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**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**Date: February 3, 2026**

**Time: 11:09am**

**Street Address: 1503 N Monroe Street, Baltimore, MD 21217**

**Name of Resident/Owner: Catrina Bankes**

**Phone Number: 443-401-3076**

On 2/3/26 at 11:09am, AEO Supervisors Hodge and Novak, AEOs Hughes and McCoon along with Sergeant Hawley and multiple Deputies of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Department arrived at the location to execute an administrative search and seizure warrant. Upon arrival to the rear, AEOs Hughes and McCoon observed the rear yard to be hoarded with furniture, bulk trash items and garbage. While in the rear AEOs were able to make contact with resident Catrina Bankes, 443-401-3076, and informed her Animal Control was at the location to execute a search and seizure warrant and to please open the front door. Ms. Bankes went to the front door, opened it and then closed it again. AEO Hughes was able to make entry through the rear door and opened the front door for additional Officers and Deputies. Upon entry, it was extremely cold inside of the residence due to the property not having heat along with it being dark inside due to the property not having power. AEO Hughes turned on the faucet in the kitchen sink and there was no running water. Officer Novak spoke with Ms. Bankes and explained that a search and seizure warrant was obtained to remove any and all animals located in or on the property. Ms. Bankes was asked where the dogs were located inside of the property and she stated all the dogs had been removed and taken to a friend's house. Each area of the residence is described as follows:

The kitchen was filthy, had dirty dishes piled up in the sink and on the counter, along with random items and trash strewn about the room. The rear wall of the kitchen appeared to have water damage, and two fly strips were hanging from the ceiling covered with deceased flies.

The dining room was hoarded with furniture, clothing, random items and trash. The dining room ceiling also appeared to have water damage.

The front entryway was cluttered with furniture, tools, random items, trash, a large outdoor grill and a can of gasoline. While in the area, Officers could see people walking above them due to the drywall/plaster missing and the wood being exposed.

The living room appeared to be being used as a bedroom and contained furniture with extremely soiled linens and bags of trash. The ceiling in this room also appeared to have water damage.

The second-floor hallway leading to the rear bedroom was narrow and difficult to maneuver due to furniture, random items and garbage being present.

The rear bedroom on the second floor contained random items and a weight bench. There was a very large mound of animal waste swept up against a wall and the floor appeared to be stained from being wet. The ceiling in the right-hand corner appeared to be falling in.

The second-floor hallway leading to the front bedroom was also cluttered with trash and random items.

The second-floor front bedroom housed one emaciated (ribs, spine, hips prominent), brown/white, male, Pit Bull type dog (149753) that AEOs removed. The dog's coat was soiled in animal waste and wounds were observed on the backside of each rear leg that were actively bleeding. The dog also appeared to have a hunched position and could not stand up straight or walk properly on scene. This bedroom was cluttered with furniture, electronics, random items and trash. The carpet in the room was soiled with numerous piles of animal waste. Multiple fly strips were hanging from the ceiling covered in deceased flies.

The bathroom was filthy and cluttered with trash and random items. The sink and bathtub did not appear to be operational due to containing trash and random items. Many cobwebs and a fly strip covered in deceased flies were hanging from the ceiling.

The third bedroom contained one twin sized bed with filthy linens. The entire floor was covered in trash. The door to this room had a taut chain lock on the exterior of the door which was locked upon arrival. When locked, the door could not be opened from the inside.

The basement was hoarded from floor to ceiling with tools, equipment and random items.

Once all second-floor rooms were cleared, Ms. Bankes was asked multiple times who the dog housed in the bedroom belonged to and she continuously responded she did not know and claimed she did not know a dog was in the bedroom. Officers again asked where the additional dogs heard inside of the location on 1/24/26 were now located and she still responded that the dogs were at a friend's house. Deputies asked if she could provide the name, address and phone number for the friend and she stated she did not have any of that information because the person is a drug dealer. Additional animals were not located in any other parts of the home or either the front or rear yard. Baltimore Housing was also on scene and conducted their own

investigation into the property itself. A copy of the warrant along with the Notice of Impoundment were left on a table in what appeared to be the dining room area. Officer Novak also explained the Notice to Ms. Bankes so that she could inform the owner of the redemption process. Photos taken on scene and upon arrival at the shelter. Video taken on scene.

Shelter veterinary staff examined the dog and found his body condition score (BCS) to be a 2/9 with mild muscle loss. Medical staff confirmed the dog walks with an extreme hunching position and both carpi are slightly contracted. The dog was dehydrated and radiographs showed what appeared to be a foreign body distending in his stomach.