

Re: Witness Statements

Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2023-09-11 8:52 AM

To: Andrew Knight <[REDACTED]>

Hi Andrew,

Thank you. I will be putting the evidence file together today and submitting to The Town of Georgina for review/decision. Once a decision has been made I will provide you with an update.

Sincerely,

Bethany Coleman,

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From: Andrew Knight <[REDACTED]>

Sent: September 10, 2023 6:42 PM

To: Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Witness Statements

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Hi,

I am trying to fill in this form, it will not allow me to do so, and I/We don't have a printer or scanner. So don't know what to do.

Here is my Statement,

This all happened in a matter of 3-4 mins, around 10:00- 10:30 pm " I don't were a watch", I put River in the Motor Home, Grant and I were playing backgammon, River was in the back of the camper on the bed lying down. I had put a pizza in the oven around 9:30 pm or so, as we played a few rolls of dice, told Grant have to go check the pizza, got up, river didn't move, I closed the screen door, went up my ramp "front door of the house was open, I walked in the house, took 4-6 steps and I hear Grant call River, I turned around ran outside and see River going down the street, not fast , I saw a dark image cross the middle of the road and River veer off to the side of the road, I started to yell for him, was right on his ass, next thing I know someone was swinging a broom at the dog and I grabbed him, we all were yelling, I could not see well it was dark off the street " other then the street lights, keeping the street bright enough that I saw a dark animal on the road" brought River home. put him in the house, gave him shit for taking off. Not sure how he got out of the motor home as he was in the back and Grant was in the center of the truck, he would of had to pass Grant to get to the door " and it is very narrow, not saying it was Grants fault River got passed him and though the door, He never runs pass the door, I have him sit first then he is hooked up before being allowed out any door.

No one came here to tell me that a cat was injured, I didn't hear about this until the following day around 12:30 pm, from a friend Jody that know the cats owner, and was told they took the cat to a vet sometime early morning " I think was told 2:00 am or something.

I walk River on my wheel chair everyday and night we pass cats on and off the road, never pulls or barks, doesn't even take notice of them. River also goes to the dog park and has many friends there, never have had an issue, he plays with every one, to include little children and baby's, he gives kisses to all, We stop and say high to 99% of the dogs that are out for walks, when River and I are out front of our house dogs pass the driveway 99.9% of the time just looks, never barks, even the stray cats that roam the street each day, doesn't get up.

River has dog friends that stop and say hello and share a drink of water and a treat and the other dog owners and I will chat for a few mins and everyone goes on there way. Have made a few friends, going as far to ask for help taking him for a bath, as I can't hold him in the water and bath at the same time. Also I use him to help me swim, my scoliosis need movement and this helps

River goes everywhere with me, Doctors, food shopping, parks, restaurants,. When I fall down he will come to my side and bark to let me know so I am able to use his back to stand or get back in my wheel chair.

There is no blame here on River, it is a horrible combination of factors that has resulted in a terrible lose of a family member. If you want to punish anyone punish me, muzzle me,

cage me, as I am the potty mouth, everyone loves River, me on the other hand. River is kind and gentle dog that was saved from 2 hours north of Thunder Bay, he was on his last week before being put down, River is just over 2 years old, Please don't trap him for the next years in a cages and mouth traps, I take full responsibility.

We don't go down the street any longer will never pass by the house, will pay any cost that has come with this accident. Money can't fix what has happened, nor will trapping River, hurting me might ease the pain but this will never be forgotten, and if River is trapped that will be the injustice.

I will forward the bylaw about cats being off lease, it was passed 2022.

at any time around that home you can see many cats running around, I also have a time stamped pic of a tabby cat on my driveway just sitting there on Saturday morning.

From: Coleman, Bethany <[REDACTED]>

Sent: September 5, 2023 8:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Witness Statements

Good Evening,

Thank you both for taking the time to meet with me and discuss the events that took place. I have attached a copy of the witness statement for each of you to fill out with as much detail as possible. If there are any issues with the digital copy please let me know and I'd be happy to drop off a paper copy. Please have back to me no later than Monday at 8 AM. If you could also send me the OSPCA documents for Neuter / Microchip along with the doctors note stating River is an emotional support dog.

Sincerely,

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