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900 S. Shackleford Road
Suite 100B
Little Rock, AR 72211

Subject: Violation of 9 CFR, Parts 2 and 3
Case Number AR93035-AW

Date: April 21, 1993

To: Dr. Walter A. Christensen, Sector Supervisor
USDA, APHIS, REAC-AC
Fort Worth, Texas

A report of apparent violation of 9 CFR, Part 2.131(b)(1) and 3.132 involving the following named violator is being transmitted for your attention.

John Jordan
4040 South Pearl Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
Phone 702-456-2642

George Garden
dba George Garden Circus International
Route 20, Box 2023
Springfield, Missouri 65803
Phone 800-444-3588

This report shows that on April 17, 1993, George Garden Circus International, Springfield, Missouri, promoted a Shrine Circus at the Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, AR. During the performance, a tiger, named Mais, escaped into the spectators and bit a 13 year old girl. The tiger was owned and trained by John Jordan of Las Vegas, Nevada.

This is an apparent violation of Title 9, Part 2.31(b)(1) because there was not sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

It is also a violation of Title 9, Part 3.132 because there were not a sufficient number of adequately trained employees to maintain a professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices.

- Exhibit 1:** Is a copy of the agreement between Scimitar Temple and George Garden Circus International, dated July, 1992. This is the agreement for the circus to be held on April 16 and 17, 1993.
- Exhibit 2:** Is a copy of the bite report received from Mr. Jeff Wilkinson, Division Supervisor, Little Rock Animal Control Division. This report shows the owner of the tiger, the victim, and the time the report was dispatched.
- Exhibit 3:** Is a copy of the photographs taken of the bite on the leg of the victim, Adrienna Goodwin.
- Exhibit 4:** Is a copy of the reported attack in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Newspaper on April 18, 1993.



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CIVIL PENALTY STIPULATION AGREEMENT

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CC: RE 10-154

SECTION I - FOR USE BY REAC PERSONNEL (PLEASE PRINT)

1. State Reporting: Nevada
2. Date: September 13, 1993
3. Case Number: AR93035-AW
4. Name of Alleged Violator: John Jordan
DBA/Jordan Productions
5. Address of Violator: 4040 South Pearl Street
Las Vegas, NV 89121
6. Regulation(s) Violated (Part/Par): Sections 2.131(b)(1) and 3.132
7. Date of Violation(s): April 17, 1993
8. Description of Violation(s): During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public which resulted in a tiger escaping resulting in injury to the public and endangering the life of the animal; and employees were not adequately trained.
9. Civil Penalty Assessed For This Violation(s): \$ 500.00

10. Remarks:

SECTION II - ALLEGED VIOLATOR

Section 19 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to assess a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500 for each violation and to suspend or revoke the license of any dealer, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale subject to section 12 of the Act, after notice and opportunity for a hearing.

You may waive the hearing and agree to pay the specified civil penalty in settlement of this matter. If you do not wish to pay the specified civil penalty to waive hearing a complaint may be issued charging you with the violation(s) and affording you an opportunity for a hearing. However, the civil penalty offered to settle this matter at this time shall not be relevant in any respect to the civil penalty which may be assessed after a hearing.

I acknowledge that I have been given an opportunity for a hearing and waive such hearing; and as a civil penalty in full settlement of this matter, I agree to pay the sum of \$ 500.00

11. Signature: John Jordan

12. Date: 9-23-93

SECTION III - FOR USE BY REGULATORY PERSONNEL

13. Type of Payment:

Certified Check: Money Order Personal Check: Other:

14. Amount Received: \$500.⁰⁰

15. Signature of Receiver: Jamie L Brown

16. Date: 10-6-93