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14th November 2019

Reference Number: FOI/87739

**Ronald Kynes (AKA Foots)
PO Box 33
Cayman Brac KY2-2001
Cayman Islands**

Email: Footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Kynes,

Thank you for your application dated 11-SEP-2019, received by us on 16-SEP-2019 and extended for a period of 30 days.

The request which you made was in the following terms:

- 1. Provide any and all information regarding any and all complaints against me or my art that has been made to the Office of Public Prosecutions, the Legal Department or the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service. Please include copies of all original complaints as well as any photographs that were provided.*

A search of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) files was made and no record of a complaint against you or your art was found. You may need to contact the respective departments for the requested records.

- 2. Please also provide the names, titles, and positions of all persons working in the Department of Environmental Health...who have any involvement whatsoever in my case or in the complaints made against me.*

Based on the above result, there was no person involved.

- 3. Please provide any and all information pertaining to my art, along with any photographs that was received by any and all the persons listed above, as well as any communications by those persons listed above, as well as any communications by those persons about my art prior to my arrest on 18 July, and after my arrest on 18 July 2017.*

Please be specific regarding the times, dates, and nature of the information provided, and specifically identify the parties of any communications provided.

The information pertaining to your artwork namely, request to burn, permission to burn, and ensuing emails are all attached with the dates included on the emails.

The names of the persons, titles and positions in the DEH who were involved/ or handled this matter were: Thomas Augustine, EHO I (former Sister Islands EHO), Roydell Carter (former Director –DEH), Dr. Maysson Sallam (former Assistant Director Solid Waste), and Dr. Paulino Rodrigues, Assistant Director Environmental Health.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Kindly remember to quote your reference number above in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



Sue Dixon

Deputy Information Manager

Attachment:

Augustine, Thomas

From: Dixon, Sue
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 5:08 PM
To: footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com
Cc: [REDACTED] Augustine, Thomas
Subject: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture
Attachments: 20140516170155175.pdf

Dear Mr. Kynes,

Please see a copy of the DEH's permission letter attached to this email. The original will be sent via post.

Kind regards,

Sue Dixon

Administrative Secretary

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"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him" (Psalm 37:7)

"Learning is a treasure that follows its owner everywhere." Chinese Proverb



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May 15, 2014

Our Ref: eh/adm/2-14

Mr. Ronald G. Kynes Sr.
Cayman Brac
Cayman Islands

Via email: foots caymanbrac@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Kynes:

Re: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) acknowledges your email request regarding the above.

Approval is given for you to burn your art work, "The Apocalypse Now". However, this is a one-off approval for this event only. No other burning is allowed on the property in the future. Also, please be guided by the following:

1. The fire should not generate smoke in quantities as to cause a nuisance to the surrounding neighbours.
2. The fire shall be under strict control and supervision at all times.
3. After the event is completed, the fire must be completely extinguished. Under no circumstances should a fire remain kindled.
4. An adequate supply of water or other suitable substance/material should be readily accessible for fire control purposes. Preferably, suitable arrangements with the Fire Services Department.
5. No toxic or potentially toxic materials or products should form part of the fire.
6. All wastes generated must be collected and properly disposed of in a sanitary manner.
7. Persons should maintain a respectable distance from the fire in order to prevent injury.
8. Children should be monitored at all times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roydell A. Carter".

Roydell A. Carter, B. Sc. (Hon), M. Sc., MIIRSM
Director, DEH

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Copy: EHO – Cayman Brac
Acting Chief Fire Officer, Fire Services, Grand Cayman
Fire Services Department – Cayman Brac



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WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE

From: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots") [mailto:footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Augustine, Thomas
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Apocalypse Now sculpture, south side Cayman Brac

Mr. Augustine,

Saturday morning at approximately 10 a.m., I spoke to Mr. Whitney Tatum, the Fire Chief of the Cayman Brac Fire Service in reference to my sculpture The Apocalypse Now. This trilogy is to the point where its ready to be burned down. This is part of my plan.

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I'm waiting for the weather conditions to be right, film crew is on stand by and I have to do some minor repairs to the sculpture due to vandalism before I can proceed with this project.

I await your reply.

Respectfully,
Foots

Augustine, Thomas

From: Carter, Roydell
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")
Cc: Rodrigues, Paulino; Augustine, Thomas
Subject: RE: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Kynes

I also want to let you know in advance that if approval is granted, you will need to pay \$25 for the letter of approval, which can be paid at the Brac Admin or the Grand Cayman Environmental Health Office, prior to collection of the letter.

Regards,

Roydell Carter
Director, DEH

From: Carter, Roydell
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 5:01 PM
To: 'Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")'; Augustine, Thomas
Cc: Stevens, Andrea; Levien, John M.; [REDACTED] Owens, Frank; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Rodrigues, Paulino; Sallam, Mayssoon
Subject: RE: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Keyes

I am back in office now and I am in receipt of your request for permission to burn your art work called "Apocalypse Now" and will formally respond to you by Wednesday of this week. However, I wish to state that neither you or Mr. Augustine had received any approval from me (verbally or in writing) in the past for permission to burn anything on that property or any other property in Cayman Brac. Mr. Augustine has been a professional in his duties. There seems to have been some serious misunderstanding, in any case, name calling and calling others name are unacceptable. Burning on the property without written permission from my office is a violation and you could end up in the Court of Law. This permission has been in the law for years now; Therefore, please avoid any further burning on the property in the future unless you have written permission to avoid legal action.

I look forward to your cooperation.

Kind regards,

Roydell Carter
Director, DEH

From: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots") [<mailto:footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 5:00 PM
To: Augustine, Thomas
Cc: Stevens, Andrea; Levien, John M.; [REDACTED] Owens, Frank; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Carter, Roydell; Rodrigues, Paulino; Sallam, Mayssoon
Subject: Re: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

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Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots"); Augustine, Thomas
Cc: Stevens, Andrea; Levien, John M.; [REDACTED] Owens, Frank; [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Carter, Roydell; Rodrigues, Paulino; Sallam, Mayssoon
Subject: Re: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Augustine,

What you have just stated in your email is an outright, blatant LIE. I'm writing this strong word and I'm willing to support this word in a court of law. I'm extremely disappointed in you.

Respectfully,

Ronald Gregory Kynes Sr. (A.K.A. "Foots")

From: "Augustine, Thomas" <Thomas.Augustine@gov.ky>
To: "Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")" <footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Stevens, Andrea" <Andrea.Stevens@gov.ky>; "Levien, John M." <John.Levien@gov.ky>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Owens, Frank" <Frank.Owens@rcips.ky>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; "Carter, Roydell"

From: Augustine, Thomas

Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 1:00 PM

To: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")

Cc: Stevens, Andrea; Levien, John M.; [REDACTED] Owens, Frank; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Carter, Roydell; Rodrigues, Paulino; Sallam, Mayssoon

Subject: RE: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Kynes,

Regarding the above subject, you wrote, "Actually, I had burned on this same piece of property on more than one occasion in the past, and all it took was a phone call to Mr. Augustine to explain where I wanted to burn and when. (You can still see the remains of this burning.) He always gave me verbal approval, and never even asked what I was burning. So I'm sure you can understand my confusion. Apparently, the rules have changed on how to get permission for a burning."

I want to state clearly that the statements made above are false. Prior to your email of March 30th 2014, you have never asked me permission to burn and I have never given any permission in the past whether verbal or in writing. I have no authority to do so and it is for this reason I referred you to the Director. As a matter of fact I was totally unaware of any burning which you admit undertaking until your email of March 30th 2014. If you burned on that property before, you did so without any permission.

Respectfully

Thomas Augustine- MPH., BSc Env. Health, Dip. Meat and Other Foods

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MAKING SENSE AND FOR THE FUTURE

Augustine, Thomas

From: Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots") <footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Carter, Roydell
Cc: Stevens, Andrea; Levien, John M. [REDACTED] Owens, Frank [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Augustine, Thomas
Subject: FW: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Carter,

I sent the email below to you one month ago.
I'm still awaiting your reply.

Respectfully,

Ronald Kynes (A.K.A. "Foots")

From: "Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")" <footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com>
To: "Roydell.Carter@gov.ky" <Roydell.Carter@gov.ky>
Cc: Andrea stevens <Andrea.Stevens@gov.ky>; John Levien <john.levien@gov.ky>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Frank Owens <frank.owens@rcips.ky>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2014 6:59 AM
Subject: Permission to burn "The Apocalypse Now" sculpture

Mr. Carter,

Mr. Augustine has referred me to you to obtain permission to burn on my property on the south side of Cayman Brac. I must say, this puzzled me a bit, since in the past I've dealt directly with Mr. Augustine with these permissions and there's never been a problem. Actually, I had burned on this same piece of property on more than one occasion in the past, and all it took was a phone call to Mr. Augustine to explain where I wanted to burn and when. (You can still see the remains of this burning.) He always gave me verbal approval, and never even asked what I was burning. So I'm sure you can understand my confusion. Apparently, the rules have changed on how to get permission for a burning.

As I'm sure you're aware, I've created a sculpture called "Apocalypse Now", and this is what I would like to burn, and it represents the Battle of Armageddon. As I explained to Mr. Augustine in my email I've included below, I will be photographing and creating a video of the burn and I have people standing by to do this. I also explained how the structure was created with this burning in mind. The fire will be contained inside the mound, with the top designed to release the heat and smoke and some fire. Most of the burning will be internal, and this will cause the mound to collapse into a heap of rubble as this happens. In addition to this explanation of the built-in safety features in the sculpture, here are additional items I propose to insure the safety of the burning:

1. A fire truck will be standing by just in case – I've cleared this with Mr. Whitney Tatum, the Fire Chief on Cayman Brac.
2. Weather conditions will have to be right – I'll wait until they are.
3. If more information is needed, I'll meet a member of the DOEH at the site personally.
4. I will speak to Chief Inspector Frank Owens about assisting with traffic if needed.
5. After the burning and my filming are complete, I'll have the fire department extinguish the remains just to be 100% sure there are no remaining embers.
6. The following day, Scott Development will remove the remains.

After this burning, I will continue my trilogy.

Repairs will have to be made to the sculpture from vandalism before I do this burn, and as I said, I'll wait for the right weather conditions. But I would like to obtain your permission immediately so when the weather is right and I've arranged all of the above, I can make it happen.

I hope this is sufficient information for you to understand this will be a very safe, well-monitored burn and will cause absolutely no harm to the surrounding environment.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Foots

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Augustine, Thomas" <Thomas.Augustine@gov.ky>

To: "Ron Kynes (AKA "Foots")" <footscaymanbrac@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Stevens, Andrea" <Andrea.Stevens@gov.ky>; "Owens, Frank" <Frank.Owens@rcips.ky>; [REDACTED]; "John.Levine@gov.ky" <John.Levine@gov.ky>

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 12:21 PM

Subject: RE: The Apocalypse Now sculpture, south side Cayman Brac

Mr Kynes,

Please direct your request for permission to burn to the Director of Environmental Health, Mr Roydell Carter at Roydell.carter@gov.ky.

Please be reminded also that since the area in concern is within a collection service area, you may or may not receive approval for burning.

Rergards

Thomas Augustine- MPH., BSC Env. Health, Dip. Meat and Other Foods
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Augustine, Thomas

From: Rodrigues, Paulino
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 11:14 AM
To: Sallam, Maysson
Cc: Carter, Roydell; Augustine, Thomas
Subject: FW: The Apocalypse Now sculpture, south side Cayman Brac

Dr. Sallam,
FYI.
Regards,
ADEH.

From: Augustine, Thomas
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 9:07 AM
To: Carter, Roydell
Cc: Rodrigues, Paulino
Subject: FW: The Apocalypse Now sculpture, south side Cayman Brac

Good Morning Mr. Carter.

The email below was sent by Mr. Ron Kynes a.k.a. Foots regarding the South Side Sculpture. I informed him that any request for permission to burn must be directed to the Director.

I visited Divi Tiara yesterday to follow –up. Soon after Mr. Kynes called the office requesting an audience with me so I will be meeting with him to discuss some of the issues addressed in your letter dated 5th May, 2014 as well as issues I observed.

Regards

Thomas Augustine- *MPH. . BSc Env. Health. Dip. Meat and Other Foods*
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