

Initial Call Information - [Fish + Wildlife Complaint] 10/04/23 15:50 : Castleton University #Castleton Hall, Castleton, VT

Incident Number: 23FW005371
Call Time: 2023-10-04 15:50:13 -0400
Call Type: Fish + Wildlife Complaint
Primary Ofc.: 943: Daversa, Louis
Owner.: Disp 66951: Moulton, Laura

Call Type Fish + Wildlife Complaint
Call Priority Just Occurred
Call Origin
Date & Time of Call 10/04/2023 15:50
Location of Call Castleton University #Castleton Hall, Castleton, VT, 05735

Area 1103 - CASTLETON
Team
Incident Number 23FW005371
 Roll Call
 Cancelled By Owner: Disp 66951: Moulton, Laura
Incident Codes None
Common Call Type F&W

Drugs Involved No Drug/Alcohol Involved
 Opiate blocker
 Mental Health
 DOMV
 Cargo theft
Alarm Number
Incident flags TDA - Trapped Domestic Animal

Witness List

Person Type Owner
 Name [Redacted] **DOB** [Redacted] **Primary Phone** [Redacted]
Bus. **Address** [Redacted]

Person Type Witness
 Name [Redacted] **DOB** [Redacted] **Primary Phone** [Redacted]
Bus. **Address** [Redacted]

Person Type Complainant
 Name [Redacted] **DOB** [Redacted] **Primary Phone** [Redacted]
Bus. **Address** [Redacted]

Responding Officers

Officer name	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispatched	Enroute	OnScene	Cleared	Secondary Loc.
960: Turner, Justin	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/04/23 15:51:41	10/04/23 15:51:44	10/04/23 16:36:23	10/04/23 18:05:12	
943: Daversa, Louis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/04/23 15:55:54	10/04/23 15:56:01	10/04/23 16:36:25	10/04/23 18:05:19	

Dispatch Narratives

m1141 looking for a game warden to assist [REDACTED] at CU, [REDACTED] is behind the gym with his dog, the dog is stuck in a bear trap and they are unable to release the dog. [REDACTED] is call back number

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Occurred From 10/04/2023 15:50 **Occurred To** 10/04/2023 15:50 **Invest./Primary Officer** 943: Daversa, Louis

Attachment Image/Photo **Description** beliee 330 conibears **Uploaded at** 10/05/2023 10:06 **Employee name** 960: Turner, Justin

[Img 0172.jpeg](#)
Confidential

Attachment Image/Photo **Description** trap tag **Uploaded at** 10/05/2023 10:08 **Employee name** 960: Turner, Justin

[Img 0173.jpeg](#)
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Attachment Image/Photo **Description** beaver damage at dam **Uploaded at** 10/05/2023 21:12 **Employee name** 960: Turner, Justin

[Img 0178.jpeg](#)
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Attachment Image/Photo **Description** sand bags at dam **Uploaded at** 10/05/2023 21:13 **Employee name** 960: Turner, Justin

[Img 0177.jpeg](#)
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Attachment Image/Photo **Description** submerged/flooded vegetatio **Uploaded at** 10/05/2023 21:14 **Employee name** 960: Turner, Justin

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- TRO/FRO**
Exists
- Alcohol**
Involved
- 911 Call**
Exists
- Medical**
Release
- Audio**
Recordings
- DCF**
Notified
- Crisis**
Svc
Involved
- Swabbings**
- SIU**
Contacted
- SVU Contact**
- Video**
Recordings
- Photos**
Taken
- Prints**
Lifted
- Diagrams**
- Clothing**
Evidence
- K9**
- Miranda**
Warning
- Other**
Evidence
- Crime**
Scene
Processed
- Lpr**
Used

Evid. Search Conducted **Physical Evidence**

Media/Press Summary

Secondary call type

<i>Violation</i>			<i>Offense Cat</i>	<i>Offense SubCat</i>	<i>NIBRS Vio Type</i>	<i>Counts</i>	<i>#Premises</i>
			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Comm/Att</i>	<i>IBR Scene/Loc Typ</i>	<i>IBR Crim Act Typ</i>	<i>IBR Gang Affil</i>	<i>IBR Agg.Aslt/Hom.</i>	<i>IBR Weapon Type</i>	<i>NIBRS Override</i>	
<i>Point Of Entry</i>	<i>Force/No Force</i>	<i>Point of Exit</i>	<i>Campus Code</i>	<i>Justifiable Homicide</i>	<i>Significant Event</i>		

Narrative

On October 4, 2023, at approximately 1545 hours, I was advised by an employee at [REDACTED] that there had been an incident involving a domestic dog and a beaver trap behind their shop at a nearby pond. The employee advised that the dog had been caught in the beaver trap and had broken its leg.

I then responded to [REDACTED] with Senior Warden Turner. Upon arrival, we spoke with [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]) and advised that he helped get the dog out of the trap. I asked [REDACTED] where the trap was, and he advised that it was on [REDACTED] shop floor. He advised that there was no tag on the trap or anything, I then took the trap as evidence. The trap was a Belisle #330 body gripping trap. While placing the trap in my patrol truck I quickly noticed the trap did in fact have a metal stamped tag. The tag was permanently stamped with the name "[REDACTED]", along with his address. Senior Warden Turner advised that he knew [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]), and that he was a nuisance trapper that he often dealt with. Senior Warden Turner also advised that [REDACTED] had notified him that he would be doing some nuisance beaver trapping in the Castleton area recently. I then asked [REDACTED] to tell me what had happened.

[REDACTED] advised that earlier in the day he received a call from [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]) stating that there was a trap stuck on her dog's leg, and she needed help. [REDACTED] traveled to the location of the incident and helped [REDACTED] get the trap off the dog's leg, which he stated was a German Shepard. [REDACTED] then immediately left and traveled to an emergency vet. I then asked [REDACTED] who owned the land where this occurred, and he stated "[REDACTED] property. I then asked [REDACTED] to show me exactly where the trap was set.

We walked a foot path back behind [REDACTED] south, until we reached a small pond with a man-made cement dam, that ran into a small brook flowing north. On the opposite side of the pond from our location, were recreational sporting fields for Castleton University. I used OnX property mapping software and determined that we were in fact on Castleton University's property. [REDACTED] showed me the location of the trap, which was right next to the man-made dam. [REDACTED] stated that when he arrived to help [REDACTED] he had to pull the stake from the trap out of the water and then held the dog down and got the trap off. [REDACTED] then returned to [REDACTED] while Senior Warden Turner and I continued to investigate the scene. I then received a text message from Officer Szarejko with the Castleton Police Department, advising me to reach out to Castleton University's Public Safety because they had given someone permission to be trapping there. It should be noted that there were several signs of beaver damage that were immediately noticed at this location. This would include tree limbs and branches piled below the dam, submerged vegetation, and sandbags that the University had placed around the edge of the dam to prevent the flooding of their sporting fields.

Senior Warden Turner then contacted [REDACTED] over the phone. Senior Warden Turner asked [REDACTED] to tell him about the situation and the location of his traps. [REDACTED] advised that the university had reached out to him to do some nuisance beaver trapping due to problems they were having on this pond. Senior Warden Turner asked the location of [REDACTED]'s traps, and he stated there was one on near the dam, and one other approximately 30 yards south on the ponds edge. [REDACTED] also stated how he was trapping on this side of the pond to mitigate human conflict and was also trapping during the university's mental health break for this same reason. Senior Warden Turner asked [REDACTED] if he had been checking his traps every 3 days as required, and he stated he had only set the traps out the day before in that location, that he had recently moved them. [REDACTED] stated that he was requested to do this trapping by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for a fee. Senior Warden Turner then advised [REDACTED] of the situation that had occurred, in which he was very upset. Senior Warden Turner and I then located the other trap, which was another Belisle #330 body gripping trap, it was staked into the ground under the water, with the trap set under water.

Senior Warden Turner and I then traveled to Castleton University's Public Safety Office to speak with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. When we arrived neither were present, but we spoke with their front desk and the gentleman there put us in contact with [REDACTED] over the phone. I spoke to [REDACTED] and confirmed that he and [REDACTED] had requested [REDACTED] to trap beavers to stop the damage they were suffering from at that location. I then asked if [REDACTED] would like us to remove the second trap for the time being and he confirmed that he would like us to do that. The gentleman at the front desk advised us that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED].

Senior Warden Turner and I then traveled back to the pond and removed the second trap. We confirmed that [REDACTED] had a valid trapping license with Vermont's Point of Sales System (POS), in which he had purchased online on January 29, 2023, at 1218 hours. I also confirmed with Senior Warden Turner that [REDACTED] had completed his trappers survey the year prior, in which he had.

Senior Warden Turner later spoke to [REDACTED] again and discovered that [REDACTED] was supposed to be paid per beaver that he trapped. [REDACTED] stated that he had already trapped three beavers from the pond with traps set in different locations. [REDACTED] also stated that when the incident occurred, he told Castleton University to not worry about it, and that he did not want to be paid anymore.

On October 6, 2023, at approximately 1350 hours, [REDACTED] reached out to me over the phone and left a voicemail informing me that it was her dog "[REDACTED]" that got caught in the trap and that she wanted more details about the incident.

I reached out to [REDACTED] on October 9, at approximately 1239 hours, and left her a voicemail informing her that I could not disclose any information as this was an ongoing investigation, but if she had any other questions, she could reach out to me.

Based on the facts above, I determined through my investigation that this trap was a legally set nuisance beaver trap.

Nothing further.

Louis Daversa, State Game Warden

10/10/23

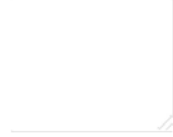
Offense Suspect Offense Victim IBR Victim-Offender

V. was LEO V was LEO Assignment

Other ORI

Bias/Motivation (anti)

LEOKA Narrative



Incident Review - Reviewed [Approved]: 10/11/2023

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943: Daversa, Louis	Ready for Approval	10/10/2023	906: Currier, Robert	10/11/2023	Approved	COM - Complete

<i>Submit to Ori</i>	<i>Submitted At</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chittenden SA - CNSA		<i>Fulfilled</i>	<i>NIBRS</i> <i>Reviewed</i>

New Review Comment

Review Comments