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## Dog Fighter Sentenced to Five Years in State Pen

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**Los Angeles:** In March 2007, the Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) conducted a probation search at the residence of Walter "Randy" Citizen, 42, in South Los Angeles. Seventeen adult pit bulls were taken into protective custody. All of the dogs presented injuries that were consistent with dog fighting. Citizen was arrested in April 2007 by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles District attorney's Office charged Citizen with ten counts of dog fighting.

Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Abourezk announced today that Citizen pled guilty to five counts of dog fighting. He was sentenced to five years in state prison and is required to make restitution for the care and maintenance of the dogs.

Citizen's friend, Arnett Counts, was also arrested and charged with ten counts of dog fighting. His trial is pending.

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