Captive Wildlife Report

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
3200 NE 151 STREET
MIAMI FL 33181

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10/23/2026 2:18:33 PM	**ISR169354 (02)**	**FWC26ON0113361 / FWCS26IN0049294**	**INV SPECIA / WN281**	**FERNANDEZ, G.**

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FL0138100	**11/5/2026 8:46:13 AM**	**10/23/2026 00:00:00 - 10/23/2026 00:00:00**		

Offense Description
S65 FWC INSPECTIONS (SPECIFY)

LOCATION(S)

County	Location Type	Location Description
MIAMI-DADE	**WILDLIFE FACILITY**	**ZWF- Mario Tabraue - contact clarification**

Street Number	Street	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number	Ext.
16225	**SW 172ND AVE**		**MIAMI**	**FL**	**33187**		

INVESTIGATION

Was Body Camera Used?	

Person: LICENSEE

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
MARIO	**SALOMON**	**TABRAUE**				[redacted]			

MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID
	[redacted]						

Place of Birth:	, ,

Addresses
[redacted]

Business: CW EXHIBITOR

Business Name	MBI #	Phone Number 1	Ext 1	Phone Number 2	Ext 2
ZOOLOGICAL WILDLIFE FOUNDATIO	**FWC16MBI000717**	**26468**		**26468**	

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Other Information

Narrative

Narrative Date/Time	Narrative Synopsis
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FERNANDEZ, G.	**INV SPECIA**	**WN281**	**FWCS\SO REGION B\DADE**

Officer Signature	Officer Agency
N281 43/43281	**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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On October 21rd, 2026, I observed photos depicting licensee Mario Tabraue of Zoological Wildlife Foundation (ZWF), holding two juvenile Hyenas at the Scales Expo Reptile Show in Palm Beach County, FL. In some pictures you can see other people having public contact with the juvenile Hyenas. Upon reviewing the Public Contact Rule, I spoke to Mario about the pictures and advised him per FAC 68A-6.016, copied below, full contact with non listed Class 1 carnivores is not allowed regardless of weight. The only contact allowed would be incidental contact with Class 1 carnivores under 40 lbs. He then requested clarification with scenarios of the Hyenas if they were on a leash held by him. I received clarification through legal of different scenarios with the following interpretation.

Scenario 1: Would it be okay for a facility to put an under 40 pound Hyena on a leash, leash held by the licensee, and have the public be able to walk up and pet the Hyena?

-Legal determination is that this scenario would be allowed and considered incidental contact.

Scenario 2: Now can the customer can pick up the leashed hyena while the handler still holds the other end of the leash?

- Legal determination on scenario 2 is that this scenario would not be allowed, because the member of the public would have full possession of the animal at that point. The handler is maintaining proximate control and supervision, but not possession.

I then advised Mario that only incidental contact would be allowed for this species up to 40 lbs and verbally reviewed what the legal determination was for incidental vs full contact. I also forwarded him the public contact rule for his reference. I issued him a written warning for the initial full contact depicted with a class 1 carnivore in the pictures. I have copied the public contact rule for reference below to this ISR. No further on this case.

68A-6.016 Public Contact with Captive Wildlife.

Unconfined captive wildlife shall be maintained under rigid supervision and control, so as to prevent injuries to members of the public. No captive wildlife shall be tethered outdoors unsupervised. To provide for public safety, all wildlife shall be tethered or controlled in such a manner as to prevent physical contact with the public and a structural safety barrier, as provided in paragraph 68A-6.009(2)(b), F.A.C., must be present to prevent physical contact with unconfined Class I or Class II wildlife except in instances where public contact is allowed in subsection (1), below.

(1) Public contact and exhibition.

(a) General: All Class I, II or III wildlife that will be used for contact with the public shall have been evaluated by the exhibitor to insure compatibility with the uses intended. All wildlife shall be exhibited in a manner that prevents injuries to the public and the wildlife. The exhibitor shall take reasonable sanitary precautions to minimize the possibility of disease or parasite transmission which could adversely affect the health or welfare of citizens or wildlife. When any conditions exists that results in a threat to human safety, or the welfare of the wildlife, the animal(s) shall, at the direction of a Commission officer, be immediately removed from public contact for an interval necessary to correct the unsafe or deficient condition.

(b) Class I wildlife shall only be permitted to come into physical contact with the public in accordance with the following:

1. Full contact: For the purpose of this section, full contact is defined as situations in which an exhibitor or employee handler maintains proximate control and supervision, while temporarily surrendering physical possession or custody of the animal to another. Full contact with Class I wildlife is authorized only as follows:

a. Class I cats (Felidae only) that weigh not more than twenty-five (25) pounds,
b. Chimpanzees, orangutans, and gorillas that are not less than six (6) months of age and weigh not more than twenty-five pounds,
c. Gibbons and siamangs not less than four (4) months of age and not more than two (2) years of age,
d. Elephants as approved in Rule 68A-6.007, F.A.C.

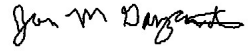
2. Incidental contact: For the purpose of this section, incidental contact is defined as situations in which an exhibitor or employee handler maintains control, possession and supervision of the animal while permitting the public to come into contact with it. Incidental contact with Class I wildlife is authorized only as follows:

a. Class I carnivores except cheetahs and cougars that weigh not more than 40 pounds,
b. Chimpanzees, orangutans, and gorillas that are not less than six (6) months of age and weigh not more than 40 pounds,
c. Gibbons and siamangs that are not less than four (4) months of age: no maximum poundage or age limit,
d. Elephants,
e. Incidental contact with other Class I wildlife must be approved in writing by the Commission prior to the use of the wildlife for incidental contact with the public. Factors to be considered when approving such contact are found in paragraph (1)(a).

(c). Public contact or handling intervals for Class I wildlife shall be limited as to frequency, intensity, and duration so that such handling will not adversely affect the health, welfare, or safety of the animals, nor expose the public to injury.

Officer: Approving Supervisor (Supplement 02)

Officer Name	Officer Rank	Officer ID No	Officer Agency
JON GARZANITI	**LIEUTENANT**	**WM727**	**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Approval Date / Time	Officer Signature
11/12/2026 10:12:36 AM	

RELATED REPORT(S)

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Boating And Resource Warning	**W01417209**

Sup #	Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
01	**FERNANDEZ, G.** **INV SPECIA WN281**	**REPORTING OFFICER**	**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION** **FWCS\SO REGION B\DADE**
02	**JON GARZANITI** **LIEUTENANT WM727**	**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**	**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION** **FWCS\SO REGION A\PALM BEACH**

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:
Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement02)

Officer Name	Office Rank	Officer ID No	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority
FERNANDEZ, G.	**INV SPECIA**	**WN281**	This the _____ day of _____, _____
Officer Agency			DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Officer Signature  **N281 43/43281**			

BOATING AND RESOURCE WARNING
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

W01417209

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COUNTY OF	CITY OF (IF APPLICABLE)	DAY OF WEEK	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	TIME OF DAY
MIAMI-DADE (13)		**WEDNESDAY**	**NOVEMBER**	**04**	**2026**	**05:32 PM**

RECIPIENT

NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST)
MARIO SALOMON TABRAUE

[redacted]

TELEPHONE NUMBER | DATE OF BIRTH & AGE | RACE | SEX | HEIGHT
[redacted]

DRIVER LICENSE OR OTHER I.D.
[redacted]
STATE | TYPE OF I.D. | EXPIRES
[redacted]

VESSEL

VESSEL REGNO | STATE | EXPIRES ON | YEAR | MAKE

VEHICLE

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LOCATION

N 25 30.5353 **W 80 27.3767**
16225 SW 172 AVE, MIAMI, FL

WARNING VIOLATIONS

IN VIOLATION OF A | VIOLATION
ADMINISTRATIVE CO 379.4015(2)(a)

VIOLATION DESCRIPTION
VIOLATION OF FLORIDA ADMINSISTRATIVE CODES PERTAINING TO WILDLIFE AS PERSONAL PETS - PUBLIC CONTACT WITH CAPTIVE WILDLIFE [68A-6.016]

CODE VIOLATION (IF APPLICABLE)
68A-6.016(1)(b)2.a.

CODE VIOLATION DESCRIPTION
PUBLIC CONTACT AND EXHIBITION - INCIDENTAL CONTACT - CLASS I CARNIVORES THAT WEIGH NOT MORE THAN 40 POUNDS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO COME INTO PHYSICAL CONTACT

Don't let a bad decision ruin a good day.

RANK / SIGNATURE AND IDENTITY OF OFFICER	ORG / UNIT	I.D. NUMBER
INV SPECIA FERNANDEZ, G.	**FWCS\SO REGION B\DADE**	**WN281**



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