



## For Immediate Release

### Responsibility for Theft of Stallion Capone I Confirmed; Canadian Corinne Super identified – recovery efforts underway

Bellingham WA – 24 May: The identity of the individual responsible for the theft of Holsteiner showjumping stallion Capone I on the afternoon of Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> has been identified. Canadian citizen Corinne Super of Chilliwack BC, has admitted to authorities that she was responsible for the abduction – though the location and safety of the stallion are still unknown. The incident is now subject to criminal investigation by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office – case number 08A10529.

Early suggestions of an “inside job” in the reported theft have proven largely correct, as Ms. Super was involved in managing and promoting the investor-owned jumping champion in 2005 and 2006. However, relations between Ms. Super and the stallion's owners soured in 2007 and he was returned to the care of his longtime trainer and manager, Douglas Spink, later in the year. A civil lawsuit was initiated by the stallion's owners, though no foreshadowing of the eventual theft was found in any court filings by Ms. Super. Full civil and criminal efforts are now underway to recover Capone as quickly and safely as possible.

Commenting on this turn of events, Mr. Spink states that “we are both surprised and disappointed to find out that someone close to Capone has admitted to his theft. I have known Ms. Super for nearly five years, and in fact had a relationship with her myself at once point. There is an extra feeling of shock and broken trust in learning that her knowledge of our security and horse management procedures were turned to this sad use. I cannot imagine what she was thinking when she broke into our barn and stole a horse, taking him immediately to Canada with forged health documentation in order to make his location and return to his owners that much more difficult. Whatever justification she now offers, a crime is a crime. If Ms. Super is in financial straits, there are much smarter ways to resolve the problem than resorting to crime of any kind.”

An official statement from Capone's ownership group, Exitpoint Stallions Limited, reads as follows: “We have expended substantial funds, time, effort, and energy in developing this exceptional stallion from his earliest training through his success on the world stage – with Doug as his guide, handler, trainer, and coach throughout. Our lease arrangement with Ms. Super regarding Capone I was terminated in 2007, and we felt comfortable that all parties involved had prospered, despite difficulties recovering some documents from her afterwards. We categorically reject any attempt by Ms. Super to now justify her crime of theft by misrepresenting the facts as they stand. In fact, in our civil case against Ms. Super, she has never attempted to make any claims on the ownership of Capone or any other stallions owned by our company.” While Exitpoint's shareholders have chosen to remain private, several are available for press contact on a pre-screened basis. Inquiries may be directed to Exitpoint's legal resources, as listed below.

Copies of all legal documentation relating to the civil case against Ms. Super are available at [www.stallions.net](http://www.stallions.net), or from the attorneys of record for Exitpoint Stallions at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Vancouver BC (604.643.7100, attention R. Cooper). Also available are copies of sworn affidavits filed by Ms. Super in her own divorce proceedings in 2007, disavowing any and all ownership claims on the Exitpoint stallions. Exitpoint's legal case against Ms. Super was filed in February of 2008.

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Responding to the swirl of rumors, insinuations, and gossip blossoming online regarding this theft, Mr. Spink states that: "Of course, I'm aware of all the hateful things being said about me personally – I knew this would result when I went public with this theft. Perhaps the implicit threat was, in fact, that if I reported Capone stolen I would be targeted in this way. My life's history is no secret – including my guilty plea in a narcotics case years ago, prison term, and law-abiding activities ever since. I must admit, however, that I just don't see the relevance of my personal history in the current case. Yes, I have made mistakes in my life, they are no secret – and I have paid for them. Does this justify the theft of a valuable asset – not to mention a beloved friend – from his rightful owners? I have not, personally, owned Capone since 1999 and I can't understand why stealing him is somehow justified because of a narcotics offense for which I've already paid a serious price."

"As to many of the other more bizarre things that get said about me online," continues Spink, "I long ago learned not only to ignore them, but actually to laugh about the irony of it all. Of course I 'love' the horses and dogs with whom I share my life – this is hardly a secret, or shameful. Nor is it uncommon – many of us have canine and equine friends. I've written extensively on topics relating to training and living with horses and dogs for over a decade – with many published articles and interviews. I've foregone many things in life to devote time and attention to the art of showjumping, and I don't regret any of it. And, I've never been one to allow the mob to beat me down, nor do I believe those who yell loudest are most righteous by default. Anyone who turns all this around and ends up with hatred, calls for my violent death, and calls for the horses and dogs in my care to be tortured or killed as well is, frankly, in need of caring help."

Spink concludes: "I understand that Ms. Super may be desperate, and I've been there myself. We choose not to highlight her own clouded legal history; that seems beside the point. We only seek to have Capone returned to his longtime owners – safely and without unnecessary delay. I know that I share this overriding concern not only with Capone's longtime investor/owners but also with his many fans and friends around the world. We thank everyone in law enforcement who has helped to find the facts, however surprising they are."

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Successful in the highly competitive field of international showjumping and as a respected breeding stallion, Capone has been in the Bellingham area since the fall of 2007 with trainer and manager Douglas Spink. With top placements in many of North America's most competitive showjumping classes, he has amassed career winnings in excess of \$250,000 to date and, at age 12, is in the peak of his competitive career. Additional information about him, including photographs and video of his competitive success, can be found at [www.stallions.net](http://www.stallions.net). He is owned by Exitpoint Stallions Limited, a private corporation.

Douglas Spink, a graduate of Reed College and a recipient of an MBA from the University of Chicago, is a lifelong student of the nonhuman world with extensive experience in dog training, field trialing, competitive showjumping, and breeding management. Active online for over 15 years, he has been the focus of rampant attention as a result of his business successes and failures, BASE jumping experience, stallion management philosophies, narcotics conviction, and technology projects. Having long ago grown accustomed to often-bizarre public obsession about his life, he now makes no attempt to derail the wilder rumors to be found about him, and instead has acknowledged occasional efforts to add fuel to the fire and see just how far anonymous trolls can be pushed. He has received numerous death threats, and is often assumed to be living in hiding or merely an urban legend. In fact, he lives in the Pacific Northwest with dogs and horses. He can be contacted directly at [ds@stallions.net](mailto:ds@stallions.net) or 800.909.3972, and is a practicing Zen Buddhist.