

Re: [EXTERNAL] - Fw: Question regarding a school project

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Subject: Question regarding a school project

Currently I am doing a project at school on Animal Welfare and came to my mind this question which I am making to you and would appreciate if you can help me.

Let us say there was one who had 3 sheep in his farmhouse and cared for them well everything fine. However to gain some extra money he used to buy other sheep and kill them for selling their meat. But while under his care he used to maltreat them so horribly and even cause them unnecessary suffering to these animals when he comes to kill them, say killing them in the Halal way etc., and eventually gets arrested and accused with these things in Court, maltreatment, cruelty to animals, causing unnecessary suffering to animals, etc.

My question is regarding those 3 sheep which he cared for well and somehow never was interested in killing them as well. Would your department responsible for the Welfare of Animals, once such a case comes out so prominently in the media, take the initiative on your own accord to investigate these 3 sheep, say investigate if everything is really fine with them, or just keep watching not even interested of the destiny of these 3 sheep still in his farmhouse now that he has been locked/arrested, say just keep waiting for the Police or some Court Order asking you to do this.

Thanks in advance for your answer and help.

Sincere regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 02 November 2019 09:18
To: Montebello Denis at MESDC <denis.montebello@gov.mt>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Fw: Question regarding a school project

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Grazzi u tisljiet,
[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 03:01:40 PM GMT+1, Montebello Denis at MESDC <denis.montebello@gov.mt> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

The word 'school' in your original e-mail caused a filing error under 'School sessions'; anyway excuse the delay in reply.

In answer to your query you have to note that whenever a case of abuse or cruelty to animals is reported, whether the cruelty is widespread or just limited to a specific animal or animals, the case is investigated as one single issue, especially when the perpetrator is the owner of all the animals.

The conviction for animal cruelty will normally lead to the seizure of ALL the animals in the possession of the perpetrator and not only of the abused or neglected few.

You are also to note that ovines can only be bred under licence and the killing of any farm animal has by law to be done at a licensed abattoir, meaning that, even without any form of cruelty, that breeding or killing is against the law and will lead to a conviction and seizure.

Another clarification regards the role of my office as Commissioner. Summarily, it is the role of the Directorates for Animal Welfare that are by law entrusted with the supervision and enforcement of the law, while the Commissioner has the general supervisory role in ensuring that the Directorates have the means and do in practice provide adequate enforcement of animal welfare.

Hope that this answers your query.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2019 19:09:25
To: Montebello Denis at MESDC
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] - Fw: Question regarding a school project

Thanks for your reply. As I hail from Mosta in which years ago was so much mentioned in the news because of those notorious animal crucifixions, I had for the project talked beforehand with the one involved, namely the accused Nicholas Grech, and the idea behind the question I had asked you was his case. He had told me that he had 3 cats as pets at home but neither the Police nor those of the Animal Welfare did care to investigate or examine them. He said he was blatantly framed-up: accused with cruelty and killing of animals when the Police were more than convinced that he had done nothing of this sort. He compared his case with one who was accused with kidnapping, abuse of, and killing of children, and then he had 3 adoptive children at home and no one cared about them, neither those of the Appogg (those who safeguard and promote the well-being of persons especially children, etc.), especially once he was arrested and locked up, no one did even care who was going to look after them. He also compared his case with one who was framed-up accused with stealing smartphones but when the Police searched his home, they weren't in any way interested in the phones he may have had at his home. He said those of the Animal Welfare were surely also involved in this frame-up and compared them to fire-fighters who just stayed doing nothing, seated comfortably in their office watching a building burn on TV - as if they knew the building was set on fire intentionally by the Police and didn't react because they themselves were involved in some sort of insurance scam. I was impressed with his story and especially his love for animals - he has one remaining cat at home as 2 had in the meantime died of natural causes, with the last one just some weeks ago and had even showed me the expenses incurred at Ta' Qali Hospital for its cure in his effort to save its life despite being an old cat, he even refused that they administer it with the lethal injection hoping in some last second miracle, and even ended taking it once dead to one who specializes in taxidermy as he said it was the greatest proof of his innocence together with the remaining cat. As you can expect his case really touched my heart and hope that by mentioning it in my project will make it more interesting and maybe one day help in revealing the truth.

As a last question, I would like to ask you if you would have done the same as your predecessor and if not what would have been your immediate reaction. I will include your reply in my project. If I hear nothing from you I assume you would have done exactly the same and that you condone / approve his inaction.

Again thanks in advance for your help,

[REDACTED]

On Friday, November 22, 2019, 09:31:42 PM GMT+1, Montebello Denis at MESDC <denis.montebello@gov.mt> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

I note that your interest has now deviated from the original inquiry regarding the hypothetical 3 sheep and the legal implications regarding their welfare.

The case you have now brought up has revived recollections of the furore at the time, but I do not suppose that the Police investigation and prosecution would have involved the Commissioner of Animal Welfare, whose role and functions are entirely different from those of the Director of Animal Welfare who could have been involved.

Anyhow, your sketchy outline of the case, reported from the post-judgement allegations of the convicted party can never serve as any valid basis for anyone to dedicate any time as to what hypothetically one would have done, if those facts were true.

Moreover, relying only on the statements and defamatory allegations being made now by a convicted party and presumably not made by him at the proper time in Court, without a very accurate study of the fact of the case as presented in court, should not have led you to conclude that the previous Commissioner for Animal Welfare was in any way involved, whether by action or inaction. On my part, I have absolutely no inkling of any involvement and no interest whatsoever to find out.

Yours faithfully,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 23 November 2019 19:37
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] - Fw: Question regarding a school project

Regarding "Anyhow, your sketchy outline of the case, reported from the post-judgement allegations of the convicted party can never serve as any valid basis for anyone to dedicate any time as to what hypothetically one would have done, if those facts were true." - well I can assure you I do not have a sketchy outline of the case at all, but if it matters to you it is your office that does not have any idea of the case because it maliciously and intentionally investigated and examined absolutely nothing, namely the 3 cats pets animals Grech had at home at the time. You investigate where there are doubts, you do not investigate where the outcome of such investigation is the opposite of the character assassination and the frame-up they wanted to do on Grech. It must be that having Jack of the village reporting animal cruelty concerns your office, but having such a high authority as the Police accusing someone with cruelty and killing of animals concerns you nothing at all especially when it was mentioned in the media that Grech had "2 cats" pets at home (because the Police so much didn't investigate his cats pets that they even didn't know how much he actually had - their information was based on the 15 days before his arrest when they kept him under surveillance and they use to see 2 cats come follow him when he got out of home, the other was timid and told me not always went out). Regarding "if those facts were true" - are you trying to put in doubt facts which cannot be negated, which cannot be more that true because it concerns living beings, living cats animals, where his family, neighbours, etc. are witness of all their existence??? Whom do you think are you trying to take for a ride?

Regarding: "On my part, I have absolutely no inkling of any involvement and no interest whatsoever to find out." - Of course you have "no interest whatsoever to find out" because your vested interest is to excuse your predecessor, your friend and maybe your mentor, and just don't care of the character assassination and frame-up it was made of that Grech, of an innocent man having being accused with cruelty and killing of animals when the Police were more than convinced he did nothing of this sort (they knew he used to collect them dead, they knew he loved animals in the 15 days before the arrest they kept him under surveillance to the point that they just didn't care to investigate his 3 cats pets as I said and pointed you out before). Of course you don't want to "find out" because you know you will end with conclusions which would incriminate your predecessor. Well now that you have been informed, you yourself are just as well criminally responsible because you are doing them (him and the Police) a cover-up, as if one informed the Bishop that a priest has abused him and he just told him that he doesn't care "to find out" despite giving him a clear picture and even worse in Grech's case with pets (actually one still remaining) he has still living at home.

Regarding when you mentioned that there are a Commissioner of Animal Welfare and a Director of Animal Welfare it is even worse because amazingly not one but both remained silent which raises further more questions of their involvement in the blatant frame-up the Police made on Grech. You just said it yourself, being a Commissioner or Director, they are both "of Animal Welfare" but you know maybe for you the 3 cats pets Grech had must have been some alien beings from another planet which did not merit any examination. You just caught yourself in your own words when in your previous reply you said "you have to note that whenever a case of abuse or cruelty to animals is reported, whether the cruelty is widespread or just limited to a specific animal or animals, the case is investigated as one single issue, especially when the perpetrator is the owner of all the animals" but it must be that your office permits exceptions / ridiculous excuses as happened so blatantly on Grech to leave the Police unhindered in

his character assassination, frame-up, etc. It must be a classic example of that phrase of the book Animal Farm: "All animals are equal but some are more equal than others", in this case it must have been that "some animals are actually no animals at all."

Regarding why Grech didn't made his defence in Court, he told me that he had insisted several times with his lawyer to mention this so great contradiction of having 3 cats pets animals at home and no one examined them but the lawyer cut him short telling him "it is because those are your pets you love them." It is the same similar stupid nonsense excuses you came up with, as if with such an abundance of animals victims of traffic accidents (about 30 a month or more from the information I have) one needs to waste time going to capture them alive himself and risk being scratched or bitten by them, not to mention he had his 3 cats pets at home 24hrs at his disposal to kill if he really was what was so maliciously and intentionally depicted.

Well, I can assure you I appreciated so much you reply and especially your way of reasoning to defend your predecessor, your friend, in this malicious involvement.

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 11:23:17 AM GMT+1, Montebello Denis at MESDC <denis.montebello@gov.mt> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

From the length of your reply and the invectives used, I do realise that your interest in Mr. Grech's case goes much beyond your school project on animal welfare.

Your deep knowledge of the details of Mr. Grech's case do indicate that your project must revolve around it and that your aim is to somehow reopen it to prove that some procedural irregularity must have led to a wrong conviction.

I am therefore collecting any material in my office concerning that case and cordially invite you to come over to my office so that we can discuss any data that you may require to assist you in your quest.

I am proposing that we meet on the 3rd of December 2019 at 10.30 a.m. and kindly ask you to confirm your availability.

Yours faithfully.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] - Fw: Question regarding a school project

Actually I have more than enough for "my project". In particular I liked so much the wording "and the invectives used" because it shows that you are one who sees the speck that is in mine's eye, but incredibly do not notice the big log that is in your own eye (Matthew, Ch.7, Verse 3). I am curious what you may have found so offensive from my end: for denouncing your predecessor for having stayed silent comfortably in his office leaving the Police unhindered in framing-up and character assassinating Grech and didn't in any way feel it necessary to examine his 3 cats pets mentioned (2 of them) even in the media, or maybe for denouncing you as criminally responsible (these emails serve as digital proof) just as well with your twisted reasoning in trying to cover-up the so blatant malicious involvement of your predecessor? Isn't it more vile trying to ridicule me saying " your sketchy outline of the case" when you yourself have no idea of the case let alone your predecessor who investigated/ examined nothing?

Well if you are really that interested in "collecting any material ... concerning that case", why on earth want to

collect it from me rather than go directly to the source by contacting Grech himself. His email is [REDACTED]. I am sure, if you are really that interested hopefully in revealing the truth and make the real culprits face justice, he will be more than willing to supply you with even more information, evidence, photos, etc. I have played my part by highlighting the big contradictions in Grech's case, namely by comparing him with cases of one being accused as being a child molester-kidnapper-killer / a thief of smartphones but the Police weren't in any way concerned with the children / smartphones he may have had at home, and the case of fire-fighters who stayed comfortably in their office watching the building burn down. So from my end I have gave you enough information to start, the next step is to delve deeper by going for the evidence directly from Grech.

Grech is still detained in Mount Carmel Hospital in Half Way House but has some days leave when he can go home. Because you know, for being the most humiliating case in the entire Police history, to save their face, it was necessary to discredit him as a mere mental / psychopath rather than one who could so easily misled them (rather hanging 15 animals on 12 occasions in roughly the same small area of the same town, almost exclusively with religious places and almost all on the 16th of the month, and didn't ever manage to catch him red-handed, is a bit too much of humiliation - God bless he wasn't some serial killer because he would have exterminated an entire town with such incompetents on his lookout). Once one is depicted so, whatever is invented on him is so easily believed, and might as well frame him up and character assassinate him as they did because in this way they knew the case in Court will never come to the point where they need to substantiate with facts what they had accused him of, and all this with the blessing of your predecessor. Also by character assassinating one this way, no one, no lawyer would like to appear to be defending "such a maniac" - as an example you yourself seem to be already prejudiced against him.

As regards the 4 Psychiatrics and the Criminologist who examined him, they, all 5 of them, had came erroneously to the conclusion that his actions resulted after having stopped taking the cure as he made them believe because of a reason he can explain you further, because you should know that these pretend to have the capability of reading your mind when in fact they aren't even capable of knowing if one is lying to them, if one is taking them for a ride dictating to them what to incredibly erroneously write. He told me he had since 2016 informed one of the Psychiatrics involved with proof of pills at his home still intact in their package with manufacturing date showing he had never taken anything (i.e. he hadn't stopped but actually hadn't ever started taking cure in some 12 years he was prescribed to take), but instead of re-opening the case again in Court after having arrived to the wrong conclusion (compare with one who was sent to prison on false evidence) and would uncover how incompetent he was, he not only left him locked, but was probably behind the disappearance of his court case (and hence the Psychiatric reports, etc.) so unbelievably from the court archives! His case stinks so much. He told me however that at the time the sentence was given in 2014 the media had quoted their wrong conclusion and in some way has obtained copies of some of the court reports and is working on them, alone because of the character assassination they did on him.

It is just my opinion, you can ignore me and ridicule me of course, but if I were you I would not compromise further my position, for the truth will one day or another surface for sure.

[REDACTED].