

ARREST TRACKING #: WSH005540080

BOND AMOUNT: \$50000.00

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

**COUNT 1: TERRORISTIC ACT
(B FELONY)**

**COUNT 2: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IN THE
FIRST DEGREE
(B FELONY)**

**COUNT 3: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
(D FELONY)**

**COUNT 4: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
(D FELONY)**

**COUNT 5: AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO
DOG CAT OR HORSE
(D FELONY)**

**COUNT 6: AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO
DOG CAT OR HORSE
(D FELONY)**

**COUNT 7: AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO
DOG CAT OR HORSE
(D FELONY)**

VS.

72CR-_____

KAREN LYNN BENSON

DOB: 06-27-63 W/F

SID: 4210365

FELONY INFORMATION

I, Matthew Durrett, Prosecuting Attorney within and for the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Arkansas, of which Washington County is a part, in the name and by the authority of the State of Arkansas, on oath, accuse the Defendant, KAREN LYNN BENSON, of the crimes of: **Count 1: Terroristic Act, a class B Felony, Count 2: Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, a**

class B Felony, Count 3: Aggravated Assault, a class D Felony, Count 4: Aggravated Assault, a class D Felony, Count 5: Aggravated Cruelty To Dog Cat Or Horse, a class D Felony, Count 6: Aggravated Cruelty To Dog Cat Or Horse, a class D Felony, Count 7: Aggravated Cruelty To Dog Cat Or Horse, a class D Felony, committed as follows: The said Defendant on or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, unlawfully and feloniously:

Count 1: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant unlawfully and knowingly, while not in the commission of a lawful act, shot at or in any manner projected an object at a conveyance which was being operated or which was occupied by another person with the purpose to cause injury to another person or damage to property, in violation of ACA §5-13-310(a)(1) & (b)(1), **to-wit:** Defendant fired multiple rounds from a .22 rifle into another person's occupied residence with the purpose to cause her injury or to damage her property, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 2: On or about June 24, 2021 at 3:50 PM, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant did purposely and without legal justification, destroy or cause damage to property of another in an amount of actual damages of \$25,000.00 or more, in violation of ACA §5-38-203(b)(4), **to-wit:** Defendant fired multiple rounds from a .22 rifle into another person's residence, barn, and three (3) horses, causing more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in damage, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 3: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant knowingly and under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, he or she purposely engaged in conduct that created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person, in violation of ACA §5-13-204(a)(1), **to-wit:** Defendant, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, fired multiple rounds from a .22 rifle into an occupied residence, creating a substantial danger of death or serious

physical injury to another person, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 4: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant knowingly and under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, he or she purposely engaged in conduct that created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person, in violation of ACA §5-13-204(a)(1), **to-wit:** Defendant, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, fired a round from a .22 rifle in the direction of a responding law enforcement officer, creating a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to him, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 5: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant knowingly tortured any dog, cat, or horse, in violation of ACA §5-62-104(a), **to-wit:** Defendant shot a horse twice in the lower abdomen, causing an extreme amount of pain and sepsis and ultimately requiring her to be euthanized, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 6: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant knowingly tortured any dog, cat, or horse, in violation of ACA §5-62-104(a), **to-wit:** Defendant shot a horse twice in his hind legs, causing him intensive or prolonged pain, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

Count 7: On or about June 24, 2021, in Washington County, Arkansas, the said defendant knowingly tortured any dog, cat, or horse, in violation of ACA §5-62-104(a), **to-wit:** Defendant shot a horse twice in her body cavity, striking her lungs and near her spleen, causing her intensive or prolonged pain, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

MATTHEW DURRETT
Prosecuting Attorney, 4th Judicial District

By: /s/ Courtney Cassidy
Courtney Cassidy
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