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ACTF Arrests Suspect for Animal Neglect

Los Angeles: Following an investigation in the 18700 block of Napa Street in Northridge that revealed evidence of animal neglect and hoarding, the Los Angeles City Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) served a search and arrest warrant today on Ron Mason, a 59 year old male, charged with California Penal Code Section 597 (B) Felony Animal Neglect.

The search of the residence found deplorable living conditions for both the cats and lone resident of the single-family dwelling. The smell of ammonia permeated the residence and surrounding yard. Many of the mature cats and numerous kittens appear to be suffering from various illnesses.

51 cats were rescued and transported to the West Valley and East Valley Animal Care Centers where they are being treated by LA Animal Services' veterinarians and medical staff.

The suspect was booked at Devonshire Jail and after booking interviewed by the System-Wide Mental Health Assessment Response Team.

The Animal Cruelty Task Force is comprised of Los Angeles Police Officers and Detectives, Animal Service Officers from the Department of Animal Services and Deputy City Attorney's from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Reports of animal cruelty can be reported to the ACTF at (213) 847-1417. Anyone interested in fostering animals please go to www.laanimalservices.com for more information.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at
1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381
(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at www.LAAnimalServices.com.