

**CRIME REPORT****COPY****SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT****DR# 082001074****EVENT SUMMARY****OFFENSE**

Statute Code	Degree	Statute Description
487E PC	FELONY	COMMITTED GRAND THEFT:DOG

Assignment Date/Time: 08/19/2020 13:42 **Arrival Date/Time:** 08/19/2020 13:42 **Date/Time Occurrence Started:** Wed 08/19/20 13:41**Date/Time Occurrence Ended:** **Date/Time Reported:** Wed 08/19/20 13:41 **Domestic Incident:** No**Incident Location:** 225 E MOUNTAIN VIEW ST, BARSTOW, CA, **Rpt. Area:** CA0360000 **District:** BA500**Jail Location:****Evidence Collected:** No**Brief Description of Incident:** 06-THEFT/LARCENY - PART I **Disposition:** OPEN INVESTIGATION**Total Property Loss:** \$800,000 **Seized Drug Value:** (None) **Total Gun Loss:** (None) **Total Vehicle Loss:** (None)**VICTIM(S)**

Zorikova, Alla Anatolyevna

SUSPECT(S)

Name: Ward, Chelsea	DOB: [REDACTED]	Age: 29	Transient: NO
Related Offenses: 487E PC			CII:
Interviewed: No	Arrested: No		FBI:
Sex: Female	Race:	Ethnicity: Unknown	Height:
			Weight:
			Hair: Unknown
			Eyes: Unknown
Phone 1: [REDACTED]			
Address: [REDACTED]			

OTHER PERSONS INVOLVEDAffleck, Samantha **OTHER****CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE/PROPERTY****Offense:** 487E PC GRAND THEFT:DOG **Attempted/Committed:** COMMITTED**Type:** FELONY**Hate Crime:** None **AB109:** No **Gang Related:** No**PROPERTY / EVIDENCE**

STOLEN Item # 1	Related Offense: 487E PC Related To: Zorikova, Alla Property Description: 22 German Sheppard dogs. Class Type: Misc Quantity: 22 Value: \$800,000	Bar Code Tag
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NARRATIVE

Assignment / Arrival:

I am currently assigned to patrol at the Barstow Sheriff's station. Over the past month I have investigated a theft of a multiple German Shepherd dogs from a property in Hinkley.

The dogs were stolen from the property when Alla Zorikova was taken to jail. When Alla was released from jail she found most of their dogs missing. For more information on the arrest reference report #082001029.

Victim Contact: Alla Zorikova:

I've been in contact with Alla multiple times, the majority of our contact has been over the phone. The following is a summary of the information Alla has shared with me regarding her dogs.

Alla was taken into custody on 08/08/20. Alla was released on 08/11/20 and when she arrived at her property her dogs which were previously there, were gone. Alla was under the impression animal control had her dogs and contacted them. Animal control had 25 of her dogs. Alla was able to retrieve the dogs animal control had.

After retrieving her dogs from animal control, Alla was made aware of a animal rescue in Las Vegas Nevada which was in possession of the remaining dogs. The rescue was called SNARL (Southern Nevada Animal Rescue League). All and her attorney contacted SNARL and demanded they return the dogs.

Alla told me initially SNARL admitted to having the dogs but later said they didn't have them at all. The last thing I was told by Alla regarding SNARL was they were not responding to Alla or her attorney.

At the time I last spoke to Alla she did not know how SNARL came into possession of her dogs.

Suspect Contact: Chelsea Ward:

I contacted Ward over the phone. The following is a summary of our contact.

Ward is the president of SNARL and is in a Facebook group with other animal rescues. On the weekend Alla was arrested Ward was driving home to Las Vegas from Southern California. Ward was notified by her Facebook group of rescuers there were multiple dogs needing rescuing. Ward told the group she was able to take some dogs back to her rescue in Las Vegas.

Ward was told to meet at "The Barn," but did not know the address. The barn was red and was in the Barstow area. When Ward got to the barn she was met by multiple other rescuers and was asked how many dogs she could take. Ward took about 22 dogs back to Las Vegas with her. Ward has no information on the other rescuers or how to get in contact with them. The dogs were already at the barn and Ward never went to the victims property.

Ward was only told the dogs came from a abandoned property.

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The last time I spoke to Ward she advised me she only has three dogs and the other 18 had been adopted. Ward was not able to provide me with any information on the adopters.

Involved Party Contact: Animal Control Officer S. Affleck:

I contacted Affleck over the phone. The following is a summary of my contact with her.

Affleck came out to the property on August 10th, 2020 to check on the dogs and figure out how they were going to remove them. While she was driving away from the property she observed a grey Ram pick-up truck with Nevada license plates, as well as a Dodge minivan. The person driving the minivan had scrubs and gloves on, and looked to Affleck like a dog rescuer.

Affleck was not able to make contact with the people.

Disposition:

No further information.



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ATTACHMENTS

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CODE SECTION PC 487E	CRIME Grand Theft of Animal	CLASSIFICATION Felony
VICTIM'S NAME – LAST NAME Zorikova	FIRST NAME Alla	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)

Notification:

On Thursday, September 17, 2020, I was a detective assigned to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Detail. At approximately 1500 hours, I was notified by Sergeant Troy Mooradian of a special investigation involving personnel from the Barstow Station.

Briefing:

At approximately 1500 hours, Mooradian provided the briefing in the conference room at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Detail. The personnel present during the briefing were

- Sergeant Troy Mooradian – Sheriff's Homicide Detail
- Detective Josh Guerry – Sheriff's Homicide Detail
- Detective Tony Romero – Sheriff's Homicide Detail
- Detective David Carpenter – Sheriff's Homicide Detail
- Detective Floyd Stone – Sheriff's Homicide Detail

On Saturday, August 8, 2020, at approximately 1245 hours, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to the area of [REDACTED] Hinkley to investigate animal cruelty. Deputy Kelsey Parsons was the case agent for the investigation.

Parsons identified over 63 German Shepherd dogs that were housed in metal crates. Parsons believed the dogs were housed in inhumane conditions and requested assistance from San Bernardino County Animal Control Officers (ACO). Parsons arrested Alla Zorikova and Olivia Jeong for Animal Cruelty. ACO officer's took possession of approximately 14 3-week-old puppies, due to not being able to identify the mother of the puppies. ACO officer's told Parsons they could not take possession of the other dogs on the property. ACO told Parsons they would return the following days to provide water and food for the remaining dogs. ACO officers eventually euthanized the puppies because the ACO officers could not locate the mother to the puppies.

On August 9, 2020, ACO officers returned to provide food and water to the remaining dogs. As ACO officers left the property, they observed Parsons conducting a traffic stop on a black Dodge Ram and a large white van, which had German Shepherd stickers on it.

On August 11, 2020, ACO officers returned to the property and noticed a significant number of dogs were missing. ACO took possession of 25 dogs. As ACO officers left the property they



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Briefing (continued):

saw a white van with license plate [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ACO officers attempted to interview the occupants, but they refused to talk to ACO.

Later in the evening, Zorikova and Jeong were released from custody, due to the District Attorney's office refusal to file animal cruelty charges. Zorikova returned to her property and noticed all her dogs were missing. Zorkivoa contacted ACO and was told they had possession of 25 dogs, which were subsequently released to her.

On August 19, 2020, Zorikova filed a Grand Theft of Animal report with the Sheriff's Department. The animal theft case was assigned to Detective Brian Grimm. During the investigation, Zorikova estimated the value of the dogs stolen to be over \$1,000,000.

Grimm contacted several animal rescues in the Las Vegas area and they refused to cooperate with the investigation. Grimm identified several subjects involved in the theft. One of subjects identified was Diley Greiser. Greiser was uncooperative with Grimm and refused to provide information regarding the theft of the dogs. Grimm authored a search warrant for call detail records for Greiser's cell phone. Grimm reviewed the call detail records and noted, Parsons contacted Greiser near the time the animal cruelty case was initially investigated.

To this date, none of the German Shepherd dogs that were stolen have been recovered.

Assignment:

After the briefing, Mooradian assigned me as the case agent.