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SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I, Jameson October, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:-

1.

I am an adult male employed as an Inspector by the Swartland and West Coast Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("SPCA") at Swartland SPCA in Darling on the Yzerfontein Road with contact telephone number/s 022 492 2781 or 082 959 4879.

2.

The facts contained in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless indicated otherwise or unless it appears so from the context. The facts are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3.

On Tuesday, 11 February 2024, Mr. Michael Poznanovich came to our office in Darling and reported an alleged case of bestiality that took place on the farm Wolwefontein, located on the R315 in Darling.

Myself and my manager, Inspector Van Zyl, met with Mr. Poznanovich to obtain further details regarding the matter.

Mr. Poznanovich stated that on Monday, 20 January 2025, he had a worker, Mr. Lucien Figeland, at his residence on the farm, where Mr. Figeland was engaged in painting his house.

Mr. Poznanovich mentioned that the farm owner and his landlord, Mrs. Sanja Steyn, owned two very tame hens. These hens were accustomed to human interaction and often entered his house, where he occasionally fed them Niknaks as a treat.

Mr. Poznanovich stated that on Tuesday, 21 January 2025, while inspecting Mr. Figeland's painting work, he observed Mr. Figeland lying on the grass with an unusual expression on his

face. Upon closer inspection, he saw that Mr. Figeland's finger went in and out of the hen. He further noticed that Mr. Figeland had an erection.

Mr. Poznanovich reported that the incident caused him severe distress, and he suffered a mild heart attack that night.

On Thursday, 23 January 2025, Mr. Poznanovich left his residence for an errand. Upon his return, Mr. Figeland informed him that something was wrong with one of the hens. Mr. Poznanovich proceeded to check on the hen and found it lying face down in the sand, struggling to breathe. He then took the injured hen to his landlady, Mrs. Sanja Steyn. When he handed the hen to his landlady, he then noticed that his own t-shirt became covered in blood and semen.

The hen was severely injured, completely disemboweled, and succumbed to its injuries a few minutes later in Mrs. Steyn's arms.

Based on what he witnessed on 21 January 2025 and the condition of the hen on 23 January 2025, Mr. Poznanovich stated to us that he strongly believed that Mr. Figeland had sexually assaulted the hen, leading to its fatal injuries. The fact that there is a witness that is prepared to testify regarding the penetration of the hen is deemed as an offence as per the details below.

I submit this affidavit in support of formal charges of **Bestiality** against **Mr. Lucien Figeland. Bestiality is an offence in terms of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act No 32 of 2007.**

Part 4 - Bestiality -

13. A person ("A") who unlawfully and intentionally commits an act-

(a) which causes penetration to any extent whatsoever by the genital organs of-

(i) A into or beyond the mouth, genital organs or anus of an animal; or

(ii) an animal into or beyond the mouth, genital organs or anus of A; or

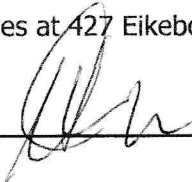
(b) of masturbation of an animal, unless such act is committed for scientific reasons or breeding purposes, or of masturbation with an animal, is guilty of the offence of bestiality.

and

Charges of Animal Cruelty in terms of Sections 2(1)(a) of the Animals Protection Act no 71 of 1962 for sexual abuse of the hen on Wolwefontein farm.

7.

Lucien Figeland resides at 427 Eikeboom Laan Darling East



DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Vredenburg SAPS on this 18 day of February 2025, the regulations contained contained in Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.




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