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INFORMATION

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT

Disposition date

JD-CR-71 REV. 1-17

Police Case number
2000007151

Agency name
New Canaan Police

Agency number
0090

Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused)
Palmer, Catherine, D. Residence (Town) of accused
Greenwich Docket number

Address
4 Lafayette Ct Apt 5b Date of birth
03/01/1972

To be held at (Town)
Norwalk Superior Geographical area number
20 Court date

The undersigned Prosecuting
Authority of the State of
Connecticut charges that:

Count One — Did commit the offense of:
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (3 counts)

At (Town)
New Canaan On or about (Date)
09/21/2020 In violation of General Statute number
53-247(a)

Count Two — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town) On or about (Date) In violation of General Statute number

Count Three — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town) On or about (Date) In violation of General Statute number

See other sheet for additional counts Date
11/12/20 Signed (Prosecuting Authority)

Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea Bond Surety 10 % Election (Date)
 Cash CT JY

(Judge) (Date) Guardian Bond change Seized property inventory number

Attorney Public defender

Count Plea date Plea Plea withdrawn Date New plea Verdict finding Fine Remit Additional disposition

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Date Other Court Action Judge

Receipt number Cost IMP NCI Bond information Bond forfeited Forfeiture vacated Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated

Application fee - receipt number if paid Circle one W I Q Program fee - receipt number if paid Circle one W I Q Probation fee - receipt number if paid Circle one W I Q

Prosecutor on original disposition Reporter/monitor on original disposition Signed (Clerk) Signed (Judge)

ARREST WARRANT APPLICATION

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C.G.S. §54-2a
Pr. Bk. Sec. 36-1, 36-2, 36-3

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Supporting Affidavits sealed
Yes No

Police Case number: 2000007151
Agency name: New Canaan Police
Agency number: 0090
Name: Palmer, Catherine, D.
Residence: Greenwich
Court: Norwalk Superior
Geographical Area: 20

Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: [X] Affidavit Below. [] Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date: 11/12/20
Signed (Prosecuting authority): [Signature]
Type/print name of prosecuting authority: S. Tracy

Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. The undersigned Animal Control Officer Allyson Halm being duly sworn and states that she is a member of the New Canaan Police Department since 2015 and was a member of the Greenwich Police Department from 1995-2007. At all times mentioned herein I was acting as a member of said department. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge and observation as well as information received from other officers in their official capacity and from official police reports and statements made from prudent and credible witnesses.

2. On Monday 8/12/20, affiant Halm and Police Officer Clark were dispatched to 151 Butler Lane on the report of a sick puppy. Officer Clark was dispatched due to a history of tenant landlord disputes. (Officer Clark utilized her body camera and recordings were placed into evidence).

3. That upon arrival affiant Halm and Officer Clark were met by [redacted] and [redacted], who both are tenants at the Butler Lane address. [redacted] was holding a small white puppy that was unresponsive, (video of the sick puppy was placed into evidence). [redacted] stated that the dog belonged to her landlord Catherine Palmer aka Cassie Palmer, Cate Palmer, Cassie Aris Palmer (DOB 3/1/1972). [redacted] stated that she sent Palmer a text (attached to case file), regarding the sick puppy telling Palmer that she had called the police. [redacted] stated that she has lived at the residence since November 2019. [redacted] indicated that Palmer does not reside at the Butler Lane address, however does leave puppies there routinely.

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Date: 11/12/20
Signed (Affiant): [Signature]
Jurat: Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date): NOV 12, 2020
Signed (Judge/Clerk/Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public): [Signature]

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature: [Signatures]
Signed at (City or town): [redacted]
On (Date): [redacted]
Signed (Judge / Judge Trial Referee): [Signature]
Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee: [redacted]

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stated that the puppy she was holding was not in the house when she went to bed. Both [redacted] and [redacted] believed Palmer brought the puppy in during the night, switching it with one of the five healthy puppies that were there. [redacted] stated the sick puppy was much smaller than the original five.

4. That Palmer arrived on scene and became defensive when [redacted] questioned where the sick puppy came from, Palmer denied switching puppies. At that time I advised Palmer that the puppy needed immediate veterinary care. Palmer left the scene claiming she would take it to her veterinarian at United Veterinary Center in Norwalk.

5. That affiant Halm and Officer Clark remained on scene. There we observed three small white fluffy puppies approximately 9-12 weeks of age in a gated area of the kitchen and two small white adult dogs. There was feces and urine covering the floors. A bowl of dry food and water was visible. Conditions on the floor and walls were unsanitary for both the dogs and the tenants who resided there.

6. That [redacted] and [redacted] both stated that they pay Palmer monthly rent and that there was no verbal or contractual arrangement for any of the tenants to care for the continuous flow of puppies. Both [redacted] and [redacted] claimed they would clean up after the puppies because Palmer was never there to provide care and they felt badly for the neglected dogs. They further claimed that if they didn't provide food and water frequently the puppies would suffer. (Based on experience and training affiant Halm knows puppies under the age of six months require a minimum of three wholesome meals a day ensuring each animal gets their share and that they live in a clean environment).

7. That on 8/12/2020 photos were taken of the conditions (photos placed into evidence). [redacted] then provided both affiant Halm and Officer Clark paperwork that indicated there were multiple sources for purchasing puppies around the country, copies of vaccine records with no veterinarian information, contracts and copies of Bill of Sales. [redacted] agreed to provide a written statements).

8. That upon leaving the property affiant Halm observed numerous papers on the roadway and determined the paperwork to be more evidence of puppy broker contacts, registration forms and hand written records, indicating Palmer was importing puppies and operating a Pet Store without a license. (Items were placed in evidence).

9. That on Monday 8/12/20 affiant Halm contacted United Veterinary Center and spoke

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Jurat	Subscribed and sworn before me on (Date) 12, 2020	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public)	[Signature]
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official)	Date	Reviewed (Judge / Judge Trial Referee)	Date
[Signature]	11/12/20	[Signature]	11/12/20

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... who stated that Palmer has been a client for 3 years and was a breeder of Maltese. ... agreed to email the doctors notes regarding the puppy "Gracie" that Palmer brought in. (Dr. Notes attached to case file).

... (Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine) medical notes indicated that Palmer stated that the puppy "Gracie" had a hypoglycemic episode and responded well to supportive care at home. Affiant Halm observed the puppy to be unresponsive when it left the residence with Palmer. The doctor's notes further indicated that the puppy had an abnormal exam, a low temperature, was thin and pale.

10. That on Monday 8/12/2020 Palmer left a voicemail message for affiant Halm stating "Gracie" was fine and there was nothing to worry about. (Message was recorded and placed into evidence). I left Palmer a voicemail requesting to speak to her further, (Palmer never returned the call).

11. That on Monday 9/21/20 affiant Halm was contacted by ... who was clearly distressed stating 2 puppies ("Zoe & Winter") had died on 9/20/20 at the Butler Lane address and she didn't know what to do with the bodies. Affiant Halm agreed to remove the two deceased puppies. ... stated that a third puppy "Buddy" had died on Wednesday 9/16/20 ("Buddy" was buried in the backyard by a tenant). ... stated that Palmer was notified that "Buddy" was ill and Palmer said do not to take the puppy to a veterinarian, but to give it syrup. ... further stated that Palmer had hired ... to clean up after the puppies. ... provided written statements).

12. That on 9/23/20 the two deceased puppies "Zoe and Winter" were submitted to UCONN for necropsy. On 10/21/20 the test results indicating both puppies died of Parvovirus and one had Pneumonia. (Results attached to case file)

13. That on 9/23/20 Affiant Halm spoke with ... who stated she was hired on 8/25/20 to clean up after the puppies by herself. There were 4 puppies and 2 adults at that time. ... stated she only had phone contact with Palmer and that Palmer requested before and after photos to ensure the cleaning was done, (photos attached to case file). ... further stated that Palmer would often reschedule her, claiming she was in town and that she could care for the puppies. ... indicated that when she was scheduled to clean it appeared that the area where the puppies were confined had not been cleaned at all or ... had cleaned, (in short it appeared that Palmer did not care for the puppies during ... absence).

14. That ... stated on 9/10/20 there were four new puppies at the residence, two Maltese "Buddy" and "Winter", one Poodle "Piper", one Morkie "Bean", and "Zoe" a Maltese puppy who had been there.

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further stated that on 9/19/20 she contacted Palmer when "Zoe" stopped eating and had bloody diarrhea. had told Fabian "Buddy" had died. Palmer agreed to have take the puppy to the Emergency Veterinary Hospital in Norwalk where "Zoe" tested positive for the Parvovirus. (Palmer was aware that "Buddy" had died earlier in the week without medical attention). stated that while she was at the hospital spoke to Palmer by phone stating that "Zoe" needed hospitalization and would most likely die without intensive care. requested that "Zoe" be euthanized rather than die slowly. Palmer declined and the puppy was released to with oral medications. provided her medical notes which stated releasing the puppy was against medical advice) stated she returned to Butler Lane and explained how to administer the medications to then contacted Palmer telling her she could no longer work for her due to the constant neglect and pending death (s) of the puppies. provided a written statement).


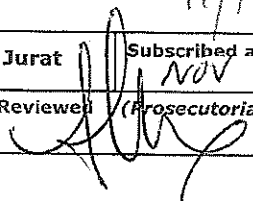
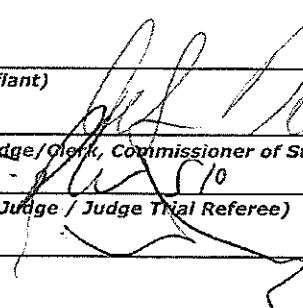
15. That on Saturday 9/19/20 notified Palmer that "Winter" was showing the same symptoms as "Zoe". stated that Palmer suggested giving "Winter" a dose of "Zoe's" medications and that she would be back on Tuesday. stated "Zoe" died on Sunday night 9/20/20 and "Winter" died earlier morning on Monday 9/21/20.

16. That Officer Clark found Palmers profile on numerous Social Media links (Puppyfinders and Cassie's Puppies Facebook site) providing evidence that Palmer had been actively advertising puppies.

17. That tenant has informed affiant Halm by email that as of 11/12/2020, there are twelve dogs (ten being puppies) that Palmer has brought to the house and left for to care for them by herself. Palmer dropped off two new Maltese puppies as recently as 11/11/2020. further stated she will be moving out of the residence in the near future and fears more puppies will die. That the conditions for the dogs will deteriorate quickly in light of Palmers complete absence and neglect of care.

18. That based on experience and training affiant Halm believes that probable cause exists that Catherine Palmer aka Cassandra and/or Cassie Palmer (DOB 3/1/1972), LKA 4 Lafayette CT Apt. 5B, Greenwich, CT, did violate C.G.S. 53-247 Cruelty to Animals, 3 counts, "failing to provide proper care" leading to the deaths of "Zoe, Winter, & Buddy" and respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for same.

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Date 11/12/20	Signed (Affiant) 
Jurat Subscribed and sworn before me on (Date) NOV 12, 2020	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) 561-510
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