

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building: HILLBROW POLICE STATION
Street: CLAREDON PLACE
Suburb: HILLBROW
Postal Code:
Date: 2023-12-08
Time: 20:18
Inspector: GODFREY MNGUNI

Type: WARNINGS-ISSUED

Follow-Up Date:

Comments: At the station, I met Constable Thabethe who introduced me to the person of interest found sitting in the Client Service Centre (CSC). His name was Cappuccino Nelson Chapola. He explained to me that he discovered a bucket with a pierced lid and when he opened he found the 2 tortoises together in the bucket yesternight. He stated that he did not know where to take them when he found them. I asked if I could open the bucket with consent and found 2 Marsh terrapins crammed together in a 5-litre white bucket with a few holes on top of the lid. The bucket was filled with shallow dirty water. The terrapins were dented on their shells likely from taking turns getting on top of each other to try to find comfort inside the bucket. They were also underweight and had a severe growth of algae around the limbs and the shell-line. The terrapins were signed over as strays to me. Regardless of Mr Chapola's statement, I issued him with a written warning to act more responsibly and inform us of any animal-related emergency in future. The Marshies were later transferred to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet. Y12/84-85.