

ANIMAL CONTROL

OPERATOR (FEMALE)

Thank you for calling Walton County Animal Control. How may I
help you?

CALLER (MALE, SCREAMING)

Bears!! Bears!! They're everywhere!!

OPERATOR

Sir, please calm down. Are you in immediate danger?

CALLER

Yes! They're all over the place!!

OPERATOR

Sir, I'm here to help. What kind of danger are you experiencing?

CALLER

What kind?! What kind?! The dangerous kind!!

OPERATOR

Okay, sir, tell me what is happening.

CALLER

They're everywhere! Eating my food, destroying my home...

OPERATOR

Wait! Sir, there are bears in your house?!

(Cont.)

CALLER

Are you hard of hearing or just plain stupid?! YES!! Bears are everywhere! Eating my beans, trashing my new kitchen...

OPERATOR

Okay, sir. Are you somewhere safe?

CALLER

For now. At least until they figure out how to work a zipper!

OPERATOR (CONFUSED)

Uh, okay. I'm gonna send someone out there right away.

CALLER

Make sure they bring guns and plenty of ammo!

OPERATOR

We will sedate the animals and remove them from the premises.

CALLER

What?! The way they're tearing things apart, these beasts are not interested in dating *anyone*!

OPERATOR

No, sir, I said 'sedate'! We will shoot them with a tranquilizer and take them away from your home.

CALLER

That better be a powerful pill! You know what you should do? Stop by my brother's house first. He's got some stuff that can definitely ruin their day.

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OPERATOR

That won't be necessary.

CALLER

Why, you guys use fentanyl, too?

OPERATOR

Well, it's something like that. (PAUSE) Sir, I do not hear anything now.

Where are they?

CALLER

Bastards found my bathroom. And I can honestly tell you, what they're doing right now don't look nothin' like those cartoon bears on TV.

OPERATOR (STIFLES LAUGH)

Oh, that's not good. Okay, let's get this situation under control. What is your address?

CALLER

Address?

OPERATOR

Yes. Where do you live.

CALLER

I live all over. What do you need my address for?

OPERATOR

How else are we going to be able to take care of the bears? I need to send a team out to you and they'll need your address in order to find you.

CALLER

Makes sense. Just tell them to go west on state road 20 to Jimmy's

(Cont.)

CALLER, cont.

Barbecue. Take a right and head about three-quarters of a mile. There's a dirt road with a mailbox marker. The mailbox has a rebel flag on it. It's pretty small, though, so tell them to go slow or they'll miss it. Roads are pretty bumpy so they can't speed anyhow.

OPERATOR

Sure, just give me your address and they can use GPS.

CALLER

Is that like fentanyl?

OPERATOR

No, GPS is a satellite system we use to locate an address.

CALLER

Will it kill the bears?

OPERATOR (LOSING PATIENCE)

Sir, for the last time, we won't be killing any bears. That is a federal offense.

CALLER

Talk about a federal offense, you should see what the bigger one just did in my bathroom.

OPERATOR (SIGHS)

Okay, in order to help you, I need your address.

CALLER

Okay okay, hold your britches. Do you know where Pine Forest State Park is?

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OPERATOR

Of course.

CALLER

Just tell them to go there and I'll meet them at the entrance.

OPERATOR

Sir, that park covers 400 square miles and has eight separate entrances.

CALLER

Really? Wow, I gotta get out more. (PAUSE) Okay, I'll meet them at the
northwest entrance, near the smokestack.

OPERATOR

Sir, in order for me to send out a team, I have to know, where is your
home?

CALLER

What a dumb question. Where do you think it is?

OPERATOR

All I know is you're telling me you have bears running through your
house, but you're telling me to meet you at a state park.

CALLER

You're getting warm!

OPERATOR

Oh wow. Do you live in the woods? The same woods as all the bears?

CALLER

Of course I do! What were you thinking, Beverly Hills?

(Cont.)

OPERATOR

And your house is a tent within an illegal campsite?

CALLER (EVASIVE)

Tomato, tomahto. Look, are you sending someone out here or should I just call my brother? These killer bears are all over the place.

OPERATOR

Yes, sir, I will send someone out there. You can count on it. They will meet you by the smokestack in less than thirty minutes.

CALLER

How will I know it's them?

OPERATOR

Tell you what. When you see a sheriff deputy's car, wave them down. They'll take it from there.

CALLER

Can I help them shoot the bears?

(FX: CLICK!)