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Public Prosecution Office, town of Backa Topola, town of Subotica and city of Belgrade,
Ministry of Internal Affairs for Republic of Serbia

Please forward to local- acting PU

Date 9.3.2011

Re: (Prosecution) Charge

Against:

1. area acting social worker from the Department for social affairs, town of Backa Topola, responsible for welfare of socially deprived people;
2. person in charge on behalf of Local Municipality Backa Topola who is responsible for legal care of unwanted pets – by the law it is forbidden to use method of killing known as 'euthanasia' – as recorded by the decision of Supreme Court IU 27/007'
3. area-acting veterinarian inspector responsible for providing the assistance in implementation of Veterinary Laws And Law about Animal welfare who did not carry out his lawful duty;
4. person in charge from the Department of Inspection Duties, Board of Veterinary - Ministry of Agriculture for the Republic of Serbia, who tolerates the disrespect of current legislation;
5. person in charge from local community services inspection, Backa Topola;

Persons named above with their failure to act purposely left Ms. Etela Merk in the circumstances in which she lost her life on the 07.03.2011 and considerable number of animals were harmed or killed. They failed to provide their legal duty in conjunction with current laws of Republic of Serbia and with failure to act caused that Ms. Etela Merk with her under age child were left neglected for years and on their own, while trying to look after unwanted pets. On numerous occasions she demanded law implementation and she sent numerous requests to Serbian Public and Local Councils, as the care for unwanted pets falls in within the remit of Local Municipalities. Ministry of Agriculture has a legal obligation to supervise implementation of Veterinary Laws and the Laws for Animal welfare. Department for Social Welfare also has a legal obligation to care about people with needs, especially if underage children are involved but Ms Etela Merk and her under age child were left for years to look after themselves and with no help from social service. They had to survive on the ranch with 400 pets belonging to irresponsible citizens from town of Backa Topola.

We now have information that local Council has intention to carry out another criminal act and kill the great number of animals that so far Ms Etela Merk was looking after.

This is why we are pointing out to the Prosecuting Office that we will request responsibility for every single life taken and in this case we will carry out all necessary investigations for obtaining the proof that indicates use of euthanasia. This will serve as evidence for criminal act of killing and it differs from legal implementation of euthanasia in accordance with law.

Sincerely yours

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