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## **Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) Arrests Alleged Cock Fighter!**

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**Los Angeles:** On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the Los Angeles City Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) responded to the 10400 block of Variel Avenue in Chatsworth. A citizen called and advised there was cockfighting at a residence. The ACTF responded and arrested Leopoldo Barron, 35, for Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale. Barron, whose immigration status is in question, had a large quantity of methamphetamine, over a pound of marijuana, several loaded firearms, numerous fighting roosters, cockfighting implements and paraphernalia and a large quantity of U.S. currency.

If convicted, Barron could face up to five years in state prison, fines and deportation.

A citizen in the neighborhood contacted the ACTF the following day and thanked the ACTF for their efforts stating, "Last night was the first night I could open my windows and enjoy my home undisturbed by the roosters."

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The ACTF is made up of Los Angeles police officers and detectives, LA Animal Services' officers, and LA Deputy City Attorney's. They investigate cruelty against animals.

Reports of animal cruelty can be reported to the ACTF at (213) 847-1417.

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](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com).

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