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June 16, 2017

Hugo Tomi Liebel
Great American Family Circus
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NOTICE OF DENIAL

Dear Mr. Liebel:

This letter is in response to your application for a License to Possess Class I and/or II Wildlife for Exhibition or Public Sale (ESA), Application ID 23547.

On April 10, 2017, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Captive Wildlife Office staff received your application. Your application indicated that you did not have any dates scheduled at the time of renewal, but that you would notify our office when scheduled dates arise. In a response to a request for additional information sent on May 8, 2017, you confirmed with our office that you do not currently have an itinerary. On May 23, 2017, our office contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They provided us with itinerary information that you had provided to them, which you failed to provide to FWC. Your failure to provide an itinerary is a violation of the requirement to send an itinerary with all renewal applications in accordance with Rule 68A-6.005(3)(e), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), which states in part:

Such mobile exhibits shall provide an itinerary of planned exhibition times and locations with annual renewal applications.

The statement provided on your application that there are no current dates scheduled in Florida has been determined to be materially false information. FWC shall deny any application for submission of materially false information in accordance with Rule 68-1.010(1)(a), which states in part:

*(1) Applications for any license, permit or other authorization issued by the Commission shall be denied based upon any of the following grounds:
(a) Submission by the applicant of materially false information in the application or other supporting documentation relating to the license, permit, or other authorization.*

Due to the fact that you withheld itinerary information from our office and submitted materially false information to our office, your renewal application for an ESA must be denied. We are processing your application fee for a refund, and you should receive it within 21 days.

Possession of Class I wildlife for commercial use without a license is a violation of Section 379.3761, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and may result in law enforcement action. If you are in possession of wildlife that requires a license you have 30 days from receipt of this letter to place the wildlife with a licensed facility. For

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your convenience, we have enclosed a list of facilities licensed to possess Class I *Elephantidae* in your area.

In accordance with Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., and Section 120.60, F.S., you may request a hearing within 21 days from the date of receipt of the notice on this matter if you believe this decision was made in error. Please follow the instructions in the enclosed packet of information regarding the hearing process.

If you have any questions, please call the Captive Wildlife Office at (850) 488-6253, or write to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Captive Wildlife Office, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Beaton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Major Rob Beaton
Division of Law Enforcement

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Enclosure