

Exitpoint Stallions Ltée



PROGRESS UPDATE ON RECOVERY OF KIDNAPPED SHOWJUMPING STALLION CAPONE I

Bellingham WA – 16 February: **Exitpoint Stallions Limitée**, owners of the showjumping stallion Capone I, have released the following statement in regards to the progress made in recent months in bringing Capone home safely. Capone was stolen from a secure, private barn in May of 2007 by a former business associate of Exitpoint's managing partner, Douglas Spink. The thief, Corinne Super, was located in Canada and legal proceedings were initiated to bring Capone home. Despite the failure of law enforcement to hold Ms. Super accountable for this kidnapping, Exitpoint's legal counsel has made steady progress towards his return - and a sizeable damages award against Ms. Super for her flagrant disregard of the rights of Capone's longtime owners.

In October of 2008, the case against Ms. Super had its first hearing in front of a Canadian Superior court judge. Quickly dispatching with the attempts by Ms. Super's lawyers to derail the proceedings with speculations concerning Mr. Spink's family life, the court requested Exitpoint place \$20,000 in trust to ensure their commitment to a full hearing of the case. This deposit was made in December of 2008, and the final obstacle to a full hearing on the matter was thus overcome.

As Exitpoint has already prepared, in entirety, their full legal pleadings for summary judgment in the matter - and requested expedited ruling from the court - the remaining timeline is driven solely by the degree to which Ms. Super seeks to further delay justice in the case. Having already admitted under oath to making false statements in her previous court filings, and having failed to call any witness or provide any meaningful documentation in her defense, Ms. Super has essentially conceded the broad outlines of Exitpoint's position in the case. She never 'owned' Capone, never reasonably believed she owned Capone, has signed a sworn and notarized affidavit attesting to her non-ownership of Capone in 2007, and stole Capone from his barn in May of 2008 solely in an attempt to extort funds from Exitpoint for his safe return.

Mr. Spink summarizes the case as it stands today: "Our attorneys have done outstanding work in both documenting Exitpoint's longstanding ownership of Capone, and in fending off the wild allegations and smears Ms. Super has called forth in an attempt to dodge justice in this case. The Canadian courts, I believe, have already seen through her paper-thin story and our legal team has essentially zero concern that we will lose this case on its merits, at this point in time. In fact, it is quite clear to everyone involved that Ms. Super has simply attempted to 'bleed out' Exitpoint - and myself, personally - with this destructive, mean-spirited, and unjustifiable kidnapping of one of North America's most successful showjumpers."

Continues Spink: "simply put, it has been a nightmare dealing with this kidnapping, since the day he was stolen. Not an hour goes by that I do not worry for his safety. Knowing he is padlocked in a stall, unable to compete or enjoy his life as has always been the case with his legal owners, is a constant burden we have carried since that fateful day. I know that a goal of Ms. Super was to drive me personally into complete despondency - she knows well how my life revolves around Capone's care and happiness.

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I have survived that trial, but I could not have done so without the support and caring of friends around the world. The holiday season without Capone here was a low point for me - only that support carried us through. Now, it is time to wrap up this terrible detour in Capone's career, hold Ms. Super accountable for the incalculable damage she has wrought on his competitive momentum, and ensure he never again faces jealous, destructive consequences of this sort. As South African Supreme Court justice and former anti-apartheid prisoner Albie Sachs stated, when referring to his concept of 'soft vengeance,' it is necessary to: ask "When does it end? So somebody has to intervene, somebody has to say, Enough, already." We seek our own 'soft vengeance' on behalf of Capone, for the time he has lost as a hostage - the lost opportunities for competition, the lost foxhunting season, the lost time with his family and loved ones. His soft vengeance will be a happy, healthy, and full life after his safe return home."

While it is impossible to predict the exact speed with which the Canadian courts will issue a final ruling on the case, Exitpoint is optimistic that all major hurdles have already been cleared. Concludes Spink: "whatever attempts Ms. Super makes to further delay Capone's safe return, we will transcend them. We can only hope - pray, even - that he is not harmed before he comes home to us. Desperate people can do unconscionable things, and Ms. Super is clearly cornered and desperate. Our fear is that she will strike out at Capone, and we will continue to press the courts to step in and ensure this tragedy is avoided." 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.