

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

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Gender:	Female
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I Najwa Adams state under oath and in English that:

1.

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.

2.

About three (3) to four (4) months ago I was given the contact details of a Mr Arlove Illunga with cell phone number 081 470 2362 by an old colleague who told me that her cousin knows a veterinarian who administers vaccinations to his cousin's dogs and that he does house visits. The reason I was looking for a veterinarian is because I wanted my male cat neutered (sterilised).

3.

In May 2023 I contacted Mr Arlove Illunga on cell phone 081 470 2362 via WhatsApp to arrange with him to assist with the neuter of my cat. He informed me that he is a veterinarian and does sterilisation of animals. He informed me that he would come to my house because I explained to him that my cat has Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and I don't want to cause unnecessary stress by carting him around. He said he will come to the house.

4.

On 12 July 2023, Mr Arlove Illunga came to my house to perform the surgery of neutering my cat. He asked for a towel, laid it on my dining table, and took out syringes and items from what looked like a black material shopping bag. He proceeded to inject my cat in his hind leg with what he said was an anaesthetic. My cat was asleep in less than 5 minutes. He asked me to put my cat on the towel. Howard's eyes were wide open but he appeared to be asleep. He asked me for a hair clipping machine because he's one worked with electricity, and it was load-shedding at the time. I then gave him my son's brand-new battery-operated hair clipping machine. He plucked at my cat's scrotum to get the hair off. He then took a blade and started cutting at my cat's scrotum. He cut numerous times and my cat's legs were flinching the whole time. I told him repeatedly that my cat can feel it and he continued and said it was okay. I told him that it is not okay as the cat can feel it. It seemed like he was struggling to get the testicle out and I became even more concerned about my cat. He moved on to the second testicle and struggles to cut it. He cut the testicle at least 4 times to get it. The second testicle he pushed and forced as well. As with the first testicle he removed, he proceeds to split the "what looks like skin" and tied it in knots. I also raised with him the concern that he was working without surgical gloves. He performed the entire procedure bare-handed. When he was done, he cleaned up the wound area with a pink solution. I asked him about aftercare and what I should do. He said my cat will be fine after a day. He gave me pain medication of which I had to give it to my cat at 6 am the next day (0.1 amount in a syringe). He agreed that I could pay him off an amount of R500 for the sterilization, R300 for the medication and R350 to test my other cat for FeLV.

I Najwa Adams further state under oath in English that:

4.1.

About two and a half (2.5) to three (3) hours after Mr Arlove Illunga left, my cat started to bleed continuously. I messaged him and showed him a photo of my cat bleeding. My son took a video of the bleeding as well and sent it to him. All he said was that I should stop the "leaking" and I should stop the "leaking" by pressing. I then informed him that the bleeding is not stopping. He then gave a number and address of Belmont Road Veterinary Clinic and said I should take my cat there. In a total panic, we rushed my cat to Belmont Road Veterinary Clinic after 22:00 the same evening. Dr. Pardon assisted us and kept my cat overnight to stabilize him. Whilst at Belmont Road Veterinary Clinic my cat was lying on the table and blood started squirting out of his scrotum area. Dr. Pardon requested that I fetch my cat the next morning and take him to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) as I was not in a position to afford private veterinary services.

5.

On 13 July 2023, I went back to Belmont Road Veterinary Clinic to fetch my cat. I then took my cat to the PDSA in Tarentaal Road in Bridgetown. Dr Van Wyk at the PDSA assisted my cat and admitted him into their hospital. Further treatment was given to my cat, and he was finally discharged on 15 July 2023. I gave the PDSA permission to involve the SPCA and share my cats records and my information with the SPCA in order for them to conduct an investigation as I believe what transpired is animal cruelty.

6.

On 19 July 2023, I was contacted by Chief Inspector Jaco Pieterse of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. He was assigned to the case to conduct an investigation. I was requested by him to compile a sworn statement of exactly what transpired. I was also asked to identify Mr Arlove Illunga from a photograph provided to me by Chief Inspector Pieterse, which I duly did and the "Identification Sheet" is hereto attached and signed by me.

7.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

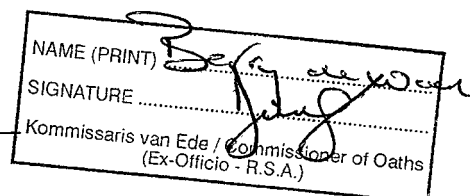
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Cape Town on this the 20th day of July 2023, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS



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