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Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force Arrest Alleged Dog Fighter

Los Angeles – The Los Angeles City Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) served a dog fighting search warrant on the 6600 block of South 4th Avenue on January 16, 2008. The ACTF arrested Jerome Woods, 55, of Los Angeles for 597.5(a)(1) PC.

The ACTF seized eleven Staffordshire Bull Terriers, commonly referred to as pit bulls that exhibited scarring from possible dog fighting. Exercise equipment, medicine, bloody towels, and bloodstained fighting pits were also seized.

The case will be presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for review and felony filing. If convicted, Woods could face a state prison sentence.

The Animal Cruelty Task Force is made up 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. They investigate human cruelty against animals.

Reports of animal cruelty can be reported to the Animal Cruelty Task Force at (213) 847-1417.

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