



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC Dispatch System

Law Enforcement Complaint Summary

General Information:

Call for Service	Status	Status Date	Date Time Received	Type	Nature	County	Town	Street Address
14-017608	Closed	12/17/2014	10/06/2014 11:04	Complaint	1000 – Fish & Wildlife, Big Game - Bear	New York	County of New York (Manhattan)	West 68th and West Drive, Central Park

Complainant Information:

Name	Address	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
	NY			

Facts and Information Provided by Complainant:

Information Provided
AT 1104 hours on 10/06/14 Ranger Sgt Eric Handy (347)944-0441 contacted the department stating that they had located a deceased baby black bear in central park near the 7th Regiment Statue.

Possible Responsible Parties Information:

Name	Date of Birth	Address	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
		NY			

Closure Information:

Prosecutor	Referral Date	Ticket Issued
None		

Warrants Executed:

Search	Arrest

Court Ordered Seal Executed:

Sealed

Dispatch Information:

Date Entered	Time Entered	Opened By	Officer Assigned	Approved By	Approved Date
10/06/2014	1316	Reynolds Kati	ECO Jeannette Bastedo	Brian Gillis	01/05/2015

Narrative:

Date/Time	Comment
10/8/2014 11:17:17 AM	<p>On 10/06/14 at about 1130 hours I arrived at central park. There was numerous NYPD officers, investigators, and brass present along with NYC Parks Urban Park Rangers present. Urban Park Ranger Sgt Eric Handy relayed that the bear was originally found by a park patron around 0845. This information was relayed to a Central Parks Conservancy worker who relayed it to NYPD and Parks. He though NYPD had notified us, which they had not. Captain Chris Flanagan (917-715-0902) of the detectives borough was present and stated their plan was for the bear to be moved by the ASPCA to the Bronx Zoo with their Animal Cruelty Unit investigating the case. I expressed to him our department would also be interested in the bear. I spoke with Lt. Trottier by phone, relaying the information to him about NYPDs plan for the bear. He instructed me to make sure I speak to the Bronx Zoo to gain possession of the bear after they are completed with it. Additionally I was in contact with Inspector John Corbisiero of the Special Investigations Detective Unit (646-610-8741). He oversees various units including the Animal Cruelty Unit. Captain Flanagan and Inspector Corbisiero and most of the other NYPD officers there were under the impression the bear was probably hit by a car but would continue with their investigation including calling in the Animal Cruelty Unit along with crime scene techs. The above mentioned NYPD brass had to leave the area before the Animal Cruelty Unit arrived.</p> <p>After Inspector Corbisiero left I received a phone call from Lt. Trottier stating Albany, specifically Kevin Hynes DEC wildlife health pathologist, were interested in the bear cub and would like it transported there directly. I relayed this information the NYPD officers present. Once Sgt Barbara Thomas (347-203-5804) and Detective Roman (646-474-7146) of the Animal Cruelty Unit arrived, at approximately 1400 hours, there was discussion over who should receive the bear. It was also determined that the ASPCA would not be actually transporting the bear if it went to the Bronx Zoo, either myself or Parks would need to transport it. After many phone calls amongst NYPD the bear was released to me to transport to 108 Game Farm Road Delmar, NY. I wrapped the bear in a tarp provided by The Natures Conservancy and loaded the bear in the rear seat of my patrol vehicle. I drove the bear to the pathology lab at 108 Game Farm Road and released the bear cub into Kevin Hynes custody at approximately 1700. Mr. Hynes was to determine cause of death among other things.</p> <p>On 10/07/14 Mr. Hynes called me to tell me the results of his gross necropsy. Mr. Hynes stated the cause of death to the less than one year old female bear cub was massive blunt force trauma consistent with a motor vehicle strike. Injuries included spinal fractures, all legs broken, and skull fractures severe enough for the majority of its brain to be lost through its mouth. Lacerations were caused by blunt force trauma, with no sharp edge cuts or slashes. Impact resulted in loss of some internal organs including stomach and liver. Contents of the lower digestive tract were of natural food source including seeds. The bear appeared to be in good health prior to the impact. A rabies test cannot be done as there was too little brain matter left. Mr. Hynes next call was to Sgt Thomas and Inspector Corbisiero. I called Lt. Trottier and relayed the information to him. He instructed me to call Mr. Hynes back to receive a written report of his findings. Mr. Hynes stated that would take some time. Lt. Trottier requested I write up the findings relayed to me by Mr. Hynes and submit that to him. I also contacted Sgt Handy of NYC Parks to relay the findings.</p> <p>On 10/08/14 Mr. Hynes released his preliminary necropsy report to myself, Lt. Trottier, Sgt Thomas (NYPD), Det. Roman (NYPD), Inspector Corbisiero (NYPD), and Robert Reisman (ASPCA).</p>
12/17/2014 2:50:51 PM	<p>On 10/28/14 Mr. Hynes released his final necropsy report stating that the bear was most likely killed upon impact with a motor vehicle possibly along the lower Route 87 portion of the NYS Thruway around the NY/NJ boarder around Rockland or Orange County. The bear was healthy and eating nature sources of food prior to its death. The necropsy report will be retained. Bear has been frozen in storage at 108 Game Farm Road in Delmar, NY. No ECL charges seem possible as there are no leads on who dumped the bear carcass at the park. NYPD Animal Cruelty Unit along with other NYPD detective units attempted to find surveillance of the area to determine possible leads. None were found.</p> <p>CASE CLOSED</p>