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Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife
LAW Incident Table:

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Incident
Incident Number 21FW01578 Nature Fish & Game
Case Number Image
Address ✓ BRUSHWOOD RD & LAKE MOREY RD
City Fairlee State VT ZIP 05045
Area 0906 FAIRLEE Contact 950 Whipple

Complainant
Numbr
Last Fst Mid
DOB SSN Adr
Race Sx Tel Cty ST ZIP

Details
Offense/Statute 8201
Reported FGO Observed 8201

Circumstances
Rspndg Officers Whipple, J
Rspnsbl Officer Whipple, J Agency FG CAD Call ID 7008278
Received By Corliss, Shania Last RadLog 19:33:56 04/05/21 CMPLT
How Received O Officer Report Clearance CI Cleared Investigator
When Reported 17:38:07 04/04/21 Disposition COM Disp Date 04/04/21
Occurrd between 17:37:53 04/04/21 Judicial Sts
and 17:37:53 04/04/21 Supervisor
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Narrative
Narrative (See below)
Supplement

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INVOLVEMENTS:					
Type	Record #	Date	Description		Relationship
NM	653100	04/04/21	[REDACTED]		Victim
NM	683027	04/04/21	[REDACTED]		POI
CA	7008278	04/04/21	17:38 04/04/21 Fish & Game		*Initiating Call

LAW Incident Offenses Detail:

Seq Code	Offense and Statute Codes	Amou
t	Statute Code	
1	8201 Bear Violations	
	0.00	

LAW Incident Responders Detail
Responding Officers

Seq	Name	Unit
1	Whipple, J	950

Main Radio Log Table:

Time/Date	Typ	Unit	Code	Zone	Agnc	Description
19:33:56	04/	1 950	CMPLT	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 Completed cal
19:33:21	04/	1 950	CMPLT	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 Reassigned to
15:41:54	04/	1 950	ASSGN	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 CFU NNTC call
15:41:45	04/	1 950	ASSGN	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 Assigned to a
15:41:33	04/	1		FGB2	FG	Call type 1 reopened and assig
19:48:17	04/	1 950	CMPLT	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 Completed cal
18:38:18	04/	1 950	8	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 subject was n
18:30:32	04/	1 950	7	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 502 kidderhoo
17:38:47	04/	1 950	ARRVD	FGB2	FG	incid#=21FW01578 Arrived on sc

Narrative:

VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE NARRATIVE

INCIDENT: 21FW01578

DATE: 4-4-21

On 4-4-21 at approximately 1700 I was called by Dispatch to advise of an incident that took place on Brushwood road earlier in the day. I called the complainant, ██████████ (DOB: ██████████), who told me at approximately 1000 she was riding her mountain bike on the Class 4 section of Brushwood road. Ms. ██████████ told me she was accompanied by her dog, Spider. Ms. ██████████ said Spider was running alongside of her as they were heading East on Brushwood toward Lake Morey. Ms. ██████████ could hear dogs barking in the distance from the South West of her location. Ms. ██████████ didn't think anything of it and continued heading east. Approximately 30 minutes had passed when Ms. ██████████ looked back and saw a hound dog running toward her. Ms. ██████████ was unsure what the dog was going to do, it was then joined by a second and third dog. Ms. ██████████ said at that point she knew the dogs were coming after her and Spider. Ms. ██████████ attempted to get away. The three hound dogs jumped on Spider and attacked him. Ms. ██████████ attempted to get the hound dogs off of Spider, but was not able too. Ms. ██████████ told me the only thing she could do was try to get away. Ms. ██████████ told me Spider is trained to stay at her side, so she pedaled her bike as fast as she could. Spider broke free from the hounds and caught up to her. Ms. ██████████ told me every time she would slow down briefly the hound dogs would jump on Spider and attack him. Ms. ██████████ advised this kept happening for approximately 2 miles. Ms. ██████████ said the hounds attacked Spider over 10 times. Ms. ██████████ is a Veterinarian and has been so for 22 years. Ms. ██████████ told me it was her professional opinion that the hound dogs were trying to kill Spider. Ms. ██████████ told me she thought Spider was going to die. Ms. ██████████ made it the Culver Outdoor Center located at the North end of Lake Morey. Ms. ██████████ jumped off her bike, she and Spider ran up onto the porch of an unoccupied cabin. Ms. ██████████ could see that Spider was injured and was bleeding. Ms. ██████████ spent the next approximately 15 minutes yelling for help and trying to keep the hound dogs from coming up onto the porch. Ms. ██████████ said she then noticed that there were 4 hound dogs all wearing GPS radio collars.

Ms. ██████████ said she then saw a truck heading toward her, Ms. ██████████ yelled and waived her arms. The truck pulled into the drive and a male subject got out. The male subject grabbed one of the dogs. Ms. ██████████ said the truck had a dog box in the back and she realized the male subject was the owner of the hound dogs. Ms. ██████████ was yelling at the male subject, stating that his dogs tried to kill her dog. Ms. ██████████ said the male subject loaded the dogs into the dog box. Ms. ██████████ said the male subject would not tell her his name. Ms. ██████████ later said that she was very upset and was yelling at an elevated tone and possibly using profanities. The male subject then left with all 4 dogs. Ms. ██████████ then went immediately home.

Ms. ██████████ keeps a medical kit and some emergency medical supplies at her home. Ms. ██████████ examined Spider and because of her profession she was able to treat his wounds at home. Ms. ██████████ treated three deep puncture wounds and a few other abrasions on Spider. Ms. ██████████ advised that if Spider would have been treated at the clinic it would have cost approximately \$500.

Ms. ██████████ provided her story in a sworn written statement.

I had a vehicle description and I began looking for the male subject and his hound dogs. I made some calls and quickly learned the male subject I was looking for was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]). I then drove to Mr. [REDACTED] residence. As soon as I pulled in I could see several hound dogs in pens in the yard. I observed the dogs, all looked to be in good shape and fit. The dogs appeared to be treeing walkers or a variation of a large hunting hound. I knocked on the door and was greeted by a female subject. The female subject told me Mr. [REDACTED] was not home, but she provided me with his cell phone number. I left the residence and called Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] answered and told me he was expecting a call from a Game Warden. Mr. [REDACTED] told me his story over the phone. I advised Mr. [REDACTED] that I needed to meet with him in person. Mr. [REDACTED] and I set up a meeting time and place.

On 4-5-21 I met with Mr. [REDACTED] and conducted an interview. Mr. [REDACTED] told me he was coyote hunting with his daughter. Mr. [REDACTED] told me he was running his dogs, which are trained for coyote hunting. Mr. [REDACTED] told me he started his dogs on a coyote on King Hill road at approximately 0715 that morning. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that each dog is fitted with a GPS collar so he can see where his dogs are at all times. Mr. [REDACTED] watched his dogs working their way toward Brushwood road. Mr. [REDACTED] said the dogs separated and he drove to the location of where one of the dogs had split from the group. Mr. [REDACTED] told me he called for the dog to attempt to retrieve it. Mr. [REDACTED] then saw on his GPS that two of his dogs were on Brushwood road heading toward lake Morey. Mr. [REDACTED] started toward Lake Morey. Mr. [REDACTED] said when he got to the Outdoor Center, he saw one of his dogs in the road. Mr. [REDACTED] pulled in and could see three of his dogs in the yard. Mr. [REDACTED] could see Ms. [REDACTED] on the porch with her dog. Mr. [REDACTED] caught his four dogs and loaded them into the dog box. Mr. [REDACTED] told me he attempted to talk to Ms. [REDACTED] but she was yelling at him and said "I'm calling the cops!" Mr. [REDACTED] told me he did not want to escalate the situation any more so he left. Mr. [REDACTED] told me that he was sorry for the incident and was willing to pay for any vet bills. Mr. [REDACTED] provided his story in a sworn written statement.

I asked for Mr. [REDACTED] hunting license, which he provided a valid 2021 resident combo license Conservation ID [REDACTED]

On 4-4-21 the season for hunting coyotes with hound dogs was open. I have since followed up with Ms. [REDACTED] to check on Spider's condition, which he has recovered from his injuries.

J. Whipple
Game Warden
4-4-21