



## Florida - 77 severely neglected animals confiscated from Laurel Hill 'rescue' facility

- ◆ Shandi A. Lebron, aka Crystal Lebron
- ◆ Fyre Brand Rescue

▶▶ REPEAT OFFENDER (and one who has been on the FL radar for some time). Cruelty convictions in Texas in 2016 and trouble in Louisiana before moving to FL.

### MEDIA:

PAWS confiscates 77 severely neglected animals from Laurel Hill 'rescue' facility

February 15, 2021 / Northwest Florida Daily News / By Tom McLaughlin

Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) officers confiscated 77 animals late last week from a Laurel Hill farm that billed itself as a rescue facility.

A news release originally posted on Facebook said animal control officers arrived at the Fyre Branch Rescue to find dead piglets and chickens in various states of decomposition and hogs standing in three feet of their own waste "feeding on the dead."

It described emaciated horses with open sores that had no clean water available and said horses with

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FL – State Attorney Files New Fraud Charges Against Disgraced Soaring Paws Animal Charity CEO Albert Lorenzo Adams

\*\*\* Repeat offender: See related media links below\*\*\*

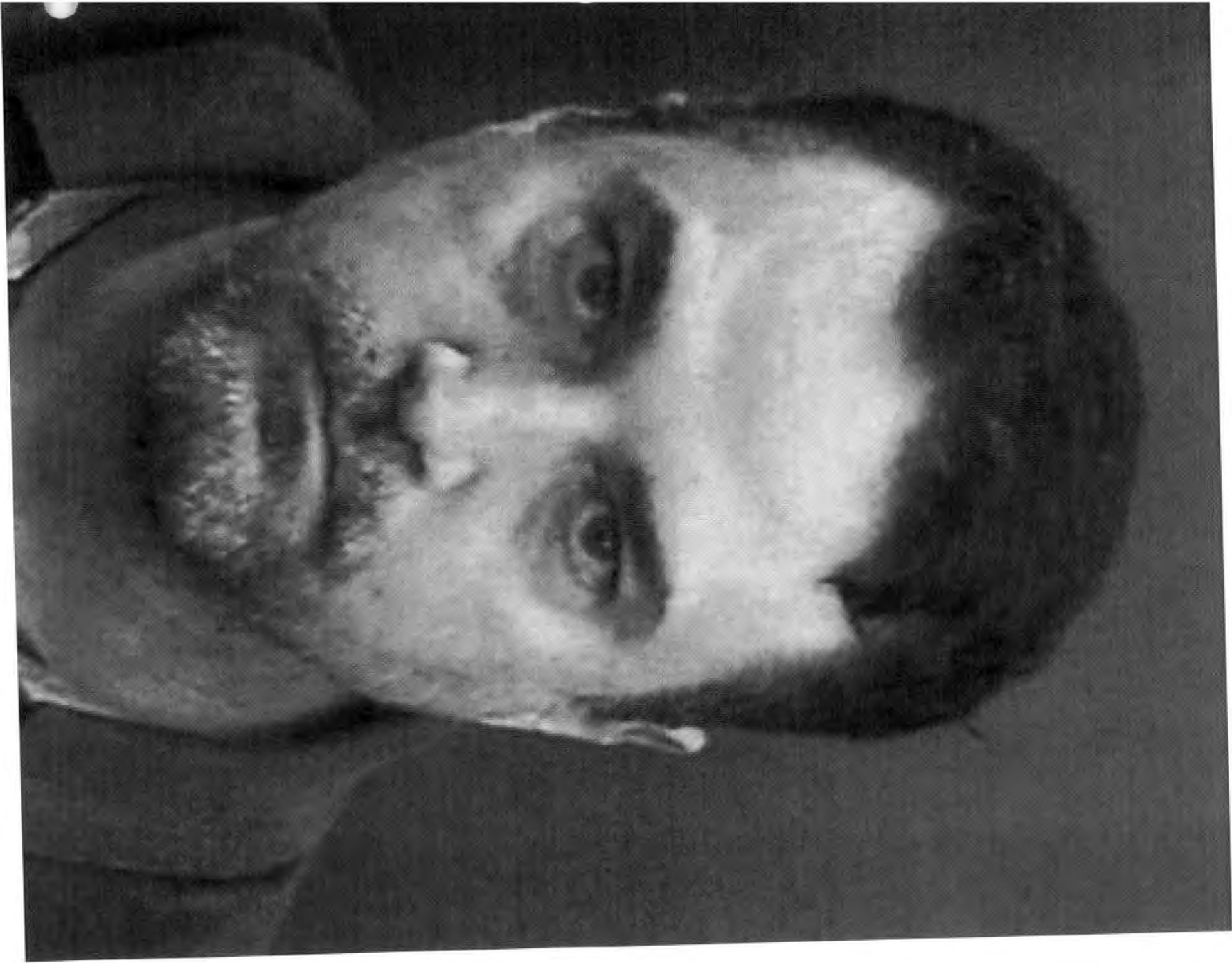
FL State Attorney Press Release  
February 18, 2021

TAMPA, FL – Hillsborough State Attorney's Office prosecutors have filed six new felony fraud charges against Albert Adams, the former CEO of the nonprofit organization Soaring Paws. In 2018, Hillsborough prosecutors convicted Adams of defrauding donors to his Soaring Paws charity after he used donations that were intended to help fly abused animals to new homes to instead pay for his own personal expenses.

The new charges come not from false charity work, but from pet insurance fraud. An investigation found that Adams signed up for a pet insurance policy, which would reimburse him for his pets' medical expenses. He proceeded to file claims and receive payment for nearly \$13,000 worth of medical procedures that were never performed. The pet insurance provider discovered the deception and contacted law enforcement.

"People who support animals have big hearts, and

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FL - Woman embezzles more than \$40,000 from non-profit pet rescue in Gainesville; used monies for personal use; charged with grand theft

- ◆ Cassie Marie Wheeler, aka Marie Wheeler
- ◆ Rescue Director at Haile's Angels Pet Rescue

▶▶ Wheeler is a repeat offender: in 2010 she was convicted of grand theft and spent almost three years in state prison, according to the Florida Department of Corrections website.

MEDIA (from March 2021)

(1) Woman embezzles more than \$40,000 from non-profit pet rescue in Gainesville, deputies say

March 2, 2021 / CBS 4 News / by Joseph Erickson

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Rescue Director at Haile's Angels Pet Rescue has been arrested for using the organization's funds for personal use, according to an arrest report.

Marie Wheeler, 36, was arrested on Tuesday. She is charged with grand theft, false entries into books of a business entity and scheme to defraud.

Wheeler began her employment at the rescue in 2015, according to the report. Within a year, she was



**Cassie Wheeler [Alachua County Jail] Alachua County Jail**





Florida pet rescuer gets jail for starving cats in apartment; banned from owning or trying to rescue animals!

A detective testified that she saw "dead cats over dead cats over dead cats." Evidence suggested they had been dead for months.

Cheryn Smilen / Smilen Cats Rescue

\*\*\* Complete info with graphic photos and files on this monster:

<https://cheryn-smilen-cats.blogspot.com/2018/02/cheryn-smilen-of-smilen-cats-arrested.html>

Florida pet rescuer gets jail for starving cats in apartment

July 20, 2021 / By Associated Press

Miami — A self-styled pet rescuer has been sentenced to 364 days in jail for animal cruelty after hoarding cats and allowing them to starve inside her apartment in South Florida.

Cheryn Smilen, 56, pleaded guilty and will now be banned from owning or trying to rescue animals, the Miami Herald reported.

"You have to stay away from animal-rescue organizations." Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Alberto

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FL - Woman charged with animal cruelty after 26 animals were stuffed in trailer in Nassau County

- ◆ Loren Jean McCutcheon
- ◆ Aka Lori McCutcheon
- ◆ Dba Noah's Ark Educational Zoo, Florida
- ◆ Formerly dba Last Chance Ranch, Quakertown, PA (from where she was ousted as president and CEO)

- ◆ Personal Facebook pages:  
<https://www.facebook.com/lori.mccutcheon.399>  
<https://www.facebook.com/lori.lastchanceranch>

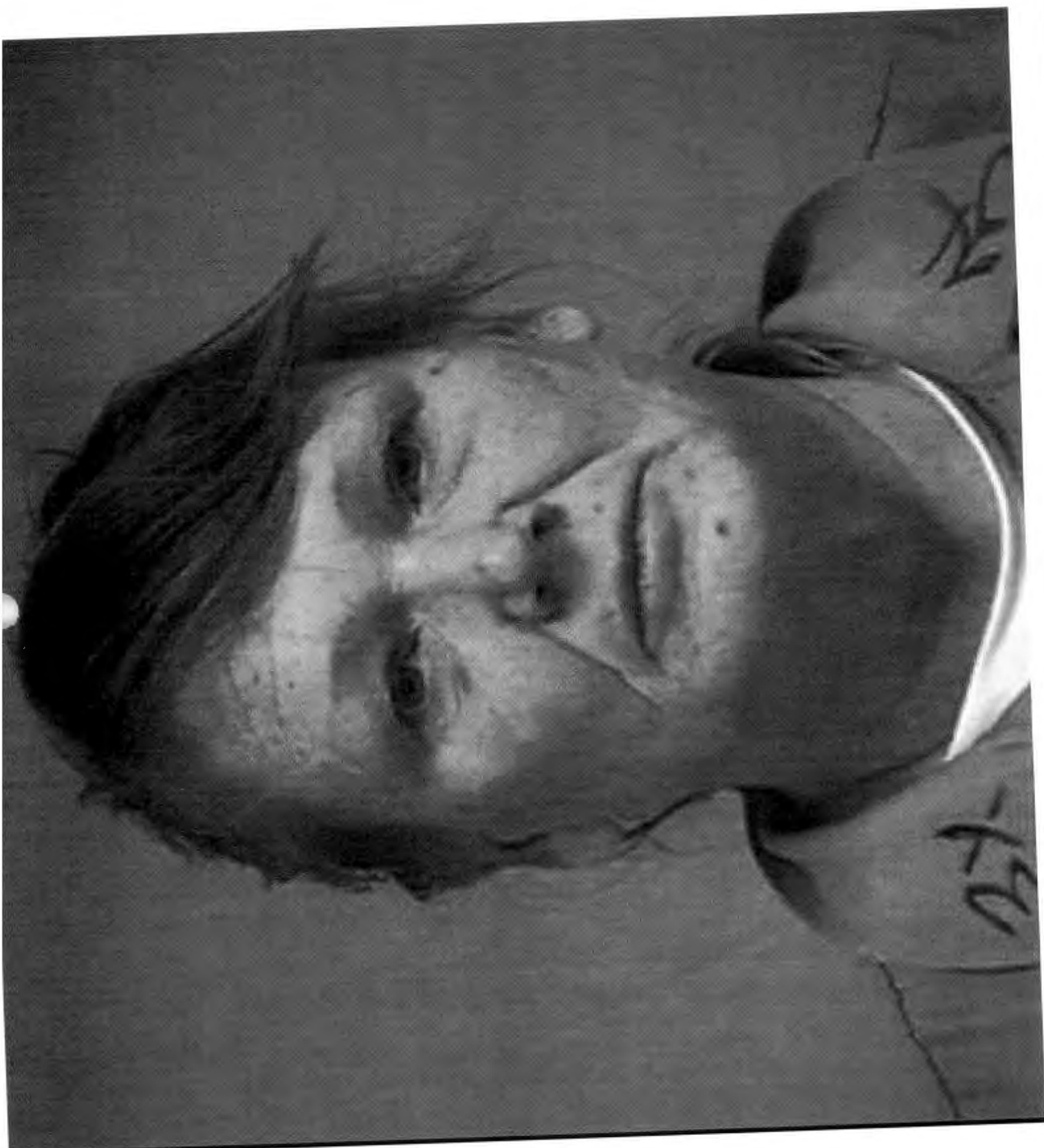
- ◆ Noah's Ark Education  
<https://www.facebook.com/noahsarkedu/>  
\* Incorporated as a nonprofit in 2019, based in Quakertown, PA

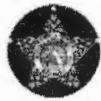
- ◆ Website: <http://www.noahsedzoo.org/>

- ◆ Self-published a book titled "Who Rescued Who" in 2019

- ◆ Ties to PA, see below. A lot to unpack, see all screenshots and related media.

Woman charged with animal cruelty after 26 animals were stuffed in trailer in Nassau County





Flagler County Sheriff's Office

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**Local "Animal Rescue" Owner Being Investigated for Selling Narcotics, Animal Abuse, and Neglect**

On September 15, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) served a Search Warrant for 6 West 16th Road and 116 Sanchez Avenue in Palm Coast. The Search Warrant was obtained after the Major Case Unit began investigating Ruth Rupprecht (DOB: 10/22/1961), who was operating a local animal rescue, received information she was selling prescription narcotics.

Rupprecht operates a non-profit animal rescue organization known as SAFFARI (Save A Furry Friend Animal Rescue, Inc.) and in May 2021 she adopted out a young puppy for a fee and a few days later, the adopter contacted Rupprecht advising the puppy was ill. Rupprecht sent the adopter a bottle of prescription Azithromycin and shortly after, the puppy died of Parvovirus. Rupprecht gave a statement to FCSO Deputy First Class (DFC) Williams and advised the puppy medication she mailed was provided to her in a "donation box" for her rescue business.

FCSO Detective Conrad responded to Rupprecht's residence, also the registered address for SAFFARI, advising Rupprecht that it was illegal to dispense and

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Florida animal rescue owner investigated for selling drugs and animal abuse, deputies say

◆◆ Ruth Rupprecht / SAFFARI (Save A Furry Friend Animal Rescue, Inc.) ◆◆

\*\*\* Long post below, as this is a REPEAT OFFENDER and we are including media from today, 2016 and 2014.\*\*\*

September 17, 2021 / Orlando Sentinel / By Garfield Hylton

Flagler County deputies are investigating Ruth Rupprecht on suspicions of selling prescription narcotics in addition to abusing and neglecting animals.

Authorities suspect a Florida woman was selling prescription narcotics in addition to abusing and neglecting animals.

Flagler County deputies executed a search warrant on Ruth Rupprecht on Wednesday, according to a Flagler County Sheriff's Office press release.

Rupprecht used to operate a nonprofit animal rescue organization known as Save a Furry Friend Animal



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