

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:
Street: 16B KOAN RD
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Date: 2024-01-24
Time: 16:01
Inspector: NICOLE VENTER

Type: DOCKET DISCUSSION

Follow-Up Date: 2024-01-25

Comments: Must discuss with Jaco and send email opposing the decision and requesting detailed explanation of why evidence is being considered as insufficient. Mention 5 elements of a crime and resubmit evidence to state. Request different Prosecutor looks at the case and mention the suspected relationships brought to light. Discuss with jaco prior to responding.

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From: Sive Danielle <DSive@justice.gov.za>
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 15:20
To: Nicole Venter - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <insp8@spca-ct.co.za>
Cc: Jaco Pieterse - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspmanager@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: RE: Request for assistance with CAS 27/11/2023 - COGH SPCA

Good Afternoon Ms Venter

The state declined to institute criminal prosecution in the instance.

The Senior Public Prosecutor considered the witness statements in conjunction with the photographs in the docket and the warning statement of the accused and was of the view that there was insufficient evidence to prove a case of animal cruelty beyond reasonable doubt.

He was of the view that the version of the Accused was reasonably possibly true and that we would not be able to refute his version in trial proceedings. Furthermore, when considering the photographs of the animals in the docket, there did not seem to be any injury to the animals.

We trust this answers the queries.

Kind Regards