UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v. : Case No. 03-2006 (EGS/JMF)

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & : BAILEY CIRCUS, et al., :

Defendants.

DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION UNDER RULE 11

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THE TRUTH ABOUT ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUPS (Not rated)

6-Feb-04 11:22 am

My name is Glenn Ewell. I was the person back in Dec. of 1998, that turned evidence against Ringling Bros

Vircus. The charges were about animal abuse, and that I seen it for myself while I worked on the animal crew. But, The Topic is not about the circus, matter of fact, it has nothing to do with the circus at all.
br>ALF, Or the Animal Liberation Front. < br>
Known to all and by the FBI as Eco-Terrorist, and that act just like any other terrorist group. They have < br>Cells, or terrorist-cells as they are called, and they go around burning, bombing, and cuaseing problem. Funded by such groups as Peta in Va., P.A.W.S. IN Calif. operated by Pat Derby and Edward Stewart. To the reader that can unders that can understand what I am talking about, they are all terrorist just like the ones that crashed planes into the WTC. Animal rights groups like this cuase more harm then good. and they don't care about the lives they effect by doing these things. They are disonest and lie to get the general public opinion, telling half lies and speculations. I have seen alot of this type of activity going on. Pat Derby of P.A.W.S. told me when this is all over with I make sure that you are paid well for your services, for turning evidence against ringling bros. circus. She won an out of court settlement with < br> Feld Entertainment that owns the ringling show, and I've yet to see any of her so called; paid well sevices, and to this day Feb. 6th, 2004 I've still seen no proof. You will read on the internet about myself, and that I was charged with a crime in Colorado. I was set up and not by Feld Ent., I was set up by Pat Derby. She new I had hard evidence against her on not reporting money to the Governerment on her taxes, and paid someone to do
br>this to me. Now I ask you is it right < br>To any National TV news team that reads this contact me by the internet
br>National Talk Show host feel free to get in touch with me. Anyone else that has something to say, please, contact me. Or,



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----Original Message----

From: frank hagan [mailto:liondoc007@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2005 10:32 AM

To: djohnson@feldinc.com

Subject: hi darin.....

darin,

this will be surprise for you,,,this is frank hagan,im sure you know who i am. i am curious as to why you keep writing about me in your press releases, ive not talked about ringling or anyone about ringling yet you continually have to justify yourselves in press releases. i do not work with peta or have any affiliation with peta, on the contrary i want nothing to do with peta. you do not know me and you have no right to judge me or anything i do, ringling was my past. i actually loved working at ringling but due to circumstances beyond me and your twisting of the tales without knowing me or the incident that happened is samantics. i am a single father raising a little girl and trying the best i can, what jim andoct did to me was wrong. he needed a fall guy and i after my loyalty to your company was choosen in a bullcrap incident. im sure jim twisted the entire story that he gave kenneth and nicole but the truth is, it could have all been avoided. here is something else to ponder their is my side your side and the truth and we all know that. i dont want a war with feld entertainment, i didnt ask for this nor do i wish to engage in anymore hostility towards each other, you want facts to print here you go, the original affidavit i signed was not done by me, it was done by a lady named debbie leahy who works for peta and in all honesty when your a single father trying to raise a little girl and someone has a piece of paper for you to sign and is willing to give you money, what would you do darin, i did what i had to do, i signed the paper. i do not think what happened to me was right. i do know what happened with clyde should not have happened and yes to my dying day i will say jeff steele ordered me to cover it up. as far as moving the lions into

the building in l.a. we did a rehersal that day and the same thing happened to another driver, we cut the cages down and your production manager said in meeting, jackie santiago, she would be their to guide us around and she wasnt their, she was busy engaging in gossip with other latin performers so no one was their to spot or guide the cages as far as peta goes the things they had me say is done and i cant do anything about that, i am letting people know what happened with peta because i got an inside look at what they do and how they manipulate what people say into their own agenda and use for their own publicity and my own self worth, they didnt care about me or even actually what i had to say, at conferences things were printed up and i was to read a prepared statement by them and not me.please do not use this email in any way or manner, this is a private email and is not intended for use outside of feld entertainment, ive been asked to write a book about my experiences not just with ringling but also a look at peta and their agenda because i got an inside look. i dont want to be negative with ringling, i had great times their and met some really great caring people darin, but their is also a side you dont see when you dont travel. did you know that they even use a code word on the road for when any feld's are in a building, who ever see's kenneth in the building is supposed to radio in "the pizza man is here" just so they dont get caught off guard in what happens on the road. i know you have your job to do but i dont want this to be a negative relationship with myself and feld entertainment if you wish to forward this letter to mr. feld please feel free to. but please do not use it outside of that my contact number is 407-334-7583 if you wish to talk sometime but you must realize their is 2 people i only trusted at ringling and that is angelina quevedo and jon griggs and me doing what i did and coming forth with what i said ruined me in their eyes and tarnished a friendship and respect that i once had, thanks for your time darin. respectfully,

frank hagan

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Jeffrey S. Kerr General Counsel and Director of Corporate Affairs Ext. 8303 E-mail: JeffK@fsap.org

June 20, 2005

Maura A. Dalton, Esq. Covington & Burling 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20004

Re: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, et al. v. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, et al.

Dear Ms. Dalton:

In accordance with our recent phone conversation and in further response to your Subpoena Duces Tecum to PETA in the referenced case, this confirms that there is and was no written agreement between PETA and Frank Hagan. In addition, enclosed are redacted copies of the PETA documents relating to the payments made to Mr. Hagan. As we agreed, the trade secret information relating to PETA's internal processes and administrative personnel has been redacted. I am not submitting a bill for PETA's copying costs incurred in providing these materials because it is a small amount.

These documents complete PETA's response to your subpoena and PETA expressly reserves all objections stated in my previous correspondence.

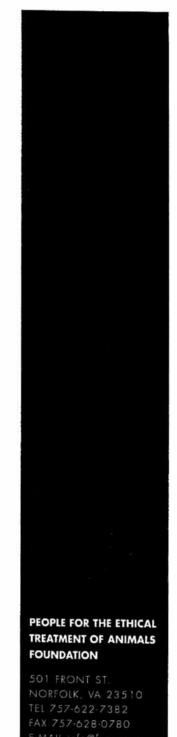
Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Kerr

Enclosures

cc: Philip J. Hirschkop, Esq. (w/ encls.)
Katherine Meyer, Esq. (w/ encls.)





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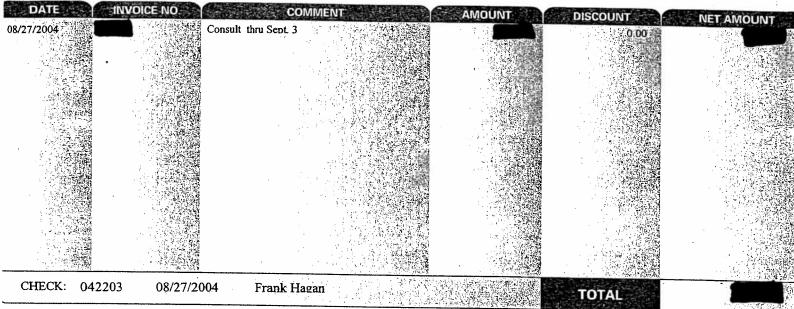
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August 27, 2004

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FROM: Mary Beth Sweetland

RE: Consulting fees for Frank Hagan

We have an agreement with Frank Hagan that he will be paid per day for a period of time yet to be determined for consulting with PETA on matters pertaining to captive exotics.

Frank started with us on August 16, 2004. We need to pay him through September 3, 2004 as he will be traveling to the West Coast to participate in news conferences.

As we have already paid Frank thus far, please issue a check in his name for Frank's social security number is

If Frank's consultation services are needed after September 3, we will enter into a formal contract arrangement for a prescribed period of time. Thank you.

cc: Frank Hagen
Debbie Leahy



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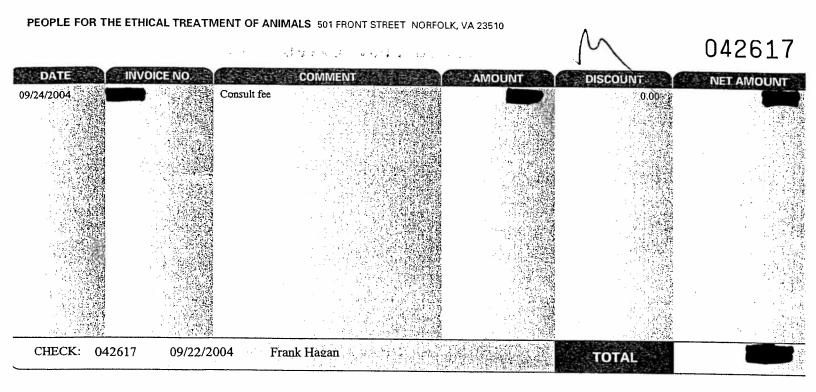
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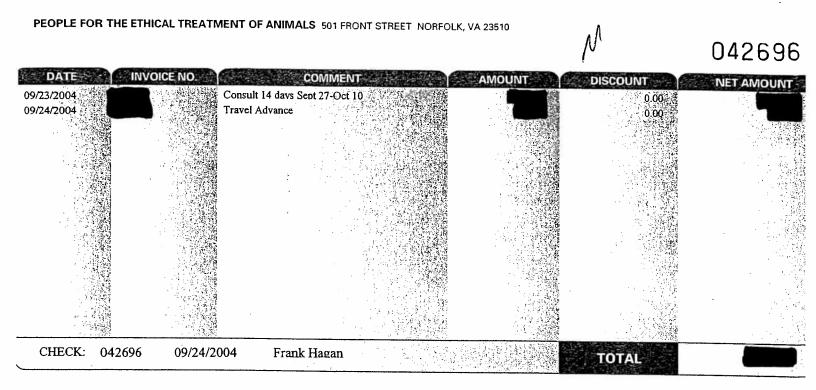
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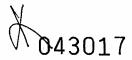
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Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 5:42 PM

To: Debbie Leahy

Subject: RE: Frank's expenses

Please make the adjustments on the check requests otherwise we won't remember. Thanks!

----Original Message----

From: Debbie Leahy [mailto:DebbieL@peta.org]

Sent: Friday, October 29, 2004 5:40 PM

To:

Subject: FW: Frank's expenses

we'll reimburse Lisa for these and take the money out of Frank Hagan's payment. She submitted these on her last expense report, total for Frank's expenses Can you take out around from his next four weekly checks until PETA is reimbursed. Do I need to do anything else? Should we adjust the amount on the check request?

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From: Lisa Wathne [mailto:lisaw@peta.org] Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2004 3:41 PM

To: Debbie Leahy

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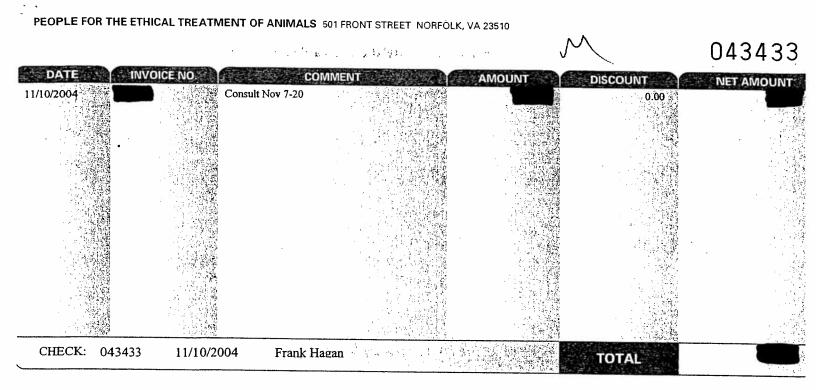
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April 15, 2005

Maura A. Dalton, Esq. Covington & Burling 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington DC 20004

Re: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, et al. v. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, et al.

Dear Ms. Dalton:

In response to our telephone discussions regarding your Subpoena Duces Tecum in the referenced case, dated January 21, 2005, directed and objected to by PETA, this will confirm my understanding that you revised your subpoena to seek statements of Frank Hagan about Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus (RBBB), Kenneth Feld, Feld Entertainment, RBBB's treatment of animals, and/or the treatment of animals in captivity generally. You also requested documents reflecting payments made to Mr. Hagan by PETA.

Even as amended, and as stated in my previous correspondence on this matter, your subpoena remains overly broad in that it seeks to require the production of certain confidential, trade secret information discussed below. Subject to this, copies of the following responsive items are enclosed:

- Undated affidavit of Frank Hagan;
- Statement of Frank Hagan Concerning the July 13, 2004, Death of a Lion and Animal Abuse at Ringling Bros. Circus;
- Excerpt from Circuses.com entitled "Hold Ringling Accountable for Clyde's Tragic Death;"
- Excerpt from Circuses.com entitled "Ringling Whistleblower Reveals Shocking Details of Lion's Death, Elephant Abuse;"
- Excerpt from the Winter 2004 issue of PETA's Animal Times magazine entitled "Death in the Desert;" and
- Videotaped interviews with Mr. Hagan dated September 16, 2004, September 24, 2004, and October 14, 2004, respectively.



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PETA also possesses an Affidavit dated August 24, 2004, provided by Mr. Hagan to Francis W. Keyser of the USDA, APHIS, Investigative and Enforcement Services, as part of what may be an ongoing investigation by that body. In order to avoid any suggestion of interference with or disruption of that investigation by disclosing this Affidavit, I request that you seek a copy of the document directly from the USDA to the extent permitted under the federal Freedom of Information Act. That Affidavit addresses the same incidents contained in the other statements of Mr. Hagan produced with this letter.

It is PETA's position that documents reflecting payments made by it to consultants contain confidential, proprietary and trade secret information and, therefore, PETA objects to producing such documents referring to Mr. Hagan. However, consistent with the stated purpose of your inquiry, I can confirm that during the period of August 16, 2004, through December 18, 2004, PETA paid Mr. Hagan consulting fees in the amount of \$6,425.96.

I am not submitting a bill for PETA's copying costs incurred in providing the responsive materials because it is a small amount.

I trust this adequately responds to your subpoena.

Enclosures

cc: Philip J. Hirschkop, Esq. (w/ encls.) Katherine Meyer, Esq. (w/ encls.)

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- I, Frank Hagan, of full age, do hereby solemnly swear to the truth of the following.
 - 1. I am currently 35 years of age. Following High School I was in the Marine Corp. being honorably discharged in 1991. I worked as an Investigator for the State of Maryland from approximately 1991 until 1993. From March of 1993 until July 2004, I worked primarily for Ringling Bros. I left once in or around 1994 to work for MCI for a little over a year, and again in the later 1990s for a telemarketing position, after which I returned to the circus in March of 2000.
 - 2. My first position at Ringling was as a transport driver for the big cats. I later was assigned to floor crew and rigging. I also worked in the back-stage props department. My final position was as a lion handler.
 - 3. A lion handler's job is to care for the lions, including feeding and watering them, cleaning their cages, providing them with clean straw or saw dust for bedding, and generally being the animals' primary caretaker. The job includes caring for the lions while they are in transport on trains as well as when the circus is at its performance location.

- around 9:30 a.m. I called Gene Petis on the radio and advised him that we needed to make another stop to water down the lions. Petis said we couldn't stop because we were behind schedule.
- 10.After I called Petis, Jarak made the second call. Jarak said words to the effect "Gene it's getting hot out here and we need to water these lions."
 Gene repeated that we could not stop because we were behind schedule.
- 11. Jarak then tried to contact the General Manager, Jeff Steele, to see if he would stop the train so that the lions could be watered. First he called him on the radio and then went directly to his train car. There was no answer to either attempt to reach Steele.
- 12. The train finally stopped at 2:45 p.m. We were still in Arizona. The animals had been in transit since 8:30 a.m. in the desert heat without being watered down. Jarak and I went to water down the lions and immediately saw that Clyde, a two year old male, was not moving, barely breathing, and his tongue was hanging out of his mouth. Clyde was completely unresponsive. Jarak said to me that something was seriously wrong. Clyde breathed his last breathe within moments of our arrival.
- 13. We tried calling Jeff Steele and Gene Petis, neither of whom responded.

 We called Jason Peters and told him what had happened since he was the

- 19. Jason Peters arrived while Clyde was being transferred to Dr. Weiner's truck. I could hear Jason urging Dr. Weiner to perform an autopsy on Clyde. Jason was certain that Clyde had died because the lions had spent over six hours in desert heat without being watered.
- 20. The next day, July 15th, the Vice President of Ringling, Mr. Jim Andock arrived with several legal people. Each of us with information on what had happened the day Clyde died was interviewed by Feld Entertainment lawyers. My interview lasted for possibly an hour to an hour and one-half. I was told by the lawyer not to talk to anyone about what had happened.
- 21. Ringling flew in staff to quickly install a misting system in the lions' boxcar before the U.S.D.A. inspectors arrived.
- 22. On Friday, July 16th, I saw Dr. Weiner and asked her about the results of Clyde's autopsy. She told me that the results were "inconclusive" but said "you know what happened."
- 23. That same day, two people from the U.S.D.A. came to inspect. They were only there for less than an hour. Before the U.S.D.A. inspectors could see the meat truck where Clyde's body had been transported, Jarak and I were ordered to power wash the car. Clyde's blood and hair were stuck to the floor of the meat truck which is what we washed out. Ringling's lawyers

employee named Joe who complained to Troy that he was getting out of hand with hurting the elephants. A baby elephant named Sara is currently being trained on the road by Troy.

- 28. Two of the younger elephants, Kelly Ann and Angelica have, at times, been temporarily taken off the shows because they both suffer from foot infections.
- 29. The misters in the elephants' boxcars were broken for a long period of time while I was there.
- 30. Another incident I witnessed relates to a young Alpaca named Felix. While in Phoenix, Felix was suddenly bumping into things evidencing some kind of medical problem but veterinary care was not immediately provided. There are no veterinarians who travel with the circus. Felix went blind the next day. Another Alpaca, Jasper, was never treated for leg problems. Both Alpacas were taken off the show.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

FRANK HAGAN

Statement of Frank Hagan Concerning the July 13, 2004, Death of a Lion and Animal Abuse at Ringling Bros. Circus

My name is Frank Hagan. I am 35 years old, father of a 9-year-old daughter, and a Marine Corps veteran.

I worked for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for nearly 10 years. As of December 2003, my position with Ringling was as a lion handler. As a handler, my duties included feeding, watering, and cleaning for the show's 13 lions while they were in transport on the trains as well as at the circus performance locations.

On Monday, July 12, 2004, the Ringling train left Phoenix, Ariz., en route to Fresno, Calif., at about 10 or 11 in the morning. The lions had been loaded onto the train at about 2 a.m. the night before. I checked them at approximately 8:30 a.m., at 3:30 p.m. when the train made its first stop, and at 10 p.m. By this time, we were in the Mojave Desert.

The train traveled through the night, and the next day I checked the lions at 8:30 a.m. The temperature was over 100°F at this point. The lions were panting, and I watered them down. As we continued traveling through the Mojave Desert, Jarak, the other lion handler, and I kept going in between the trains to determine how hot it was outside, and we could tell that the temperature was rising quickly.

At about 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, I called Gene Petis, the train master, on the radio and told him that we needed to make another stop to water the lions. Petis said that we couldn't stop because we were behind schedule. One-half hour later, Jarak called Petis and very firmly told him that it was getting hot and that the lions needed water. Petis repeated that we were behind schedule, and he refused to stop the train. Jarak then tried to contact Jeff Steele, the general manager, to see if he would stop the train. Steele could not be reached.

The train finally stopped at 2:45 p.m. to change crews. By this time, the lions had been traveling for more than six hours in the desert heat in closed boxcars and without being watered down. When Jarak and I opened the train doors, we immediately saw that Clyde, a 2-year-old male, was not moving, he was barely breathing, and his tongue was hanging out of his mouth. Clyde was completely unresponsive and breathed his last breath within moments of our arrival.

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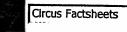
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Hold Ringling Accountable for Clyde's Tragic Death

On July 13, 2004, a healthy, 2year-old lion named Clyde died on a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus train while crossing the Mojave Desert, where temperatures soared to 109°F. The train was en route from Phoenix, Arizona, to Fresno, California.



According to Frank Hagan, a veteran Ringling employee and lion handler who was present when Clyde died, the circus's trainmaster refused repeated requests to stop the train so that the lions could be checked for signs of distress and provided with water. By the time the train finally stopped during mid-afternoon in Parker, Arizona, the lions had been traveling for more than six hours in the desert heat without being watered in closed, poorly ventilated boxcars. According to Hagan, Clyde "was not moving, barely breathing, and his tongue was hanging out of his mouth, ... Clyde breathed his last breath within moments of our arrival." Clyde is believed to have died from heatstroke and dehydration.

The tragic death of Clyde appears to be a clear violation of multiple sections of the state of Arizona's anti-cruelty statute. A number of the violations are felony offenses.

An investigation of this incident is likely to prove that Clyde, trapped in an overheated boxcar and helpless to escape the suffocating heat, suffered cruel mistreatment and neglect as defined in the statute and that Ringling and its agents were aware of the problem as well as the consequences of their decision to ignore the pleas of Mr. Hagan, and thus should be charged with multiple counts of felony cruelty to animals.

Please write a polite letter to the prosecutor for the town of Parker, Arizona, and urge him to thoroughly investigate Clyde's death and to file appropriate charges against Ringling and all other culpable parties for violations of Arizona's anticruelty statute:

Martin Brannan La Paz County Attorney 1320 Kofa Ave. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-6118 928-669-2019 (fax)

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- Ask Ringling Sponsors to Stop Promoting Cruelty
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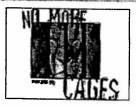
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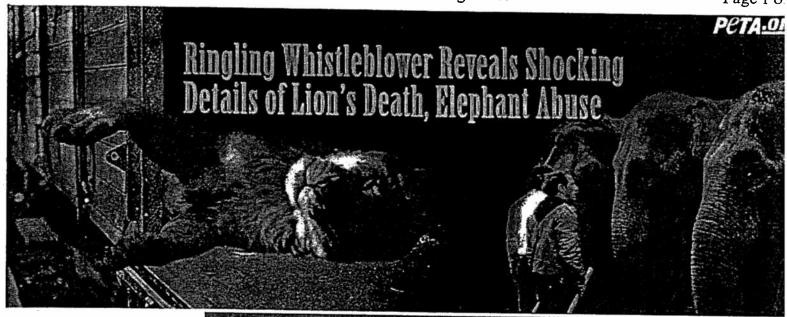
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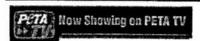
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Frank Hagan, a veteran Ringling employee and lion handler who has signed an affidavit stating that he was present when a 2-year-old lion named Clyde died on the Ringling train, reports that Clyde's death was a result of negligence. What's more, he says, the circus apparently tampered with evidence and interfered with the USDA's investigation.



Hagan alerted PETA that Clyde died on July 13 while the circus was traveling through the Mojave Desert on a day when temperatures soared to 109°F, which was not unusual. Despite the scorching heat and poorly ventilated boxcars, Gene Petis, the circus's train master, refused repeated requests to stop the train to check on the lions because the circus was behind schedule.

When the train finally stopped mid-afternoon, Clyde "was not moving, barely breathing, and his tongue was hanging out of his mouth. ... Clyde breathed his last breath within moments of our arrival."

This incident is nearly identical to one in July 2000 in which two of Ringling's tigers injured themselves in attempting to escape from cages in an overheated boxcar. Then, the USDA cited Ringling for failure to provide adequate care in transit, failure to provide drinking water, and failure to maintain transport enclosures. The tigers were in immediate danger because of an excessive rise in temperature. Despite chronic problems with rail transit, the circus continues to transport animals by train simply because it's cheaper than using trucks.



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