

Rough Arrest Only

ADMINISTRATION		ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR Juvenile Referral Report				1. Arrest 3. Request for Warrant 2. N.T.A. 4. Request for Capias		Juvenile	
OETS Number		Agency ORI Number		Agency Name PBC Animal Care + Control		Agency Report Number A16-11304			
Charge Type: Check as many as apply.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Traffic Felony		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Traffic Misdemeanor		<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Other		Weapon Seized/Type 1. Yes 2. No	
Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business)				Location of Offense (Business Name, Address)					
Date of Arrest		Time of Arrest		Booking Date		Booking Time		Jail Date	
								Jail Time	
								Location of Vehicle	
Name (Last, First, Middle) Echevarria, Eliot									
Alias (Name, DOB, Soc. Sec. #, Etc.) Echevarria - Arroyo, Eliot									
Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black		Sex M		Date of Birth 9/30/1966		Height 5'10"		Weight ~220	
1. American Indian 2. Oriental/Asian						Eye Color Brown		Hair Color Dark	
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description)				Marital Status		Religion		Indication of: Alcohol Influence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk. Drug Influence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Unk.	
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 420 Kirk Road Lake Worth FL 33461				(City) LAKE WORTH		(State) FL		(Zip) 33461	
Permanent Address (Street, Apt. Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)	
Business Address (Street, Apt. Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)	
DL Number, State E 216-200-66-350-0 FL		Soc. Sec. Number		INS Number		Place of Birth		Citizenship	
Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)				Race		Sex		Date of Birth	
Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)				Race		Sex		Date of Birth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Custodian <input type="checkbox"/> Other				Name (Last)		(First)		(Middle)	
Address (Street, Apt. Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)	
Notified by: (Name)				Date		Time		Juvenile Disposition 1. Handled/Processed within Depl. and Released	
Released To: (Name)				Relationship		FCIC/NCIC		Date	
The above address was provided by defendant and/or defendant's parents. The child and/or parent was told to keep the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office informed of any change of address: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, by: (Name) <input type="checkbox"/> No: (Reason)				School Attended		Grade			
Recovery Information 0. N/A 1. Voluntary 2. Located Not Returned 3. Hospitalized 4. HRS Custody 5. Law Enforcement Custody 6. Returned to Parent 7. Deceased 8. Other									
Drug Activity S. Sell R. Smuggle K. Dispense/ M. Manufacture Z. Other N. N/A B. Buy D. Deliver Distribute Produce/ Cultivate P. Possess T. Traffic E. Use									
Drug Type N. N/A B. Barbituate H. Hallucinogen P. Paraphernalia/ U. Unknown A. Amphetamine E. Heroin O. Opium/Deriv. S. Synthetic									
Charge Description Cruelty to Animals				Counts 3		Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Statute Violation Number 828.12(2)	
Drug Activity				Drug Type		Amount/Unit		Offense #	
Charge Description Cruelty to Animals				Counts 3		Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Statute Violation Number 828.13	
Drug Activity				Drug Type		Amount/Unit		Offense #	
Charge Description				Counts		Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Statute Violation Number	
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Drug Activity				Drug Type		Amount/Unit		Offense #	
Instruction No. 1 Mandatory Appearance in Court				Location (Court, Room Number, Address)					
Instruction No. 2 You need not appear in Court but must Comply with instructions on reverse side.				Court Date and Time					
				Month		Day		Year	
								Time	
								A.M. P.M.	
I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I WILLFULLY FAIL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR, THAT I MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST SHALL BE ISSUED.									
Signature of Defendant (or Juvenile and Parent/Custodian)					Date Signed				
HOLD for other Agency					Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee)				
Name: <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> Resisted Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					(PRINT)				
Intake Deputy I.D. #					Pouch #				
Signature of Arresting Officer X					Name of Arresting Officer (Print)				
I.D. #					Agency				
Transposing Officer I.D. #					Agency				
Witness here is subject signed with an "X".					PAGE 1 OF 1				

**PALM BEACH COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**

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 2. N.T.A. 4. Request for Capias

Agency Report A16-11304

Charge Type [X] Felony [X] Misdemeanor [] Ordinance
 [] Traffic Felony [] Traffic Misdemeanor [] Other

Special Notes:

Defendant: Eliot Echevarria
Local Address: 420 Kirk Road
Local City: Lake Worth 33461
Local Phone: 561-674-6394
Business Address: N/A
Business Phone: N/A

Alias: Eliot Echevarria-Arroyo

Race H Sex M DOB 9/30/1966

Charge(s)

1. 828.12.2 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840561 Female Siberian Husky
2. 828.12.2 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840582 Male Siberian Husky
3. 828.12.2 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840585 Female Calico Kitten
4. 828.13 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840561 Female Siberian Husky
5. 828.13 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840582 Male Siberian Husky
6. 828.13 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS for AID 1840585 Female Calico Kitten

Victim: STATE OF FLORIDA

Local Address: N/A
Local City: N/A
Local Phone: N/A
Business Address: same as above
Business Phone: N/A Address Source: VICTIM

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law.

The person taken into custody

[] committed the below acts in my presence.

[] confessed to _____ admitting to the above acts.

[] was observed by _____ who told _____ that

he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.

[X] was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation.

On August 28, 2016 Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control (ACC) was contacted by the Palm Springs Police Department regarding a possible animal cruelty complaint of a deceased dog at 420 Kirk Road, Lake Worth, FL 33461.

At 1:44pm Animal Control Officer (ACO) G. Cueto #2125 responded to the complaint. ACO Cueto made contact with the defendant Eliot Echevarria (Arroyo) who immediately stated he had called 911 numerous times and wanted the police on scene. Eliot Echevarria appeared agitated and possibly intoxicated to ACO Cueto while on scene and was stating he wanted to "file charges". Eliot Echevarria went on to state that his wife and stepdaughter had left on August 25th for Orlando as his stepdaughter was getting married. He went on to state that his stepdaughter Dahlian Hernandez was the owner of all the animals. ACO Cueto questioned Eliot Echevarria if he had anyone checking on the animals while his wife and stepdaughter were away and he stated "I leave at five in the morning and I don't come back until seven at night". All throughout the time ACO Cueto was on scene Eliot Echevarria kept yelling "I want charges filed this is not fair to the animals".

ACO Cueto was then led through the house by Eliot Echevarria. They came to a room that was said to belong to the stepdaughter. ACO Cueto observed some feces on the floor and a small traveling animal crate in the room. ACO Cueto observed what appeared to be a deceased tortoiseshell kitten inside of the travel crate. There were ants and roaches feeding on the kitten's body. A small bowl of what was possibly food was also observed.

ACO Cueto was led to the next room in the house where the animals were located. Eliot Echevarria prior to opening the room door stated "there is a dead one inside and one alive". Once the door was opened ACO Cueto observed a Siberian Husky inside. Inside of the room ACO Cueto immediately smelled an odor of feces. He was greeted by a female Siberian Husky that appeared somewhat alert, friendly and underweight. ACO Cueto scored the female Husky as a 5 on the Tufts Animal Care and Conditioning Scale (TACC) with 1 being ideal and 5 emaciated. The female Husky was wobbly and appeared dizzy. ACO Cueto then observed a deceased Siberian Husky on the floor in the room. The conditions in the room were squalid due to the significant amount of excrement on the floor and bed. ACO Cueto observed broken glass on the floor as well as four plastic bowls that were empty and overturned. There was some dry food on the floor. ACO Cueto felt the dogs were forced to live in the unsanitary conditions due to his observations. ACO Cueto lifted up the mattress on the bed frame and observed an infestation of cockroaches. ACO Cueto questioned Eliot Echevarria as to when the last time he had observed the deceased Husky alive and Echevarria replied "yesterday when I turned on the air conditioning she was just laying down".

ACO Cueto also observed two Chihuahuas inside the house that were not confined to rooms, a tricolored female Chihuahua and a white and beige female Chihuahua. Both Chihuahuas appeared alert and in good health at that time.

ACO Cueto entered the backyard of the residence with Eliot Echevarria and observed four more dogs loose in the yard. The first was a reddish female Pit Bull mix that

appeared in good health. The second was a female white and black spotted Pointer mix that appeared in good health. The third was a black and white Boxer mix that appeared in good health and the fourth dog was a female brown Chihuahua mix that appeared in good health. All four of the dogs scored a 1 on the TACC scale to ACO Cueto. In the backyard ACO Cueto did not observe appropriate shelter for the dogs and also observed some green colored water for the dogs that had mosquito larvae. There were also two Iguanas in a makeshift wooden cage in the yard that did not have water.

ACO Cueto then contacted Palm Springs Police Department to have an officer come and assist with possible removal of the animals. ACO Cueto also contacted his supervisor Lt. Fox and advised her of the situation. It was determined that he would contact Sgt. Coutts the on call cruelty person for that day. Palm Springs Police Officer Robert Hite #155 arrived and observed the conditions with ACO Cueto and questioned Eliot Echevarria. Officer Hite asked Eliot Echevarria how much he had to drink that day and Echevarria replied "a thousand". A second Palm Springs Police Officer Ortega arrived on scene that spoke Spanish and was questioning Echevarria throughout the time he was on scene. ACO Cueto also had ACO T. Quinones #2122 come to the scene to transport the female Husky back to ACC for immediate medical assessment.

At 3:19pm Sgt. Coutts arrived on scene. Sgt. Coutts was briefed by ACO Cueto via phone prior to her arrival. Sgt. Coutts met with Eliot Echevarria and observed that he smelled of alcohol and appeared intoxicated. Sgt. Coutts entered the home with the police officers and ACO Cueto and took photographs for documentation. Sgt. Coutts noted that the two Chihuahuas inside of the home appeared well cared for and were clean and did not have fleas. Sgt. Coutts observed that there was food and water for the two small dogs as well.

In the first room Sgt. Coutts observed the small plastic crate with the deceased kitten inside. The kitten appeared too young to eat on its own and there were no nursing bottles or supplies observed for the kitten in the room. Sgt. Coutts observed that the kitten appeared emaciated and was about 4 weeks old. The room also had a terrible odor to Sgt. Coutts.

The next room was where the deceased Husky was found as well as the live female Husky. The female Husky had been removed by ACO Quinones prior to Sgt. Coutts arrival. Sgt. Coutts observed the room to be covered with piles of feces and urine. There was a lot of old dried up feces as well as fresh feces. The odor was overwhelming to Sgt. Coutts and she believed the amount of feces and debris in the room could have been for at least a week or two. The floor was covered in broken glass, debris, garbage and was slick from excrement. In the center of the floor Sgt. Coutts observed the deceased Husky. The bedroom was filled with roaches and flies. The dog appeared bloated and when Sgt. Coutts rolled the dog over his fur came off in her hand. There was nothing in the room that was obvious to Sgt. Coutts that would have killed the dog like pointed objects or poison. Sgt. Coutts did not observe any water in the room but did notice that there were several empty buckets and bowls scattered around the floor. Sgt. Coutts observed that dry food was poured on to the floor. Sgt. Coutts questioned Eliot Echevarria if the dogs

had fresh air since Thursday and Echevarria stated that he turned on the window air conditioner on Saturday and that both dogs were alive at that time.

Sgt. Coutts then entered the backyard and observed that the patio was filled with debris and smelled of dog feces. There were piles of feces all over the yard. Sgt. Coutts observed the four loose dogs in the yard and that there were no dog houses for shelter. The dogs appeared of a healthy weight to Sgt. Coutts but one appeared to possibly have a skin infection. The dogs had green water available to them. There was dry dog food observed that was scattered on the patio floor. Sgt. Coutts observed two Iguanas in a wood cage with no vegetation to eat and no water. There was some dry dog food that was scattered on the bottom of the cage.

Sgt. Coutts spoke with her supervisor Lt. Fox and it was determined that all the animals would be removed from the property since there was no way to get in touch with the alleged owner that was stated to be Eliot Echevarria's stepdaughter. All the animals were removed from the property except one Iguana that had escaped. The living animals were taken to ACC for immediate medical assessment and the deceased animals were to be held for necropsies.

In Palm Springs Police Officer Ortega's report from August 28, 2016 he questioned Eliot Echevarria in Spanish about the animals. Officer Ortega was told by Eliot Echevarria that he was supposed to be taking care of the animals belonging to his wife and stepdaughter while they were away but that he had not been feeding them. Eliot Echevarria also told Officer Ortega that some of the animals were locked inside of a room without air conditioning. Eliot Echevarria stated that he came home from work on August 27th and turned on the air conditioning.

Officer Ortega observed the house to be filthy and unsanitary with food and animal feces all over the tile floor throughout the home. Officer Ortega also observed cockroaches crawling on the interior walls of the home.

Officer Ortega observed the deceased Husky and observed that rigor mortis has set in and that the body was beginning to decompose. Officer Ortega asked Eliot Echevarria when the last time he had observed the deceased Husky alive. Eliot Echevarria stated that he saw the Husky on August 27th at 7pm and that he opened the door to the room and observed that the Husky was not feeling well but failed to render aid to the Husky. Eliot Echevarria stated that he had not opened the door to check on the dog until today when he smelled a strong odor coming from the room.

Once all the animals were transported back to ACC staff veterinarian Dr. Kristen Coates examined them. The four dogs from the backyard were found in good condition as well as the two Chihuahuas that were inside the home and appeared clean. The Iguana was found to be healthy.

Dr. Coates examined the female Husky (AID 1840561) and concluded:

"This dog was emaciated, was severely dehydrated infested with external parasites and appeared to come from an unsanitary environment. She had a complete lack of body fat and muscle mass which was evident by the protrusion of her ribs, spine, and hip bones. Energy requirements are initially met by the breakdown of fat but once the fat is gone the body breaks down protein thus resulting in lack of muscle mass. In times of stress or illness the body can have greater energy requirements.

A pet can go without food longer than they can without water. Water is needed to provide moisture on the tongue which is used to dissipate heat. Water is also needed for the body to function. The cells that make up the individual organs need water and balanced electrolytes. When water is lost or not obtained electrolytes such as sodium and chloride move out of the cells causing an imbalance. When these imbalances are severe, brain dysfunction is eventually seen. The ataxia, the unequal pupil sizes and the eventual seizures were all signs of brain dysfunction seen with this dog. Additional stress was placed on this pet with the lack of sanitary conditions she was kept in and the flea infestation she had.

Basic requirements such as food and water were not met for this pet. As a result she suffered from neglect in her home. Once she came to ACC treatment was started but unfortunately she started with uncontrollable seizures and was humanely euthanized to end her suffering."

Dr. Coates did a necropsy on the male deceased Husky (AID 1840582) and concluded:

"Since both dogs were kept in the same environment, this dog also suffered from lack of water leading to his death. Pica refers to indiscriminate ingestion of non-food items. In this case the dog ingested what appeared to be a plastic ball. Pica is a common finding in animals suffering from starvation. The poor body condition of both dogs supported a chronic lack of appropriate nutrition. Although there was food found in the stomach, death occurred soon after ingestion or the foreign material prevented passing of this food as the rest of the intestines were empty. There was evidence on the stomach lining that irritation was occurring from the foreign material. It is probable this pet was suffering from gastrointestinal upset prior to death. There was more hemorrhage within the chest cavity than is typically seen post mortem. This can be seen in pets dying from hyperthermia.

Based on the evidence at the scene, the external and internal examination of this pet, this pet died from lack of water and the high ambient temperature. The lack of nutrition contributed to his death."

Dr. Coates did a necropsy on the kitten found deceased (AID 1840585) and concluded:

"This kitten was emaciated. There was a complete lack of body fat and muscle mass which was evident by the protrusion of the ribs, spine and hip bones. In starvation cases,

energy requirements can initially be met by the breakdown of fat but once the fat is gone the body breaks down protein thus resulting in lack of muscle mass. A young kitten does not have the fat reserves like an adult so they can't survive long without food. They also need to be feed more frequent meals because they are sensitive to low blood glucose levels. When glucose levels drop neurologic signs such as mental dullness, ataxia and eventually seizures can occur. There was also no evidence of water in the crate where the kitten was found so this kitten probably suffered from dehydration as well.

This was a clear case of neglect. An animal this young can't survive very long without food and water which there was no evidence of in the intestinal tract of the pet or in the environment that the kitten was found in."

On August 31, 2016 Sgt. Moulton #2112 and I responded to 420 Kirk Road, Lake Worth to make contact with Eliot Echevarria to try to obtain an owner surrender for the animals seized from the home on August 28th.

Sgt. Moulton and I met with Eliot Echevarria who immediately stated that he did not speak English. A man named Arturo Cruz then came from the back of the property and said he would translate. I asked Eliot Echevarria who the owner of all the animals that were seized from the property was. Eliot Echevarria stated that he was the owner of all the animals and asked if he could have the two Chihuahuas back. I advised Eliot Echevarria that due to the conditions inside of the home as well as there being deceased animals that he could surrender the animals to ACC or that I would have to go for custody of the animals through the court system. Eliot Echevarria decided to surrender all of the animals. I asked him how long he had owned or been the caretaker of the animals and he stated about six months. I questioned him as to what had happened to the small kitten that was found deceased and he stated he had found it in his yard and that it was eating. Eliot Echevarria provided me with his Florida driver's license and signed the surrender paperwork and was provided a copy.

Eliot Echevarria was the caretaker of all the animals on August 28th when Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control was called out to his home. Of the ten animals seized by Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, three of the animals from the inside of his home were found in deplorable conditions and only one was still alive. The female Husky was found staggering and dizzy due to lack of water. The two Huskies had not only been starved but severely dehydrated to the point that it contributed to their deaths. The room the Huskies were kept in had no ventilation and the two dogs suffered from heat exhaustion. The tiny kitten was also starved and found dead in a crate in a filthy room. Based on the above facts probable cause exists to charge Eliot Echevarria with three counts of animal cruelty, F.S.S. 828.12.2 and three counts of animal cruelty, F.S.S.828.13.

State of Florida

County of Palm Beach

The foregoing instrument was SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME this 12/6/2016

by Sgt Jennifer Batchelor who is personally known to me.

Yleana I. Arias

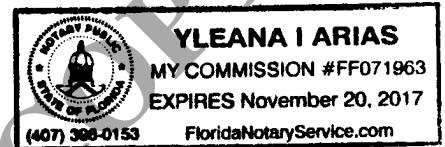
Notary Public/Clerk of

Court/Officer (F.S.S. 117.10)

Sgt. Jennifer Batchelor #2110

Signature of Arresting/Investigating Officer

Name of Officer: Sgt. J Batchelor 2110



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