



Incident Summary Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
401 SHELL ISLAND RD
NAPLES FL 34112

Report Date / Time 2/11/2026 8:08:26 AM	Report Number ISR161761 (04)	Report Case/CAD Number FWC26ON0010495 / FWCS26IN0004505	Reporting Officer Rank / ID SENIOR INV / WN179	Reporting Officer Name CORTEGUERA, L.
Originating Agency ORI FL0268000	Reported to Agency Date 2/4/2026 10:20:00 AM	Occur Date Range 01/28/2026 20:00:00 - 02/03/2026 12:00:00	Jurisdiction Private Property	Status: Clearance:
Offense Description S60E WILDLIFE ESCAPE				

LOCATION(S)

County HENDRY	Location Type WILDLIFE FACILITY	Location Description BC US LLC					
Street Number 34200	Street DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD, IMMOKALEE,	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City IMMOKALEE	State FL	Zip Code 34142	Phone Number 239-651-8464	Ext.

INVESTIGATION

Was body camera used?	Yes
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Person: DEFENDANT - PERSON

First Name MARK	Middle Name MOSHE	Last Name BUSHMITZ	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 5'11"	Weight	Hair GRAY	Eyes BROWN
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Addresses									
• OTHER									

Person: EMPLOYEE - PERSON

First Name GEORGE	Middle Name	Last Name GUTIERREZ	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 5'08"	Weight	Hair GRAY	Eyes BROWN
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Addresses									

Person: EMPLOYEE - PERSON

First Name FABIAN	Middle Name RAFAEL	Last Name DUQUE GIRALDO	Suffix	Race H	Sex MALE	Height 5'08"	Weight	Hair BLACK	Eyes BROWN
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Person: EMPLOYEE - PERSON

First Name WENDELIN	Middle Name LEA	Last Name WAGNER	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height 5'11"	Weight	Hair BLONDE	Eyes GREEN
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Addresses • OTHER									

Business: INCIDENT LOCATION

Business Name BC US LLC	MBI # FWC26MBI000166	Phone Number 1	Ext 1	Phone Number 2	Ext 2	
County HENDRY	Street Number 34200	Address DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City IMMOKALEE	State FL	Zip Code 34142
Other Information						

Charge: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Counts 1	Charge 379.4015(2)(a)	Arrest Offense Code Description CONSERVATION-ANIMALS
Charge Degree SECOND DEGREE	Charge Level MISDEMEANOR	General Offense Code
Charge Description VIOLATION OF FLORIDA ADMINISISTRATIVE CODES PERTAINING TO WILDLIFE AS PERSONAL PETS - GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING POSSESSION OF CAPTIVE WILDLIFE [68A-6.009]		
UCR Code / UCR Description		
Administrative Code - Description 68A-6.009(1)(f) - NO PERSON SHALL MAINTAIN CAPTIVE WILDLIFE IN A MANNER WHICH RESULTS IN ANY ESCAPE OF WILDLIFE		

Narrative: PROBABLE CAUSE

Narrative Date/Time 2/11/2026 8:10:17 AM	Narrative Synopsis INCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT NARRATIVE		
Reporting Officer CORTEGUERA, L.	Officer Rank SENIOR INV	Officer ID No WN179	Officer Org/Unit FWCSISO REGION AICOLLIER

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Officer Signature <i>Lee M. Corteguera</i>	Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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On 2-2-26 at approximately 2045 hours I, Inv. L. Corteguera with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission received an email from Bioculture US Llc aka BC US Llc Veterinarian Dr. Wendeline Wagner reporting an escape of one class II Cynomolgus macaque monkey with ID # BC1778A. BC US is a biomedical research company that imports, breeds, holds, and quarantines Mauritian-organ Cynomolgus macaques. It operates a CDC-approved facility located at 34200 Doctors Hammock Road, Immokalee, FL 34142 in Hendry County. The facility's ESB license for the possession of class II monkeys expires on 7-20-26. The licensee and responsible party at the facility is Mark Moshe Bushmitz D.O.B. [REDACTED], which I identified through the D.A.V.I.D. system. Mr. Bushmitz is also the president of the company.

On 2-10-26 at approximately 1030 hours I responded to the BC US facility in Immokalee for an announced inspection/investigation. The licensee Mark Moshe Bushmitz resides out of country and was not available. The VP for BC US George Gutierrez and the facility Director Fabian Rafael Duque Giraldo accompanied me during the inspection. George Gutierrez stated that he did not want to be on video for safety reasons, so I turned my agency issued body worn camera to audio only for the remainder of the inspection/investigation. The facility's caging meets or exceeds our agency's requirements. I viewed records of acquisition for a shipment of 300 live Cynomolgus macaque monkeys which were imported from Mauritius and arrived at the BC US Immokalee facility on 1-28-26 and arrived divided into 80 wooden transport crates. The escaped monkey was inside of a crate with three additional monkeys. On the evening of 1-28-26 the monkeys were transferred into a 31 day quarantine section of the facility. Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Giraldo stated that there were approximately 12 to 15 employees tasked with the quarantine intake procedures. Part of the procedure is to physically look into every transport crate to ensure it is empty of monkeys prior to discarding the crates into a large red steel biomedical waste container. Mr. Gutierrez stated that their internal investigation did not produce a single individual responsible for the failure to unpack one live macaque monkey from its shipping crate and accidentally discarding the crate into the biomedical waste container. No one at the facility noticed that the monkey was missing or unaccounted for. On 1-30-26 Stericycle, which is a medical waste disposal service company picked up the red biomedical waste container from the BC US facility and transported it to their facility in the City of Miami. The monkey's existence became apparent on 2-2-26 when the red container's door was opened at Stericycle's facility and the monkey emerged and became loose inside of the facility. The monkey was captured the same day and returned to the BC US facility in Immokalee on 2-3-26. I was able to reach licensee Mark Moshe Bushmitz via his overseas ph# of [REDACTED]. Mr. Bushmitz stated that he is currently overseas and does not plan on returning to the U.S. for at least one month. Since Mark Moshe Bushmitz is the licensee and responsible party at BC US, I am direct filing a second degree misdemeanor charge for the escape. Below is the state statute and Florida Administrative Codes pertaining to the escape. End of my report narrative.

379.4015 Nonnative and captive wildlife penalties.—
(2) LEVEL TWO.—Unless otherwise provided by law, the following classifications and penalties apply:
(a) A person commits a Level Two violation if he or she violates any of the following provisions:
3. Rules or orders of the commission that require housing of wildlife in a safe manner when a violation results in an escape of wildlife other than Class I wildlife or venomous reptiles.

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(b) A person who commits any offense classified as a Level Two violation and who has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

68A-6.009 General Regulations Governing Possession of Captive Wildlife.

(1) No person shall maintain captive wildlife in a manner which results in any of the following:

(f) An escape of wildlife as specified in Rule 68A-6.018(7), F.A.C.

68A-6.018 Injuries and Escapes.

(7) Any person who maintains captive wildlife in a manner which results in escape of wildlife as specified in subsection (2) above due to such person maintaining captive wildlife in an unsafe condition or in a manner which results in a threat to public safety commits a violation of paragraph 68A-6.009(1)(f), F.A.C.

(2) Escapes

Any person in possession of wildlife which requires a license or permit issued under Sections 379.3761, 379.3762, or 379.372, F.S., or those facilities exempt from licensure pursuant to Section 379.3761(4), F.S., shall make reasonable efforts to ensure recapture and return of the escaped wildlife to containment. Such person shall contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement as required below:

(a) Any person in possession of Class I wildlife, Class II wildlife, or capuchin, spider, or woolly monkeys, shall report any escapes of such wildlife immediately upon discovery. For the purposes of this paragraph, "escape" shall mean escape from the primary enclosure or escape from transport enclosure, leash, other constraint, or rigid supervision and control while outside of the primary enclosure.

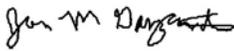
68A-6.002 Classes of Captive Wildlife.

(1) The Commission hereby establishes the following categories of wildlife including their taxonomic successors and subspecies thereof:

(b) Class II:

10. Macaques and Celebes black apes (*genus Macaca*)

Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 04)

Officer Name JON GARZANITI	Officer Rank LIEUTENANT	Officer ID No WM727	Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approval Date / Time 2/20/2026 11:40:59 AM	Officer Signature 		

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Description
Large red steel biomedical waste container



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Description
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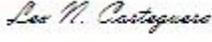


Sup #	Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
01	CORTEGUERA, L. SENIOR INV WN179	INVESTIGATOR / REPORTING OFFICER	FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FWCSISO REGION A\COLLIER
04	JON GARZANITI LIEUTENANT WM727	APPROVING SUPERVISOR	FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FWCSISO REGION A\PALM BEACH

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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement04)

Officer Name CORTEGUERA, L.	Office Rank SENIOR INV	Officer ID No WN179	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Officer Signature 		

RESOURCE CITATION



NUMBER

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COUNTY OF HENDRY (26)		AGENCY FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION			LATITUDE N 26 15.7674	AGENCY CASE NO FWC26ON0010495
CITY OF (IF APPLICABLE) UNINCORPORATED ()					LONGITUDE W 81 12.3880	COURT CASE NUMBER
DAY OF WEEK TUESDAY	MONTH FEBRUARY	DAY 17	YEAR 2026	TIME OF DAY 12:58	<input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 34200 DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD, IMMOKALEE, FL 34142					LOCATION DESCRIPTION BUSINESS	

PERSON(S)

DEFENDANT	NAME (FIRST) MARK	NAME (MIDDLE) MOSHE	NAME (LAST) BUSHMITZ	DATE OF BIRTH & AGE	JUV NO	R W	S M	HGT 511	WGT	HAIR GRY	EYES BRO
	SCARS/MARKS/TATTOOS OVERSEAS CELL PH#		PLACE OF BIRTH	ID NUMBER	STATE FL	TYPE OF I.D. E		ID EXPIRES			
	SPL #		ENDORSEMENTS								
	STREET			CITY	STATE FL	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NUMBER				
	DATE OF ARREST 02/17/2026 01:33 PM			LOCATION OF ARREST 34200 DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD, IMMOKALEE, FL 34142							

BUSINESS(ES)

NAME BC US LLC	STREET 34200 DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD,		CITY UNINCORPORATED	STATE FL	ZIP CODE 34142
TELEPHONE NUMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER				

CHARGE(S)

IN VIOLATION OF A ADMINISTRATIVE CODE	VIOLATION 379.4015(2)(a)	VIOLATION LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
VIOLATION DESCRIPTION VIOLATION OF FLORIDA ADMINISISTRATIVE CODES PERTAINING TO WILDLIFE AS PERSONAL PETS - GENERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING POSSESSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 68A-6.009(1)(f) NO PERSON SHALL MAINTAIN CAPTIVE WILDLIFE IN A MANNER WHICH RESULTS IN ANY ESCAPE OF WILDLIFE		OTHER DESCRIPTION ESCAPE OF ONE CLASS II MACAQUE MONKEY

NARRATIVE(S)

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the named Defendant, Mark Moshe Bushmitz, during the period of time between Wednesday, the 28 day of January, 2026 and Tuesday, the 03 day of February, 2026, committed the above listed violation(s), of law.

NARRATIVE DATE 02/17/2026	NARRATIVE TIME 12:58 PM	NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (IF SUPPLEMENTAL) The following violation of law was committed:
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On 1-28-26 a live macaque monkey was discarded into a biomedical waste container at BC US Llc located at 34200 Doctors Hammock Road, Immokalee, FL 34142. On 2-2-26 the monkey became loose when the container was opened at a biomedical waste disposal service company in Miami, Florida. The monkey was captured the same day and returned to the BC US facility in Immokalee on 2-3-26. The BC US facility is licensed for the monkey. The president of the company who is also the licensee and responsible party for the facility is Mark Moshe Bushmitz D.O.B. 10-23-53 who I identified through the D.A.V.I.D. system. Mr. Bushmitz is out of country so I am direct filing a second degree misdemeanor charge for the escape.

OFFICER NAME CORTEGUERA, L.	OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>Leo N. Corteguera</i>
ID NO WN179	RANK SENIOR INV
ORGANIZATION / UNIT FWCSISO REGION AICOLLIER	

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____.

DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: You are required to appear in court. The following information contains the date and time you must appear.		
COURT NAME HENDRY COUNTY COURT	COURT DATE/TIME	COURT PHONE (863) 675-5217
COURT LOCATION 25 E. HICKPOOCHEE AVE, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935		
Officer Notes/Instructions to Defendant:		

I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED ABOVE TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I WILLFULLY FAIL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR, THAT I MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST SHALL BE ISSUED. IN ADDITION TO ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE COURT, THE ABOVE VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINES, LICENSE SUSPENSION, OR LICENSE REVOCATION. LICENSE SUSPENSIONS/REVOCATIONS MAY BE RECOGNIZED BY OTHER STATES.

SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

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COURT APPEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS

If you desire to plead NOT GUILTY to the charge, your personal appearance in court is required as indicated on the face of this note. Posting of bail does not relieve you of the requirement of appearance and in the event of nonappearance the court may both forfeit the bail and issue a warrant for your arrest.

If you desire to plead GUILTY or NOLO CONTENDERE (no contest) you need not appear in court as indicated on the face of this notice; however, you may present this notice at:

Location: HENDRY COUNTY COURT , 25 E. HICKPOOCHEE AVE , LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935

Any time from: _____ to _____
DATE HOUR DATE HOUR

And pay a fine of \$_____ in [] Cash [] Money Order [] Certified Check [] Personal Check [] Other

NAME ADDRESS

THE WAIVER BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED. READ CAREFULLY

Your failure to answer this summons in the manner prescribed will result in a warrant being issued on a separate and additional charge.

APPEARANCE, PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE AND WAIVER

Date:

In consideration of my not appearing in court, I the undersigned, do hereby enter my appearance on the Affidavit for the offense charge on the other side of this notice and WAIVE the reading of the Affidavit in the above named cause and the right to be present at the trial of said action. I hereby enter a plea of :-

[] Guilty (Check Appropriate Plea)
[] Nolo Contendere

and waive the right to prosecute, appeal or error proceedings. I understand the nature of the charge against me; I understand my right to have counsel and I WAIVE this right and the right to a continuance. I WAIVE my right to trial before a judge or jury. I plead:-

[] Guilty (Check Appropriate Plea)
[] Nolo Contendere

to the charge being fully aware that my signature to this plea will have the same effect as a judgment of this court.

\$_____
Total Fine and Costs Defendant's Signature

Address







Permit to Possess 26 or More Class I and/or Class II Animals for Commercial Use (ESB)



Florida Fish Wildlife Conservation Commission
PO BOX 6150, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6150
850-488-6253

For LE Use Only

CustomerID:	1005641693	Permit #	Effective Date:	Expiration Date:
		890-000137	06/27/2025	07/20/2026

Authorized Persons / Locations

Permittee: BC US LLC
Responsible Party: Mark Bushnitz
Facility Address: 34200B DOCTORS HAMMOCK RD
 IMMOKALEE FL, 34142 - 8703

Authorized Wildlife

Class II - Cercopithecidae

Permit Conditions

ESA/B #1 Wildlife maintained under this permit at this facility shall be subject to inspection by Commission personnel, pursuant to Section 379.304, F.S., and Rule 68A-4.006, F.A.C.

ESA/B #2 This permit does not authorize the importation of nonnative wildlife. A separate importation permit must be acquired for importation of any nonnative wildlife into Florida.

ESA/B #3 This permit does not authorize the possession of species listed in Chapter 68-5, F.A.C., as Conditional or Prohibited.

ESA/B #4 Permittee shall comply with the standard caging requirements for all wildlife authorized and housed under this permit, pursuant to Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., unless otherwise authorized or regulated by other rules of the Commission.

ESA/B #5 Permittee shall comply with facility requirements for all wildlife authorized and housed under this permit, pursuant to Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C.

ESA/B #6 Permittee shall comply with record keeping requirements as specified in Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., for wildlife authorized or possessed under this permit.

ESA/B #7 Permittees in possession of Class I wildlife shall demonstrate consistent and sustained commercial activity, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.005, F.A.C.

ESA/B #8 Permittees shall report required escapes of wildlife, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.018, F.A.C.

ESA/B #9 Permittees shall report required injuries from wildlife, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.018, F.A.C.

ESA/B #10 Permittee shall comply with transportation requirements for all wildlife authorized under this permit when away from permitted facility, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.014, F.A.C.

ESA/B #11 Wildlife used for public contact shall be exhibited in a manner that prevents injury to the public and the wildlife, pursuant to Rule 68A-6.016, F.A.C.

ESA/B #12 Any species requiring a permit for possession shall only be transported in the state of Florida by an individual permitted for possession of the wildlife being transported. Such permit shall be in possession of the individual(s) engaging in activity authorized by this permit and shall be available upon request by Commission personnel.

ESA/B #13 Any employee in possession of wildlife away from permitted facility shall comply with experience requirements for such wildlife, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004, F.A.C.

ESA/B #14 This permit does not authorize the possession, sale, or breeding of native species listed in Chapter 68A-27, F.A.C., as Florida Threatened or Endangered. Any such species included in the application's inventory are not covered under this permit.

Explanation of Rights: A person whose substantial interests are affected by FWC's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under section 120.569 and 120.57 of Florida Statutes. A person seeking a hearing on FWC's action shall file a petition for hearing with the agency within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision. The petition must contain the required information and otherwise comply with section 120.569, Florida Statutes, and the uniform rules of the Florida Division of Administration, 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. If the FWC receives a petition, FWC will notify the permittee. The Explanation of Rights packet (found at <https://myfwc.com/media/0bsm1utn/explanationelectionpetitionofrights.pdf>) provides additional information as to the rights of parties whose substantial interests are or may be affected by this action.



Report of Escape 890-000137 BCUS

From Wendy Wagner [REDACTED]
Date Mon 2/2/2026 8:45 PM
To Corteguera, Lex [REDACTED]
Cc Moshe Bushmitz [REDACTED]; Robert Bobrowski [REDACTED]; Lois Zitzow [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Good Evening Inspector Corteguera!

Today I report the escape of one cynomolgus macaque-BC1778A.

This animal was a CDC quarantine animal and the CDC has been notified.

The animal is being held at a secure location with their own FWC permit for macaques, it is no longer loose.

I did not receive information that any members of the public were injured, but I do not know that for sure.

I am no longer at BCUS, so the following people can give you further details-

Rob Bobrowski: [REDACTED]
Dr Lois Zitzow: [REDACTED]

Copied on this message is Dr Moshe Bushmitz, he is our license holder (890-000137) but is out of the country

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Wendeline Wagner, DVM
Sent from my iPhone