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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

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Dear Ms. Carney:

Freedom of
Information

This is in response to your July 6, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the official investigation requested by the Office of Animal Care (AC), regarding James Michael Case doing business as "A Great Ape Experience." Your request was received on July 6, 2011, and assigned FOIA 11-633.

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AC informed our office that no investigation was conducted. Although AC may requests an investigation, it does not mean its justified, as in this case. Also, our search included the Office of Investigative and Enforcement Services which no records found.

Please be advised, you may appeal the adequacy of our search. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to: Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Ag Box 3401, Washington, DC 20250-3401. Please refer FOIA 11-633 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

Tonya G. Woods
for:

Tonya G. Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act



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