

STATE OF INDIANA )  
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COUNTY OF MARION)

MARION SUPERIOR COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION 10  
CAUSE NO: 49D10-2002-PL-006192

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*Myla A. Eldridge*  
CLERK OF THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT

STATE OF INDIANA,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILDLIFE IN NEED AND  
WILDLIFE IN DEED, INC.,  
TIMOTHY STARK, and  
MELISA LANE,

Defendants.

**ORDER OF CONTEMPT AND  
REMAND OF DEFENDANT  
TIMOTHY STARK TO MARION  
COUNTY SHERIFF**

Plaintiff State of Indiana, seeks contempt finding of contempt by Defendants Wildlife In Need ("WIN") and Timothy Stark ("Stark") and further seeks incarceration sanction for Stark. After hearing and further review, the Court finds:

1. The Court's September 10, 2020 Order Appointing Receiver ("Order") provided that all exotic animals owned and maintained by Stark and WIN be removed into the custody of receiver Indianapolis Zoological Society pending final ruling on the merits.
2. The parties do not dispute that many animals documented by inventory and /or personal observation of the receiver are no longer at the WIN location and are missing since the Court's Order.

3. Stark is the party who has had access and custody of the missing animals at times during which they have gone missing.
4. Stark vehemently demonstrates his opposition to the Court's Order by words and actions, and voiced his strong desire in open court to re-locate the animals in his own way.
5. WIN and Stark are in contempt of the Court's Order.
6. Stark is immediately remanded to the custody of the Marion County Sheriff until further order of the Court.
7. Sanctions for WIN are taken under advisement.

Dated this 16th day of September 2020.

  
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David J. Dreyer, Judge