



KEY MILESTONE ACHIEVED IN RECOVERY OF STOLEN SHOWJUMPING STALLION CAPONE I

Bellingham WA – 3 October: Exitpoint Stallions Limitée, owners of the showjumping stallion Capone I, reached a key milestone in the process of recovering him from the individual who kidnapped him in May of this year. In a court hearing in their civil case against the perpetrator, Exitpoint stepped past a raft of procedural barriers that had been used to slow the progress of the civil case thus far. Despite the reticence of law enforcement authorities to act on the underlying crime of trespass, Capone will soon be home.

"The brussel sprouts and other garden treats we planted for Capone this spring have come ripe, and he isn't here to enjoy them with us. Fox hunting season approaches, and he isn't at home preparing for the joys of galloping across miles of muddy fields with the rest of the hunt. He missed all the big shows this summer, and this fall. All of this is unfortunate - and unnecessary - but we have no doubt that these missed good times with his friends and family will soon be at an end," observes Douglas Spink, Exitpoint's founder and Capone's long-time manager, trainer, and partner.

As background, Capone was stolen from his stall - in a secure barn on a gated property, posted extensively with "no trespassing" signs and after a surveillance effort that spanned weeks - in May of this year. Investigators with the Whatcom County Sheriff's office soon determined that the individual behind the theft was Corinne Super, residing in British Columbia. After Capone was removed from his stall, he was smuggled across the Canadian border immediately with both forged health documents and Coggins certification and padlocked in a stall at a farm in Chilliwack where Ms. Super resides. That farm is subject to bank foreclosure proceedings, and is in process of being forcibly sold to pay a series of debts and court judgments against her.

Ms. Super, who had previously been the fiancée of Mr. Spink, had already been sued by Exitpoint earlier in 2008 when she failed to return two other Exitpoint-owned stallions after the conclusion of a lease arrangement. Mr. Spink ended his personal relationship with Ms. Super in the summer of 2007 after losing confidence in her integrity and commitment to the well-being of the horses and dogs which whom he shares his life. Unbeknownst to him, Ms. Super had apparently developed an unhealthy obsession him and his extended family, culminating in her inexplicable theft of Capone. Jealousy has been cited as an operative motivator.

With the perpetrator identified and Capone's location determined, attention naturally turned to law enforcement and their assumed role in holding Ms. Super accountable for her crimes. However, in what can best be described as a months-long runaround, local authorities managed to neither identify the actual party who burglarized the farm to steal Capone, nor interview the prime suspects behind the surveillance and trespassing itself - neighbors of Mr. Spink's who were the sole individuals with knowledge of his whereabouts the day Capone was stolen. Eventually, after countless examples of "lost" paperwork, missed deadlines, and varying explanations for the comprehensively ineffectual way in which the case was investigated, the case file was transferred to Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney David S. McEachran.

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When another month passed with no correspondence whatsoever from Mr. McEachran's office, Mr. Spink contacted him by telephone and was told that the theft itself was unlikely to be prosecuted. However, upon further questioning, Mr. McEachran was unable to explain why the trespassing involved was being overlooked. Since that call in late August, neither Mr. Spink nor Exitpoint's civil attorneys have received any communication from the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Further, despite months of efforts, the case file relating to this matter has been sequestered, and Exitpoint has been unable to receive so much as a single page of documentation relating the the case or the investigation. In fact, not even a copy of the original report filed by Mr. Spink on the night the theft was discovered has been provided.

Not surprisingly, Exitpoint has begun to suspect a deeper story. This has been further hinted at by the aberrant behavior of Constable Brand of the Chilliwack RCMP, who was identified as the person responsible for calling Mr. Spink in early September in an obscenity-laced rant regarding the case of Capone's theft. While numerous investigations and official RCMP disciplinary processes are now underway in that matter, several elements of Constable Brand's tirade hinted at a broader effort to "sweep under the rug" the entire case. Mr. Spink has now approached Federal authorities with the matter, and made available the hundreds of pages of independent documentation amassed thus far. This documentation set lays forth the convoluted twists and turns of the "investigation" which has thus far failed to result in a single charge being brought in the case.

Indeed, it would appear that, in Whatcom County at least, flagrant trespassing is no longer considered a crime. While numerous outside observers have noted the ample evidence suggesting an attempted cover-up - perhaps seeking to forestall attention on the U.S.-based accomplices of Ms. Super in this crime - Exitpoint chooses to expect that local law enforcement is not subject to such machinations.

Concurrently, Exitpoint's civil attorneys have been pursuing Ms. Super via the courts of British Columbia, seeking redress for her actions there given the inexplicable behavior of the criminal authorities. In this case (*Exitpoint Stallions v. Super et al.*), Exitpoint has completed their trial preparation via detailed and independently verified documentation exceeding 100 pages in length. Ms. Super, in contrast, has undertaken an effort to slow the progress of the case through numerous procedural hurdles of pre-trial matters, evasion of court deadlines, and changes in representation. Finally, after delays were exhausted, Exitpoint's lead counsel was able to bring Ms. Super's representative to task, in open court, on Tuesday of this week in British Columbia.

Mr. Spink comments as follows: "While it may appear that the process of recovering Capone has been inactive for the past few months, nothing could be further from the truth. It has been difficult to retain patience, but we have chosen to heed the wise counsel of our attorneys in this matter and, rather than rushing to seek emergency relief, we have instead completed every step of our trial preparation to recover Capone from his kidnapper once and for all. This hearing on Tuesday was, in fact, the culmination of sizable efforts by the Exitpoint team to leave no loose end in documenting the legitimate ownership of these wondrous stallions. It has been a long, exhausting summer of behind-the-scenes work to do this thoroughly and accurately and right."

Continues Spink: "It would take a book - and I have already begun work on just such a tome - to outline the details of what has transpired behind the scenes. Suffice it to say that Ms. Super has resorted to every conceivable under-handed, dishonest, and outright laughable effort to delay the inevitable: the judgment of the Court of her actions in stealing these horses from their rightful owners. We have chosen simply to ignore her

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more outlandish and mean-spirited efforts to 'change the subject' and engage in vitriolic personal attacks against me. This case isn't about me - it is about her criminal behavior, and ensuring Capone is once again safe and living with the team who has brought him from a young colt to the superstar he is today."

He concludes by noting that "the light at the end of the tunnel, in terms of Capone's safe return, is now quite visible. After seeing how her latest 'story' was received by the judge in this hearing, surely even Ms. Super herself cannot delude herself into imagining that her lies will carry the day. This is a woman who has admitted to this very court that she has filed false affidavits - relating to Capone's ownership, no less - on more than one occasion. Given that her 'story' as to Capone's ownership relies solely on her own testimony - and is contradicted by all documentary evidence and independent witnesses - we feel confident of victory in our summary trial application. Now our efforts are redoubled to conclude this long, sad saga once and for all."

One other matter of note in regards to the case is the failed effort Ms. Super undertook to enter Capone into showjumping competitions in the summer of 2008. While her entries at other - more responsible - venues were not accepted, one facility was apparently willing to take an entry from a stolen horse: Milner Downs. In late July, one of North America's top showjumpers was quietly transported from his padlocked stall to the Milner Downs for a "Grand Prix" class . This class was smaller than the first Grand Prix he ever jumped, at age 5 with Mr. Spink in the saddle - eight years ago! Local semi-pro rider **Danielle Fernandez of "No Limit Showjumpers,"** despite prior assurances that she would not involve herself in this sordid affair, chose to ride the stolen horse in this class. While details have been difficult to confirm with certainty, what is known is that the effort was a terrible mistake. Capone, who has placed tops in some of the biggest showjumping classes in the world, failed to even finish the round. Fortunately, he was not injured (as far as is known) in this pathetic effort, and his legitimate trainers and managers at Exitpoint can only hope that the damage to his spirit and confidence done by such a travesty is not long-lasting.

Mr. Spink summarizes by stating that "everyone involved in that near-tragic fiasco should be ashamed of themselves: Ms. Fernandez, Milner Downs management, show officials, and of course Ms. Super herself. If anything could demonstrate how utterly unqualified she is to manage a showjumper of his caliber, this comprehensive failure at a tiny show has done so. I am disgusted that she would put Capone at risk in this sort of small-time, poorly-conceived mess. The sooner he is back at home with those who have the experience, skills, knowledge, and genuine care for his well-being that has made him who he is today, the better. She is in so far over her head, I doubt she can even see daylight."

Exitpoint will continue to release public announcements regarding the case as specific, tangible milestones are reached. At this point, the next specific step in the civil court case against Ms. Super will be the application for "summary trial" with the court. Comparable to "summary judgment" proceedings in the U.S. system, this procedural path is appropriate given the relative nonexistence of Ms. Super's defense in this case: the documentary trail is unanimous in contradicting her 'story,' which itself has changed multiple times as the case has progressed. Given the serious lack of credibility she thus has - as well as the deeply troubling behavior she has shown in her trespassing and forged border paperwork during Capone's kidnapping - Exitpoint's summary trial application has already been filed and is on track for timely consideration.

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Though the initial media attention the case garnered internationally has waned as it entered the "trench warfare" phase of civil pre-trial preparation, Exitpoint has never slowed in their work to ensure Capone comes home safely and with lowest risk to him in the process. Concludes Mr. Spink: "There is nothing more important in my life than ensuring Capone's safety, happiness, and overall well-being. He is not 'just a horse,' to me; he is also my partner - on a personal and professional level. More than that, he is my best friend. No matter what sorts of personal attacks, smears, and hateful rumors Ms. Super seeks to aim my way, this will not change. Nor, indeed, will we stoop to her level and resort to that sort of low-class nonsense. We - and I personally - will never give up on Capone, and his entire support team at Exitpoint anticipate the joyful day when he returns home safely. Not only will he resume his interrupted career as a world-class showjumper, but he will once again take his place as a beloved and much-missed member of our family."

Extensive documentation relating to the case is available, uncensored, at Exitpoint's corporate website: www.stallions.net. Exitpoint's legal representatives are available for comment and/or interviews by request.

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Successful in the highly competitive field of international showjumping and as a respected breeding stallion, Holsteiner superstar **Capone I** has 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, and is renowned for his powerful, courageous, genuinely enthusiastic approach to his sport Additional information about him, including photographs and video of his competitive success, can be found at www.stallions.net. He is owned by Exitpoint Stallions Limitée, a private corporation, and has been trained, managed, and loved by Douglas Spink since 1998 when he was imported from Germany after approval as a stallion with the Holsteiner Verband.

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 canine pack dynamics, competitive showjumping, and successful equine and canine breeding management. Active online for over 15 years, he has been the focus of public fascination as a result of his business successes and failures, BASE jumping experiences, stallion management philosophies, narcotics conviction, technology projects, and non-traditional family life. A popular speaker on topics as diverse as entrepreneurship, cryptographic privacy tools, cross-species relationships, and literary theory, he serves as CTO of Baneki Privacy Computing (baneki.com). He can be contacted directly at ds@stallions.net or via telephone at 800.909.3972.