



Public Integrity Unit

Case # 14-072

Interview of:

Kim Ward

**Foster coordinator for Louisville Metro
Animal Services**



LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Investigations Division

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT



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	Lead Investigator: Sergeant Chad Kessinger	

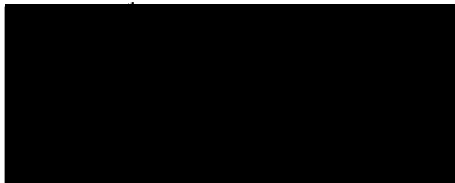
PHONE CONVERSATION WITH KIM WARD

On November 3, 2014, at approximately 1617 hours I spoke with Kim Ward by phone. During our conversation Mrs. Ward was provided the opportunity to answer questions relating to Sadie's investigation. Mrs. Ward refused to comment on this investigation and refused to give a recorded statement by phone. Mrs. Ward said she may reply if the questions were sent in written form and emailed to her.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at approximately 1905 hours I emailed Kim Ward a series of questions to read and respond back in a much detail as possible. I requested that she provide me with a response no later than Tuesday, November 11, 2014. A copy of the questions have been placed in the PIU file 14-072 for review.

Mrs. Ward was employed at Louisville Metro Animal Services as the Foster Coordinator during the time frame of our investigation. She is no longer employed with Louisville Metro Animal Services and has since moved out of state where she now resides in Washington. Mrs. Ward is more specifically identified as:

Kim Ward



Investigator's Signature:	<i>Sgt. Chad Kessinger</i>	11/07/2014
Supervisor's Signature:	<i>HT. KESSINGER</i>	11/10/2014

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Kim,

Per our conversation on the phone, I am aware you do not want to give a recorded statement regarding the investigation on Sadie. At your request I have provided a list of questions for you to review and respond to in as much detail as possible. If you change your mind and decide you would like to give a recorded statement by phone, I have left my contact information at the bottom of this email. Please contact me at any time and I will gladly speak with you and listen to your account of what transpired at LMAS. My goal is to gather the facts in this case and provide our County Attorney with this information and determine if any criminal behavior exists.

*I would like for you to take a moment and carefully read and respond to the below questions and return to me by Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Again, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at **502-574-8720**.*

Please answer the following questions:

- **It's my understanding that you were the Foster Coordinator for LMAS**
 - Please explain your role and responsibility while employed at LMAS during the years 2013 & 2014.
 - Do you provide training to those who Foster animals at LMAS? Specifically, did you provide any training to Heather Adkins?
 - If yes, please explain, and does LMAS provide training manuals with emergency contact numbers in case the animal(s) require immediate medical assistance,
 - As the Foster Coordinator, do you make home visits to check the status or wellbeing of the animals?
 - Did you ever make a home visit to check the wellbeing of Sadie?
 - If yes, explain?
- **Who is responsible for the day to day care and medical needs of an animal in foster care?**
 - Did you ever receive information from Heather Adkins on Sadie's medical needs?
 - If yes, please explain in detail how you received this information and who you reported this to. Also, do you have documentation of this?
- **Did you keep any documentation such as emails that were sent to you or from you regarding Sadie?**
 - If so, who sent you the emails and please provide a date and time if possible.
- **Do you recall sending emails or speaking with Margaret Brosko, Donald Robinson or Sadiqa Reynolds regarding Sadie's condition?**
 - If so, please explain in detail and provide dates and times if possible.
 - What was discussed?
- **Please explain the chameleon report and how is it used at LMAS?**
 - Is Sadie's medical records documented in chameleon?

- **What type of correspondence did you have with Heather Adkins during the time she fostered Sadie?**
 - Email, phone conversations, texts etc.....
 - Do you recall ever being told Sadie was being NEGLECTED by LMAS?
 - If so, by who? And when?

- **Where you made aware of Heather Adkins taking Sadie to Dr. Stephanie Pollet located at East Bullet Veterinary Clinic?**
 - Did you ever speak with Dr. Stephanie Pollet about the surgery?
 - Were you ever provided the medical records from Dr. Pollet's office or from Heather Adkins? If so, please provide a date and time if possible.

- **Did you ever attempt to call Dr. Mika to perform the surgery on Sadie?**
 - If yes, can you recall a date and time
 - Did you ever make contact with Dr. Mika?
 - If yes what was discussed?

- **While Heather Adkins was fostering Sadie did she have access to the veterinarian at LMAS? If yes, do you know the hours of operation?**
 - Could Heather Adkins bring Sadie in to LMAS to be examined or treated at any time while working or outside of normal working hours? If the LMAS office is closed was there an emergency number provided to Heather Adkins?
 - If Sadie was in need of immediate medical attention after hours could someone be reached at LMAS after hours to provide care and treatment for Sadie? If yes, who would this be?

- **Why did Heather Adkins use her own personal veterinarian Dr. Stephanie Pollet instead of LMAS veterinarian on staff?**

- **Did anyone at LMAS or outside the agency ever tell you Sadie was being neglected?**
 - Please explain in detail and provided documentation such as emails, text etc... Also, please provide names, dates and times if possible.

- **Did Heather Adkins ever discuss with you the reason for not contacting LMAS veterinarian if medical attention was needed?**
 - Please explain

- **Were you contacted by Heather Adkins prior to Sadie being transferred to the Arrow Fund for medical attention?**
 - If yes, please explain

- **Were you made aware of Sadie being euthanized?**
 - Please explain

- In an email from you to Heather Adkins dated Saturday, December 14, 2013 5:21pm you stated the following;
 - *"I asked about the surgery date and Alisa said she is trying to get an answer from Margaret...its becoming a pain, I know. Apparently the equipment never showed up or never got ordered or something else weird like that. All that to say, I'm definitely going to start pushing it actively, I had no idea it was bad and that she was self-mutilating....That's becoming an issue of neglect on our part, as far as I'm concerned..."*
 - Please explain in detail how you were going start pushing it actively? Also, what date did you begin to actively pursue this?

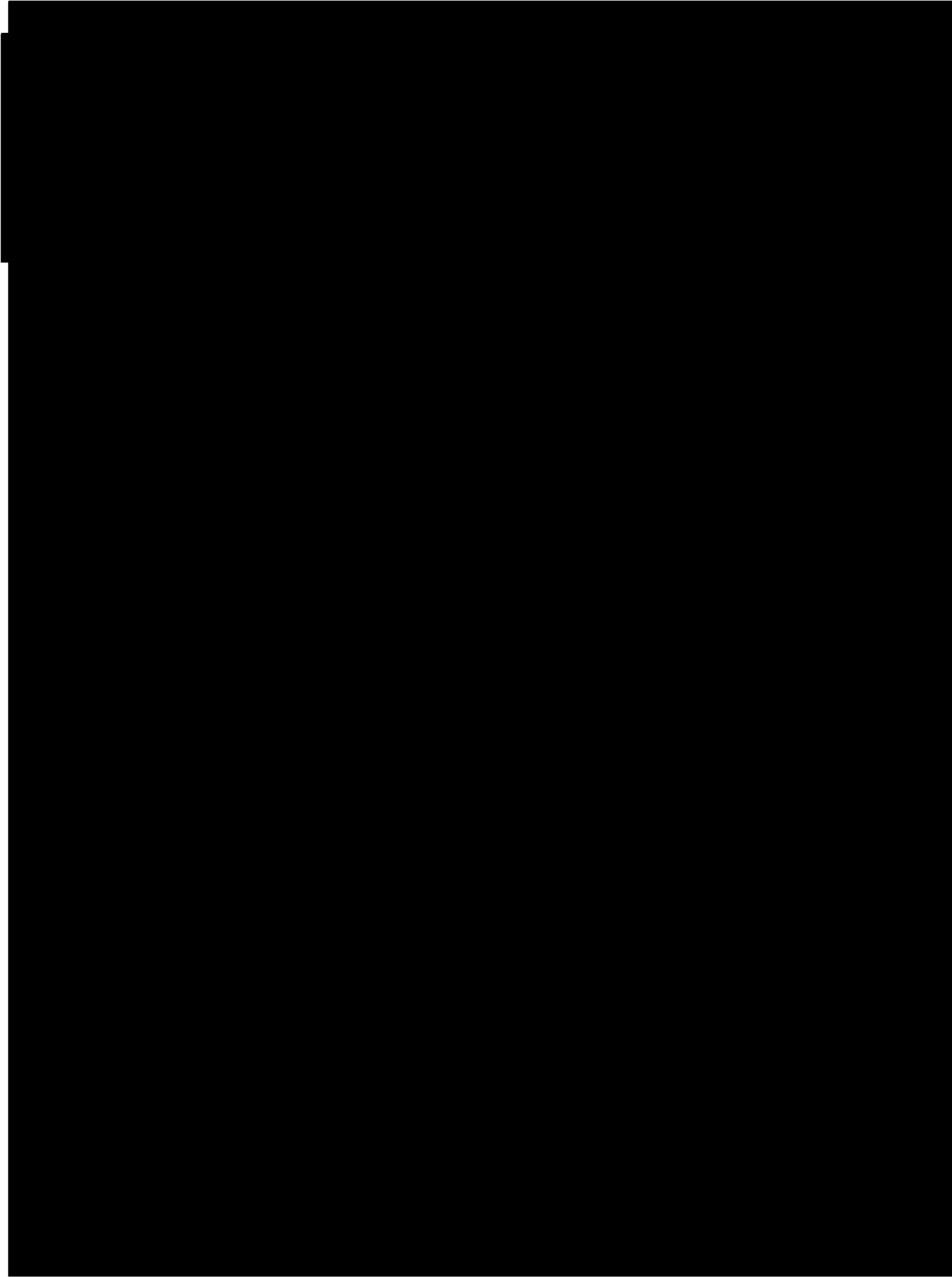
- In another email from you to Heather Adkins dated Sunday, September 29, 2013 1:18pm you stated the following;
 - *Okay great, she's cool with it. AND!!!!We are getting somewhere with Sadie's leg amputation. Don't spend your money on it yet. I think we can justify this from a PR standpoint and use a donation someone gave us to help with the cost. I'll get back to you when I have a better idea, but I think we will be able to get it done with us, Thanks!*
 - Please explain in detail the following:
 - Who is she? When stating Okay great, she's cool with it
 - You stated you would get back with Heather when you have a better idea, Did you ever respond back to Heather Adkins with an update

Is there any question(s) I have not asked you or any other information you have that may be beneficial to this case? Again, please be specific and if possible provide dates, times or documentation.

Is everything you told me the truth to the best of your knowledge?

Again, I would like to thank you for speaking with me over the phone. I understand you do not want to give a recorded statement, but may respond in written form. As you are aware, you are giving this response on your own free will, no one has threatened you in order to obtain this written statement.

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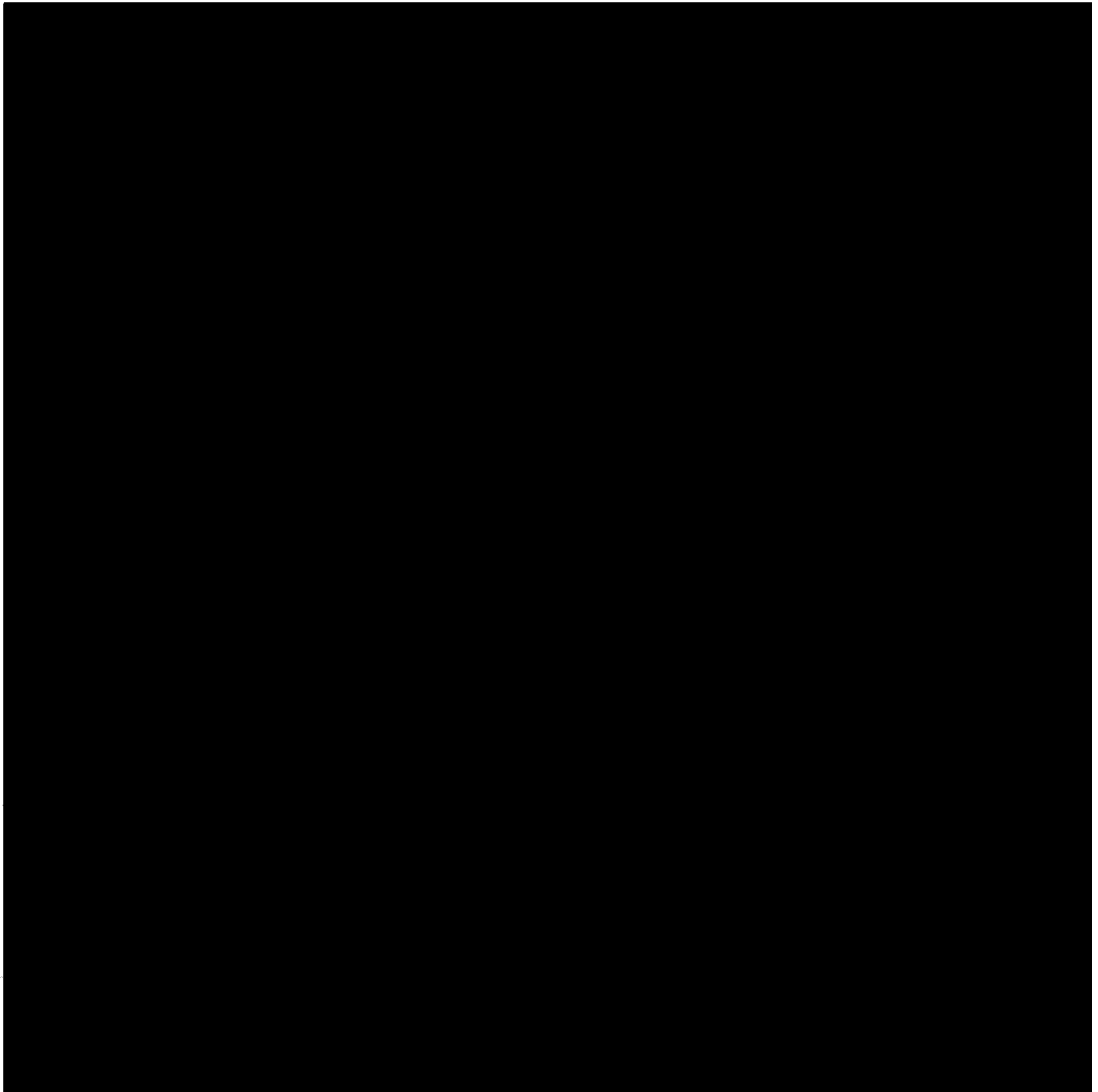
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Date: 11/03/14

Subject Information

(Best Information for Subject)

Name: KIMBERLY NICOLE WARD

AKAs

(Names Associated with Subject)

KIM WARD

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