**CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 § IN THE JUSTICE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF §

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(Alleged Owner of Dog) §

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 § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER – DOG ALLEGEDLY CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH**

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, the court heard this case. Having heard all evidence and considered all pleadings on file, the court **FINDS** that the dog described as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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🞏 **Did not cause** the death of or serious bodily injury to a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the dog be released to its owner, the person from whom the dog was seized, or any other person authorized to take possession of the dog.

🞏 **Caused the death** of a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person. It is therefore **ORDERED** that the dog be destroyed as authorized by Health and Safety Code § 822.004. **Destruction must not occur before the 10th calendar day after this order is signed.**

🞏 **Caused serious bodily injury**, as defined by Health and Safety Code § 822.001(2), to a person by attacking, biting, or mauling the person.

The court further **FINDS** that *(check only if applicable)*:

🞏 The dog was being used for the protection of a person or person’s property, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure in which the dog was being kept; and the enclosure was reasonably certain to prevent the dog from leaving the enclosure on its own and provided notice of the presence of a dog, and the injured person was at least eight years of age, and was trespassing in the enclosure when the attack, bite, or mauling occurred.

🞏 The dog was not being used for the protection of a person or person’s property, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure in which the dog was being kept, and the injured person was at least eight years of age and was trespassing in the enclosure when the attack, bite, or mauling occurred.

🞏 The attack, bite, or mauling occurred during an arrest or other action of a peace officer while the peace officer was using the dog for law enforcement purposes.

🞏 The dog was defending a person from an assault or a person’s property from damage or theft by the injured person.

🞏 The injured person was younger than eight years of age, the attack, bite, or mauling occurred in an enclosure in which the dog was being kept, and the enclosure was reasonably certain to keep a person younger than eight years of age from entering.

**It is therefore ORDERED that** *(check one)*:

🞏 The dog be destroyed as authorized by Health and Safety Code § 822.004 (if none of the above conditions exist). **Destruction must not occur before the 10th calendar day after this order is signed.**

🞏 As a condition exists that prohibits the court from ordering destruction, the dog be released to its owner, the person from whom the dog was seized, or any other person authorized to take possession of the dog.

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**ISSUED AND SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_**.**

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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