

November 9, 2024

Will Roberts  
 Captain, Region 7  
 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Dear Capt. Roberts:

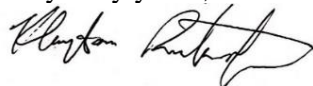
I'm writing on behalf of PETA to urge the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to pursue all available remedies against Mitchel Kalmanson (dba World Wild Exotic Animal Talent Agency, LLC; Featuring Animals; and Lester Kalmanson Agency, Inc.) of Maitland, Florida, for apparently violating Louisiana's Possession of Potentially Dangerous Quadrupeds, Big Exotic Cats, and Non-Human Primates (La. Admin. Code tit. 76, Pt V, § 115) by importing a tiger into Louisiana to be exhibited at today's Louisiana State University (LSU) football game.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has found that "possession of certain potentially dangerous quadrupeds, big exotic cats ... poses significant hazards to public safety and health, is detrimental to the welfare of the animals, and may have negative impacts on the conservation and recovery of some threatened and endangered species." (*Id.*) The Commission, therefore, prohibited the importation of big exotic cats, including tigers, into Louisiana, subject to several exemptions, for which Mr. Kalmanson appears to be ineligible.

On Thursday, November 7, 2024, news media widely reported that a live tiger would appear at this weekend's LSU game. News outlets quickly confirmed that Mr. Kalmanson would be supplying the tiger, named Omar Bradley, and Mr. Kalmanson's assistant reportedly confirmed that he was en route to Louisiana from Florida with the tiger.<sup>1</sup> Images posted to Reddit suggest that Omar Bradley had arrived at LSU by the evening of Friday, November 8, 2024.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Kalmanson is a longtime animal exhibitor with a [lengthy and documented history of flouting the law and endangering animals and the public](#). This includes multiple tiger escapes and incidents in which he failed to have proper barriers and attendants present between tigers and the public.

Accordingly, PETA respectfully requests that LDWF immediately pursue all available remedies against Mr. Kalmanson. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,



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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 1, WBRZ: Bengal tiger named Omar Bradley on way to Baton Rouge to attend LSU-Alabama game, owner's office says, November 7, 2024. Available at: <https://www.wbrz.com/news/bengal-tiger-named-omar-bradley-on-way-to-baton-rouge-to-attend-lsu-alabama-game-owner-s-office-says>

<sup>2</sup> Exhibit 2, Reddit: r/LSU post showing tiger in cage at LSU stadium, November 8, 2024. Available at: [https://www.reddit.com/r/LSU/comments/1gn21n3/how\\_is\\_this\\_any\\_bit\\_okay/](https://www.reddit.com/r/LSU/comments/1gn21n3/how_is_this_any_bit_okay/)

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