

At I.A.S Part ____ of the
Supreme Court of the State of
New York, held in and for the
County of New York, at the
Courthouse thereof, 80 Centre
Street, New York, NY, on the
____ day of _____, 2016

PRESENT: HON. _____
Justice of the Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of a Proceeding under Article 70 of the CPLR
for a Writ of Habeas Corpus,

THE NONHUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT, INC., on
behalf of KIKO,

Petitioner,

-against-

CARMEN PRESTI, individually and as an officer and
director of The Primate Sanctuary, Inc., CHRISTIE E.
PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director of
The Primate Sanctuary, Inc., and THE PRIMATE
SANCTUARY, INC.

Respondents.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE &
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

Index No.: **150149/2016**

DELIVERED TO SIGN
see annexed memorandum

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That upon the annexed Verified Petition of Elizabeth Stein,
Esq. and Steven M. Wise, Esq. (subject to *pro hac vice* admission), with Exhibits and
Memorandum of Law, dated January 6, 2016, and upon all pleadings and proceedings herein, let
the Respondents CARMEN PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director of The Primate

Sanctuary, Inc., CHRISTIE E. PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director of The Primate Sanctuary, Inc. and THE PRIMATE SANCTUARY, INC., or their attorneys, SHOW CAUSE at I.A.S. Part _____, Room _____, of this Court to be held at the Courthouse located at 80 Centre Street, New York, New York 10013, on the _____ day of _____, 2016 at _____ o'clock in the _____ of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be entered granting Petitioner, The Nonhuman Rights Project, Inc. ("NhRP"), the following relief:

- A. Upon a determination that Kiko is being unlawfully detained, ordering his immediate release and transfer forthwith to an appropriate primate sanctuary;
- B. Awarding the NhRP the costs and disbursements of this action; and
- C. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

It is THEREFORE:

ORDERED THAT, Sufficient cause appearing therefore, let service of a copy of this Order and all other papers upon which it is granted upon CARMEN PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director of The Primate Sanctuary, Inc., CHRISTIE E. PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director of The Primate Sanctuary, Inc. and THE PRIMATE SANCTUARY, INC. by personal delivery, on or before the _____ of _____, 2016, be deemed good and sufficient. An affidavit or other proof of service shall be presented to this Court on the return date fixed above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that answering affidavits, if any, must be received by Elizabeth Stein, Esq., 5 Dunhill Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11040, and electronically filed with the NYSCEF system, no later than the _____ of _____, 2016.

Dated: _____
New York, New York

_____ Honorable

ENTER:

DECLINED TO SIGN
REASON _____

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY : IAS PART 12

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In the Matter of a Proceeding under Article 70 of the
CPLR for a Writ of Habeas Corpus,

Index No. 150149/16

THE NONHUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT, INC., on
behalf of KIKO,

MEMORANDUM

Mot. seq. no. 001

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- against -

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E. PRESTI, individually and as an officer and director
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JAFFE, BARBARA, J.:

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I decline to sign the order to show cause filed by petitioner for the following reasons:

While successive petitions for a writ of habeas corpus based on the same ground are permissible, "orderly administration would require, at least, a showing of changed circumstances." (*People ex rel. Woodard v Berry*, 163 AD2d 759, 760 [3d Dept 1990], *lv denied* 76 NY2d 712; *People ex rel. Glendening v Glendening*, 259 AD 384, 387 [1st Dept 1940], *affd* 284 NY 598; *see People ex rel. Leonard HH v Nixon*, 148 AD2d 75, 80-81 [3d Dept 1989]).

Here, between 2013 and 2014, petitioner filed four identical petitions with four state trial courts, each in a different county. With each petition, it offered the same nine affidavits. It then recently filed another two petitions in New York County which are identical to those previously filed, except for the addition of affidavits from five of the nine original affiants, along with a

sixth from a member of its board of directors. All of the new affidavits rely on studies and publications that, with few exceptions, were available before 2015, and petitioner offers no explanation as to why they were withheld from the first four petitions.

In any event, whether evidence of the ability of some chimpanzees to shoulder certain kinds responsibilities is sufficiently distinct from that offered with the first four petitions, and whether that evidence would pass muster in the Third Department, the decision of which remains binding on me (*Nonhuman Rights Project v Stanley*, 49 Misc 3d 746 [Sup Ct, New York County 2015 [Jaffe, J.]], are determinations that are best addressed there.



BARBARA JAFFE
J.S.C.