (License No. 58-C-0278)

Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) to follow up on our May 20 correspondence (complaint number E14-217) concerning an elephant named Judy who was apparently left unattended on a public beach in Pinellas County, Fla., on May 17, by exhibitor Harry "Bones" Craig (License No. 58-C-0278). A concerned citizen reported to PETA that on June 2, an elephant was being exhibited at the parking lot of George's restaurant in Coral Gables, Fla. Based on photographs obtained from George's Instagram, PETA believes that this elephant's handler is Craig and that the elephant is likely Judy (*see* Photo 1 and 3). The photographs reveal that children were allowed to approach the elephant and that the elephant was separated from restaurant patrons only by strips of yellow tape (*see* Photo 1 and 2), all in apparent violation of:

- 9 C.F.R. § 2.131 (c)(1): "During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public"
- 9 C.F.R. § 2.131 (d)(2): "A *responsible*, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact" (emphasis added)
- 9 C.F.R. § 2.127 (d), which only exempts traveling licensees from the perimeter fencing requirement if "appropriate alternative security measures are employed"

Standing in front of an elephant's powerful trunk—as two children did in Photo 1 and other members of the public likely did as well—is extremely dangerous. As detailed in a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission report, an elephant recently grabbed the iPhone and arm of a woman who was attempting to take a photo of him with his trunk and pulled her into the metal bars of his enclosure, causing a collapsed lung, liver and kidney lacerations, damage to her spleen (which had to be removed), broken ribs, a broken left wrist, and several large de-gloving wounds (*see* Attachment A). When they attack, elephants often grab their victims with their trunk first and then crush them with their feet (*see* Attachment B and C).

Please hold Craig accountable for any and all violations and ensure that Judy, who is apparently very thin, is being provided with sufficient and nutritious food as well as any veterinary care that she may require, in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 3.129(a) and § 2.40(b)(2).

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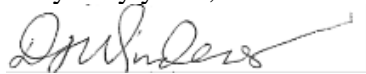
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please inform me of the complaint number that your agency assigns to this correspondence.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delcianna Winders", is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Delcianna Winders, Esq.

Deputy General Counsel, Captive Animal Law Enforcement