

SARASOTA COUNTY PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

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☒ Original
☐ Supplemental

SSO Case #:	SSO BK #:	OBTS #:	Arrest #:
Agency Case #:23-047365	SAO #:	FDLE #:	UTC#:

ADULT ARREST: With Warrant



JUVENILE: N/A

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Defendant: Morald Odnokachl Onyemaechl				Alias:	
DOB:12/30/1998	Age: 24	Sex:Male	Race:Black or African	Hgt: 511	Wgt: 180
Street:4454 Baynos Rd		City:North Port		State:FL	Zip: 34288
Phone:(941) 840-8856		Scars/Tattoos:			
DL #:Q552554984700		ST: FL	SS#	Place of Birth:FL	
Occupation:			Employer:		
Employer Address:				Phone:	

Citizenship	Immigration Status	Residence Type	Residence Status	Under the Influence
US	☒ Permanent/Legal U.S.	☒ City	☐ N/A	Drugs:
	☐ Legal Visitor	☐ County	☒ Full Year	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk
	☐ Undocumented Illegal	☐ Florida	☐ Part Year	Alcohol:
	☐ Unknown	☐ Out of State	☐ Non-Resident	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk

CRIME EVENT

Date:07/13/23	Time:10:18	Loc. Type:r. Residence/Single	Zone:	Grid:
Crime Location:4454 Boynes Rd, North Port, FL 34288				
F.S. / Ord #:828.12(2)	Charge:Cause Cruel Death Pain And Suffering	☒ Fel ☐ Misd	Bond:7922816251	
F.S. / Ord #:	Charge:	☐ Fel ☐ Misd	Bond:	
F.S. / Ord #:	Charge:	☐ Fel ☐ Misd	Bond:	
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Investigating Officer: Dominick J Caravella			I.D. #: 376	
Drug Unit: oo, N/A	Drug Type:N, N/A	Drug Activity:N, N/A		
Weapon Type: oo, N/A	Weapon Finish:N/A	Caliber Type:	Weapon Seized: ☐	

ARREST EVENT

Date:	Time:	Arrest LEO / ID#:	Assist LEO / ID #:
Arrest Location:Warrant Request		Zone:	Grid:
Capias/Warrant #:		County/State of Warrant:	
Dated Booked:	Time Booked:	Returnable Date:	Booking Officer:
Released By:		Released To:	Date: . Time:

VICTIM INFORMATION

Victim Name:				Home Phone:	
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:	
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Notified of Release: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Time:

Defendant: Morald Odnakachi Onyemaechi	Case #: 23-047365
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CO-DEFENDANT				
Co-Def Name:				Home Phone:
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	

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Co-Def Name:				Home Phone:
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	

TO BE COMPLETED BY L.E.O. FOR JUVENILE DEFENDANT

JUVENILE				
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PARENT / GUARDIAN				
Name:				Home Phone:
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Relation: N/A

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Name:				Home Phone:
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Relation: N/A

Act was admitted: N/A		Juvenile was: N/A		Parents were: N/A	
Prior Arrest: N/A	Processed: N/A	By:	ID:	Dept:	
Juvenile Authority Contacted:		Name of Person Contacted:			
Released to: N/A		Date Released:		Time Released:	
Released to:		Home Phone:		Work/Cell Phone:	
Address:		City:		State:	Zip:

NOTICE TO PARENT OR CUSTODIAN

THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT IS BEING RELEASED TO YOUR CUSTODY PENDING THE DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE. IF THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS CHANGES YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF A DATE AND TIME FOR THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER TO THE ALLEGED OFFENSE (S).

JUVENILE SIGNATURE

PARENT / CUSTODIAN SIGNATURE

**VICTIM RIGHTS
PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION REQUEST
PURSUANT TO F.S. 119.071(2)(j)(1) / ART 1, §16(b)**

Defendant: Merald Odnakachi Onyemaechi

Case #: 23-047365

Victim:

☐ OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT ☒ PCA ☐ JCC ☐ NTA/UTC

AGENCY: ☐ SSO ☐ SPD ☐ FHP ☐ VPD ☒ NPPD ☐ LCPD ☐ OTHER

THE VICTIM QUALIFIES UNDER (check all that apply):

☒ CRIME VICTIM, Art I, §16(b) (Marsy's Law) ☐ AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE, F.S. 827.03

☐ SEXUAL BATTERY, F.S. 794.011 ☐ AGGRAVATED BATTERY, F.S. 784.045

☐ HARASSMENT, F.S. 784.048(2) ☐ AGGRAVATED STALKING, F.S. 784.048(3),(4),(5)

☐ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, F.S. 741.28

Victim ☒ DID ☐ DID NOT receive a copy of the Marsy's Law Rights.

Victim ☒ DOES ☐ DOES NOT wish to opt in to Marsy's Law notifications.

Victim ☒ DOES ☐ DOES NOT request that any document which reveals victim identity, home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets be withheld from public view pursuant to F.S. 119.071(2)(j)(1) / Art I, §16(b) (Marsy's Law).

Victim ☐ DOES ☐ DOES NOT ☒ NOT APPLICABLE consent to having information released to SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center) which provides free and confidential services to victims of sexual violence and/or intimate partner domestic violence.

Victim ☐ DOES ☒ DOES NOT request notification of the defendant's release:

Please Notify: _____

☐ Victim ☐ Next of Kin ☐ Designated Contact

Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

L.E.O. Affiant: Dominick J Caravella

ID#: 376

Date: 07/13/23

Notes:

NARRATIVE

On 07/12/2023, at approximately 1539 hours, I received notification by Emily Graham with the Charlotte County Animal Services Unit of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office of an animal cruelty case. She provided me with a snapchat video and still images sent in by an [REDACTED] outlining an account and name.

I reviewed the video to be a screen recording from a Snapchat account identified as Nails by Lisa and originally recorded by Snapchat user Slikkbands. The video showed what appeared to be a gray pit-bull type of breed dog having its ears cropped inside a residence. The original video had the wording "time to clip them ears" and the Nails by Lisa recording had the wording "Who the fuck posts this. Weird asf. Y'all belong in fucking jail" followed by an emoji. In the video I observed the dog to appear older than 6 weeks of age laying with its belly on a white plastic folding table. All four of the dog's extremities were extended out to the edges of the table and its snout was tapped with black tape to prevent movement of the dog. The upper half of the dog was laying on what appeared to be a white and blue puppy absorbent pad with one cut out to fit around the dog's head and neck. The dog's right ear was then observed being clamped and cut off to the clamp. As the ears were being cut the dog attempts to pull away where a white female bystander places a hand on the dog to assist in restraining it to the table. I then observed the video to show the dog with its ear cut with the absorbent pads having a significant amount of blood on them before the video cutting off.

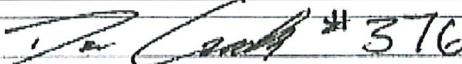
In the video I was also able to identify the location of the table to be in the front area of the home by observing the front window in the background and in the room. Through this window I observed the window to have a thin white banding around the edge of the window rather than the traditional cross hatching. The front door was seen to the left of the camera with a small thin window on its left side as from outside. I further observed the front pillar of the entry way to have a stepped type of stucco band near the bottom edge in a darker color then that of the rest of the pillar and the entry way to be screened with a white aluminum horizontal bar. There was also a bare concrete walkway observed from the doorway leaving the view of the window to the right side as if leading to a driveway. The interior of the home was observed to have a light-colored plank style tile laid towards the front and back of the home.

The original complainant [REDACTED] provided a screenshot of the Slikkbands Snapchat profile accompanied by a suspect name of Merald Onyemaechi, who she believes is the subscriber and operator of the Slikkbands profile. I observed the Slikkbands Snapchat account to have two images that depict a black male wearing a jacket facing the camera as well as another image of two black males on a BMW SUV.



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DAY OF

SEP

2023

BY: Dominick J Caravella

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NARRATIVE CONTINUED

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was able to confirm Merald Onyemaechi through DAVID database photographs as a match to the images observed on the Slikkbands profile images described above. I then conducted a search of the residence through google which returned exterior images from the roadway and the owner to be listed a Matthew Onyemaechi.

[REDACTED]

A social media profile search was then conducted on American Bully XL and Chery Line Kennel through Instagram which were determined to be the same account. On this account multiple images of varying aged dogs were observed both with cropped ears and some without.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 07/15/2023 at 1430 hours, I met with local Veterinary office and spoke with Deanna Frankowski. She provided documentation from the American Veterinary Medical Association stating that tail docking and ear cropping is opposed when done solely for cosmetic purposes. These documents outlined that some breeds of dog customarily have their ears reduced with a blade or scissors to modify their shape and stand upright. It stated that the surgical procedure is performed between 6 and 12 weeks of age depending on breed and body. It reports that well-controlled studies addressing the animal welfare implications does not exist however case studies do support certain risks associated with the procedure to include, anesthesia, postoperative care, and possible complications. A copy of these documents were submitted with this report.

[REDACTED]

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NARRATIVE CONTINUED

On 07/24/2023 a social media search of Cheryline kennels Instagram account had an image uploaded on 07/19/2023 depicting a young dog of the same coloration and pattern as the one observed on the reported video. The dog was observed to have freshly cropped/ cut ears that were discolored and very recent in occurrence. The caption stated "Iron Legacy Kennel's Khaos" pictured with a black male holding a gold chain type collar and having very distinguished arm tattoos. These observed tattoos include a sun on the lower wrist area of the left arm and a Pillsbury type figure on the right arm are a direct match to those observed on Merald Onyemaechi through his Instagram account Slikk Bee above. While searching the Cheryline Kennels Instagram account I also located an upload from 06/14/2023 of a puppy with the same color and pattern as above with ears in tack and droopy. This picture had the caption " @Ironlegacykennels Khaos Nate & cat we really appreciate every bit of assistance along the way Khaos will be my little brother first stud. He will be making his account soon please be on the look out and give it a follow." It should be noted that through computer analysis conducted above the owner of Cheryline kennels, Matthew is approximately 4 years older than his brother Merald.

Based on the above information I have probable cause to believe that Merald Onyemaechi had custody and control over the observed dog identified as Khaos and failed to act resulting in the unnecessary pain and suffering to Khaos in direct violation of Florida State Statute 828.12(2) Aggravated animal cruelty. A warrant request will be submitted with this report at this time.

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19 DAY OF SEP, 2023

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PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST EXEMPTIONS

RECORD REQUESTED 23047365

DATE OF REQUEST 10/02/23

In fulfilling the above request pursuant to Chapter 119 Florida Statutes, the Florida Public Records Act, exempt and/or confidential information has been redacted pursuant to the below Florida Statutes Section(s):

- ☒ Active criminal investigative and intelligence information [F.S. 119.071(2)(c)1].
- ☐ Child Crimes [F.S. 39.202]
- ☐ Confessions [F.S. 119.071(2)(e)]
- ☐ Emergency 911 Request for help – Identity of caller [365.171(12)]
- ☐ Juvenile Court Records [985.04]
- ☐ Marsy's Law
- ☐ Medical records in general [395.3025(4), (7) & (8) and HIPPA]
- ☐ Medical records – Mental Health Clinic Records [394.4615(7)]
- ☐ Security system information or plan [119.071(3)]
- ☒ Social Security numbers [119.071(5)(a)]
- ☒ Surveillance Techniques, Procedures and Personnel [119.071(2)(d)]
- ☐ Undercover Personnel [119.071(4)(c)]
- ☐ Victims of Domestic Violence, Aggravated Stalking, Harassment, Aggravated Battery [119.071(2)(j)1]
- ☐ Victims of Child Abuse [119.071(2)(h)]
- ☐ Additional Statutes: Click or tap here to enter text.

COMMENTS:



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