
Miranda's Rescue, submittal for 6/2/26 BOS agenda

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Hello,

Below is my comment for submittal in regards to the Board of Supervisors meeting being held on 6/2/2026.

As a rescue volunteer, I personally took 4 dogs over the span of 4 years to Miranda's, and met Shannon Miranda. I knew there was the possibility that dogs might be euthanized as he did state that, but it was the last chance for these dogs - or so I was made told. Shannon Miranda took these dogs, solely because there was money in it for him. Most dogs never got a chance once they were in his hands. They were quickly disposed of.

Had I known the truth, I absolutely never would have taken these dogs to him, and would have advocated for having them humanely euthanized by a veterinarian, with compassion.

The facts and proof are evident:

- Video of him dumping dead dogs on his property
- Dogs buried on his property with bullet holes in their heads, after Miranda lied and said the dogs were adopted
- Four month old puppies were found shot and buried. Four month old puppies are NOT aggressive, and are highly adoptable.
- Verification of many fake "adoption" photos (more lies involving unsuspecting random people who visited Miranda's - which is extremely unethical and a violation of those unsuspecting people's privacy)
- Hundreds if not thousands of dogs that he took in, unaccounted for because he either had paperwork "stolen", lost, or he just never bothered to document dogs (conveniently making it impossible to track animals that he took in)
- EVERY dog that he took in, should be accounted for, with detailed paperwork - that's how reputable rescues operate
- Sudden removal of his social media pages so photos (including falsified adoption photos) of dogs are no longer visible
- Charging sizable fees for every dog he took, which ran into several thousand dollars for some dogs
- Previous employees stating that they were told to dump dead dogs in the river when it was running high, and they're willing to testify

Dogs that have been retrieved from Miranda's are in far worse shape than when they arrived there (significantly underweight, scarred up, and fearful; again there is proof in the before and after photos).

I understand that evidence needs to be collected to prosecute him, but why are dogs are still in his care under the circumstances? This is extremely concerning based on his pattern of behavior for many years. Miranda has also been uncooperative about returning many dogs to where they came from, despite shelters and rescues proactively trying to retrieve dogs since being made aware of the horrific situation. Wouldn't that be the decent thing to do under the circumstances?

Shannon Miranda has clearly demonstrated a longstanding pattern of lies, abuse, and killing adoptable animals - with one goal at the forefront of his "rescue": Making money at the expense of others.

The tremendous betrayal of so many animals and animal advocates for so many years is beyond cruel, unforgivable, and absolutely criminal. Posing as a on-profit while feeding lies to the rescue community statewide and beyond, to collect funds is blatant fraud.

The fact that the county has allowed Miranda's Rescue to operate for the last 23 years without signed, approved permits is also glaringly suspicious.

There's no doubt in my mind, that you'll find MANY more dogs buried and dumped either on his property, his relatives property, or elsewhere in the area. With the tremendous amount of time he's been in operation, I'm sure there are hundreds if not thousands of dogs that died a cruel death at his hands.

Shannon Miranda used and killed dogs as if it were an assembly line - taking dogs and money in, and then disposing of the dogs in the way that was the quickest, cheapest, and easiest for him. He betrayed people who poured their heart and soul into giving these dogs a chance, all so he could make money.

There's absolutely NO excuse for what Shannon Miranda did, over and over again, for many many years. I sincerely hope you're investigating every lead to the fullest, and actively digging and searching for these dogs (and quite possibly other species') bodies. Shannon Miranda deserves prosecution to the fullest extent of the law for the horrific death, abuse, fraud and damage he inflicted on so many animals and people.

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Sent from my iPhone