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DOGS IN GANGLAND

HOW THE FIGHTING DOG HAS BECOME THE GANG'S UNWITTING ALLY, WEAPON OF CHOICE, MOST EXPLOITED ECONOMIC RESOURCE, AND A VICTIM OF HEINOUS CRUELTY

Dog fighting is an insidious underground organized crime that deserves much law enforcement attention. It is an extremely common blood sport in Los Angeles and in all urban communities. Dog fighters are violent criminals, often gang members, who conduct and attend organized fights as a forum for gambling and drug trafficking.

"Drugs, gangs, dope, dogs... they all go together."

Cmdr. Gerard Simon, Organized Crime and Gangs Division, Detroit, MI
—Commenting on the departments six month long investigation, resulting in a major dog-fighting raid in Detroit, 2003.

Within the gang community, fighting dogs are competing with firearms as the weapon of choice; indeed, their versatile utility arguably surpasses that of a loaded firearm in the criminal underground. To the gang members, the dogs are an extension of each member's status; the fights are championship matches that aggrandize the gang leader's supremacy and intimidate younger members.

Fighting dogs are clandestine security devices for drug traffickers. They often stash their drugs in containers to which the dogs are chained in yards or vacant fields. The dogs also provide excellent security inside drug houses and warehouses. Where once the presence of dogs was utilized as an overt warning to potential invaders; it is now becoming increasingly common for gang members to have the dogs debarked (vocal cords severed), to act as silent alarm and attack systems against unsuspecting invaders. The presence of the silent killers poses a significant threat to law enforcement personnel, entering these premises. With the increasing popularity of super breeds of aggressive fighting dogs, such as the Presa Canario, the law enforcement community has had to confront the urgency of cracking

down on gang members who harbor fighting dogs. These dogs truly are loaded weapons, when placed in the wrong hands.

Dog fighting is an incredible source of income for gangs and drug traffickers. In fact, the average dog fight could easily net more money than an armed robbery, or a series of isolated drug transactions. Organized dog fights are staged by leaders of the drug trade as a forum to distribute narcotics. Many recent dog-fighting raids: Flint, MI, 2003, Buffalo, NY, 2004, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 2004, Jones County, Georgia, 2004, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 2004, have resulted in infiltration of major drug distribution networks, and the arrest of the drug kingpins who regularly organized and attended the dog-fights.

Gangs also use dog-fighting to yield large profits through illegal gambling. Participants and spectators wager excessive sums on the fights. Purses for a single fight range anywhere from hundreds to tens of thousand of dollars, and up. (A recent raid in Georgia, 2004, resulting in 123 arrests, was an event with a \$50,000 pot.) Bets also include cars, property titles, weapons, drugs, jewelry, and other valuables. For the gang members, dog-fighting is a lucrative money making enterprise.

The gambling inherent at dog-fights amplifies the already violent atmosphere. Violence often erupts among the usually armed gamblers, as debts must be collected and paid. The worst violence however is often painfully obvious when the fights are over and everyone's left the crime scene. Inevitably, the mutilated carcasses of the losers of the evening's match will be left behind. In the world of gangs, where an individual's fighting dog is an extension of his or her own identity in the gang, defeat in a fight is unacceptable. A dog that loses a fight also loses a lot of money and compromises the reputation of his owner. The end result, if the losing dog survives the fight, is im-

mediate death, if he's lucky, or torture and mutilation if the owner is embarrassed or irate. For many, this ritual is a way to regain the respect of their peers. There is no reverence for life or concern for the animals. The abuse the dogs endure both in and out of the ring is so gruesome, even seasoned investigators are consistently shocked by the barbarities they discover at raids. "It's a gruesome scene...I've never seen anything like this before." First Circuit assistant solicitor, Richard Lackey, commenting on a recent raid in South Carolina (2004). "It was one of the most horrible things I have experienced." Newton County Sheriff, Joe Nichols on a recent raid in Georgia (2004).

The systematic desensitization of each new generation in high crime inner cities starts early on. "In many neighborhoods where gangs are strong, you now have 8-, 9-, 10-year-olds conducting their own dog-fights. Or being spectators at the fights people are holding", Sgt. Steve Brownstein, Chicago's Animal Abuse Control Team. Indeed, for gangs, dog-fighting is a valuable tool to initiate young members into a culture of violence:

"You want to find the perfect way to desensitize a kid so he'll kill that anonymous gang-banger from three blocks over? Give him a puppy and let him raise it. Then let him kill it. I guarantee that will desensitize that kid."

Gene Mueller, President Anti Cruelty Society

Dog-fighting is a thriving illegal enterprise that is both vital to the livelihood of gangs and fatal to the vitality of inner-city communities. Enlightened law enforcement agencies and government officials are now cracking down on dog-fighting as the next step in the battle to purge our urban neighborhoods of violence and to eradicate gangs.

WHAT MAJOR CITIES HAVE DONE TO ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC:

Until the past decade, few law enforcement officials or government agencies understood the scope or gravity of dog-fighting. As these departments have become more educated on the epidemic of dog-fighting and its nexus with gang activity, drug distribution rings, and gambling networks, many have implemented well designed, sophisticated task forces utilizing agencies, including police officers, sheriffs, special agents, organized crime units, SWAT teams, drug enforcement officers, animal control officers, rescue groups and community outreach organizations. Many major cities have prominent officials that have developed and implemented dog-fighting initiatives; the prodigious success has garnered nationwide attention and spurred regional and state wide initiatives:

- **BOSTON:** 1996, Operation Dog Tag, considered a national model, launched in District Eleven under Captain Robert P. Dunford. Dog Tag dispatches teams of city police, animal control officers, and armed special agents to dog-fights. Additionally, "gang investigations, drug investigations, intimidation complaints, robbery, and assaults are just some of the areas in which the Task Force has been used" Sgt. Tom Flanagan, Supervisor Community Services Office, Boston Police. "We never dreamt of the success we have had."
- **CHICAGO:** Animal Abuse and Control Team, under Mayor Daley and led by Sgt. Steve Brownstein, consists of 2 teams each with 1 sergeant and 5 officers. The city's success with AACT prompted the creation of a state wide Illinois Illegal Animal Fighting Task Force who's members include law enforcement, animal control, judiciary, legislature, public health and education committees. Recently Mayor Daley developed a city wide public service campaign targeting dog-fighting. In 2002 Chicago designated an emergency code for animal-fighting and in 2003, the city received and responded to 1093 animal-fighting complaints.
- **TOLEDO/CLEVELAND:** 2001, Ohio statewide taskforce was formed by Gov. Bob Taft and organized by the State Department of Agriculture. The task force was launched in Cleveland and includes Toledo Police Gang Squad members, who regularly respond to dog fights in Toledo.
- **MIAMI/WEST PALM BEACH:** Miami-Dade, Broward, and Martin Counties are in the process of merging their independent dog-fighting task forces to create one major Southern Florida Task Force, after the renowned 2000 raid led by Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Animal Cruelty Unit (est. 1998), which involved 50 deputies, including SWAT and Organized Crime Units.
- **LOS ANGELES:** To date the City of Los Angeles does not respond to dog-fighting effectively, nor has it publicly acknowledged it, except to deny its existence. In an interview for California Lawyer, 1997, an L.A. City Attorney's Office official said that dog-fighting doesn't exist in L.A. because "it's against city ordinances." Though grossly inaccurate, the statement is not entirely unfounded. On paper, there may appear to be no dog-fighting in L.A. because animal-fighting complaints are not recorded and are rarely investigated by LAPD. There is to date no internal call-type code for animal-fighting and the complaints are either misclassified or are not classified at all. Indeed, dog-fighting does happen in L.A., though grossly underemphasized at the administrative level, and is conspicuously unregulated. According to residents, the City's wanton disregard for the communities plagued by illegal dog-fighting has caused it to "spread to epidemic proportions". In fact, according to an Animal Services official, "everyone in the Dept knows that dog-fighting abounds in the City". A cursory inquiry into the lack of enforcement of the anti-fighting laws in L.A. reveals confusion as to which agency is ultimately responsible for handling complaints: LAPD or Animal Services. Although virtually every dog-fighting raid that has occurred nationally has been conducted by armed and trained police officers, vice squad members, gang units, etc., the LAPD according to it's most recent Police Manual, essentially refuses responsibility for handling dog-fighting. This is in large part justified by the erroneous and misleading assertions made in the Manual that animal control officers are equipped to handle these cases because they are Peace Officers (they are not), because they are armed, and because they have the powers of arrest. Though officers do have .38 or .22 revolvers in their vehicles, they have limited power to discharge, limited to humane euthanasia of injured or extremely aggressive large animals. And although animal control officers do have official power to arrest suspects, they lack even the most basic means to do so, including handcuffs and vehicles to transport suspects. Animal control officers are neither equipped nor trained to handle criminals of this caliber. Justifiably, they do not have any standard protocol to respond to dog-fighting complaints, nor does LAPD (save for exigent circumstances, including pre-established presence of narcotics or gambling). L.A.'s lack of attention to dog-fighting should be addressed as national standards of excellence in this area continue to rise, with unprecedented success in cost-effectively combating urban violence.

DOCUMENTED BENEFITS OF ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-FIGHTING LAWS IN URBAN AREAS :

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT A FEW MAJOR BENEFITS OF ENFORCEMENT, FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST, SEE APPENDIX

COMMUNITY BENEFITS:	ECONOMIC BENEFITS:	POLICING BENEFITS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradication of dog-fighting, a highly visible symbol of gang presence and underlying community violence, is major progress in restoring community morals and improving the quality of life for all residents impacted by urban decay • Apprehension of violent criminals before they can commit future violent crimes, creating safer communities, lowering policing costs • Prevent, discover, punish, heinous crimes against animals, and identify signs of corresponding child abuse/domestic violence • Prevent desensitization and criminalization of inner-city youth who are routinely exposed to the violence of dog-fights. Prevent future financial burden that criminalized youth would eventually place on an already overburdened penal system through inevitable costs of incarceration, rehabilitation, and monitoring • Dramatically decrease the number of vicious dogs at large, prevent attacks on neighborhood residents and law enforcement agents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize utility of law enforcement agency's economic and policing resources. There is no cost to implement the program; officers in an animal-fighting investigative division investigate and apprehend the same criminals they would be dealing with if they were in Vice, Narcotics, or Gang units. Enforcement of anti-fighting laws results in the capture of habitual criminal offenders, that are generally simultaneously engaged in multiple serious crimes at the time of apprehension. A routine dog-fighting investigation often yields discovery and detention of gang members, drug dealers, and violent criminals who would be otherwise unattainable without costly, time-consuming investigations • Revenue from felony dog-fighting fines (max \$50,000), misdemeanor fines (up to \$20,000), fines arising from peripheral crimes (drug distribution, drug possession, possession of illegal weapons, racketeering, contributing to delinquency of minor), asset seizures • Impoundment of illegal contraband, interruption of illegal gambling, seizure of gambling money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A search warrant for dog-fighting provides legal access into the homes of known or suspected gang members, felons, and other criminals and uncovers evidence of other illegal activity • Prevention of and intervention in gang activity. Enhancement of Gang Injunctions; Additional court orders can be added to existing and future gang injunctions, providing law enforcement with additional leverage to legally interfere with routine gang activity • Excellent source of intelligence gathering to locate and identify suspected gang members, drug traffickers, and their associates; identify geographic regions of heightened gang activity for future gang injunctions • Large drug seizures, impoundment of illegal contraband, interruption of illegal racketeering operations • Apprehension of individuals with outstanding warrants; Discovery and punishment of probation violations

LAPD REGIONAL ANIMAL-FIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

As the City of Los Angeles progresses in its pursuit of excellence in law enforcement, the LAPD RAID initiative offers an innovative approach to community-based cooperative policing, targeting the communities that are plagued by gang-activity and violent crime. When certain types of violence are tolerated by law enforcement and accepted by neighborhood residents, the violence spreads and permeates into all facets of community life. Illegal dog-fighting is a bloody stain on the fabric of urban communities that is symptomatic of underlying violence, gang activity and crime. The abundant presence of scarred and battered fighting dogs in L.A. is a constant reminder of that. The City must take a "No Tolerance" approach to ALL types of urban violence. Targeting illegal dog-fighting will have a major impact, not only on the immediate child, animal and neighborhood victims, but ultimately on the overall safety of the affected communities. The RAID initiative implements a strategic alliance between LAPD, Council Offices, the City Attorney's Office, Animal Services, the Community Impact Advisory Team, other local government agencies including Building and Safety and the Health Department, local and national experts on dog-fighting and gangs, and local and national organizations. This proposal is the culmination of years of combined expertise on similar initiatives, and incorporates critical components of programs that have demonstrated success in project design, operation, and long term viability.

GOALS OF THE RAID PILOT PROGRAM:

1. Under the leadership of Chief Bratton and City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, establish a permanent, structured alliance between LAPD, Animal Services, the City Attorney's Office, and various local and national organizations to efficiently and effectively provide a unified front against the unfettered epidemic of dog-fighting in Los Angeles.
2. Prevention of and intervention in gang activity. Promote enhancement and ongoing enforcement of the Gang Injunctions by utilizing dog-fight raids to identify, track and apprehend gang-members, to identify geographic regions of heavy gang activity for future injunctions and to identify activities to be proscribed in future court orders.
3. Develop a database of suspected/known dog-fighters in Los Angeles, with an emphasis on their gang affiliation, to serve as a cross-reference for LAPD (esp. Gang, Vice, Narcotic, SLO's), Animal Services, and Child and Elder Protective Agencies.
4. Establish a standard protocol for tracking and responding to dog-fighting complaints.
5. Demonstrate through field experience, the irrefutable connection between dog-fighting, gang activity, drug distribution networks, racketeering, overall community violence, and the desensitization and criminalization of inner-city youth. Comparatively demonstrate the vital role that successful, consistent enforcement of the anti-fighting laws plays in the discovery, prosecution and prevention of the aforementioned criminal activities. Additionally demonstrate overall drop in violent crime rate in target communities with "No Tolerance" policy on all forms of violence.
6. Create a more experienced and better prepared police department, network of city and county prosecuting attorneys, and Animal Services, through increased exposure to dog-fighting cases, multi-agency collaboration and cross-training.
7. Establish highly-visible neighborhood law enforcement presence in the area of dog-fighting to:
 - Legitimize all existing laws through consistent enforcement.
 - Prevent gang members from openly and wantonly brandishing fighting dogs to: intimidate and terrorize neighborhood residents, initiate potential gang members into the culture of violence, debase communities struggling to thrive.
 - Make the City of Los Angeles a less desirable location for the violent criminals that engage in illegal dog-fighting and its peripheral crimes by eliminating this well established and unregulated forum for congregating and conducting the aforementioned activities.
8. Promote the City of Los Angeles. In addition to local press coverage, the pilot program will receive regional and national media recognition. LAPD and contributing agencies will be profiled for innovation in comprehensive, community based law enforcement and will receive ongoing coverage for dog-fighting raids, expansion and ongoing enforcement of gang injunctions, infiltration of drug rings, racketeering networks, and exemplary community involvement.

EXECUTION OF THE RAID PILOT PROGRAM:

THE RAID PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF FIVE PHASES:

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| I. DEVELOPMENT | IV. PROSECUTION |
| II. PRE-INVESTIGATION INTELLIGENCE GATHERING | V. PROGRAM EVALUATION AND DATA ANALYSIS |
| III. INVESTIGATION | |

I. Development: The initiative will be announced and promoted through local and national media, all contributing agencies will be consulted, LAPD Communications Division will designate a call type code for dog-fighting complaints, eligible detectives will be notified, given the opportunity to volunteer for the program and selected, all necessary resources will be gathered, and the plan for the initiative will be solidified.

II. Pre-investigation intelligence gathering: Combined effort to gather a list of suspected and known dog-fighters in the target area. The list, including profiles (criminal history, gang affiliation), physical descriptions (where available), and physical locations of suspects will be gathered by the LAPD, with support from the City Attorney's Office Animal Protection Unit, Anti-Gang Unit, Neighborhood Prosecutor, based on information from various sources. The LAPD detectives will participate part time, approximately three months, working on the data-base, receiving necessary training and cross-training other agencies.

III. Investigation: Will begin once sufficient intelligence has been gathered, the detectives are trained, Animal Services is mobilized, the call type code for dog-fighting has been launched, and a rapid response to complaints of dog-fighting is plausible. The detectives will spend this 6 month period (full time) responding to complaints, coordinating raids, expanding the database of suspected and known dog-fighters, developing the standard protocol for response to dog-fighting, and establishing a network of cooperation among contributing agencies.

IV. Prosecutions: Will be aggressively handled by City and County prosecutors.

V. Program evaluation and data-analysis: Will begin after the detectives finish their 6 month term of duty and will provide an opportunity to assess the operability and effectiveness of the initiative. Theoretically, the evaluation would not represent the conclusion of the initiative, but would serve as a post-probationary review to receive feedback from all contributing agencies, analyze collected data, identify any necessary modifications and determine the feasibility of extension or expansion of the RAID program.

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“We can’t allow the horrendous violence that’s taking so many lives and causing so much fear...There is too much crime, especially gang crime. We cannot arrest our way out of this problem, but we can do it in partnership with the community.” Chief Bratton, LAPD. The **RAID** program is a multi-agency, community-based cooperative effort in law enforcement. The agencies and community members involved in the execution of the LAPD **RAID** initiative will commit to active participation, ongoing support in their individual capacities, and collaboration with other participating agencies. There is a heavy emphasis on neighborhood participation and partnership with local leaders including: the Community Impact Advisory Team, Neighborhood Councils, Neighborhood Watch Groups, and local government service providers including: the Neighborhood Prosecutors, Senior Lead Officers, Building and Safety, the Health Department, the Fire Department, Department of Social Services, Department of Sanitation.

CONTRIBUTING AGENCY	CONTRIBUTION
OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN: _____ _____	
LAPD	Two seasoned detectives to volunteer for a minimum 3 month part-time and 6 month full-time term, to investigate dog-fighting complaints and coordinate raids, gather evidence for prosecution, gather intelligence for dog-fighting database, coordinate cooperative enforcement with LAPD (Gang Unit, Vice, Narcotics), establish standard protocol for response to animal fighting reports, train Animal Services on relevant legal issues
L.A. CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE	City Attorney Animal Protection Unit: Aggressive vertical prosecution of all misdemeanors arising out of dog-fighting cases, primary source of intelligence for LAPD dog-fighting database, training on legal issues City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor: Primary source of intelligence for LAPD dog-fighting database City Attorney Anti-Gang Unit: Primary source of intelligence for LAPD dog-fighting database
L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE	Special attention to and aggressive prosecution/sentencing of all felonies arising out of dog-fighting cases, coordinate with the City Attorney’s Office, Animal Protection Unit on misdemeanor prosecutions
L.A. CITY ANIMAL SERVICES	Team of experienced Animal Control Officers to provide 24 hour timely response to LAPD requests for support. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to team presence at all raids, acquisition of animals at crime scenes, coordinate all areas of live evidence gathering, including vet reports, medical information, manage disposition of animals, train detectives in animal handling and identifying signs of illegal fighting
LAPD COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	Designate a call type code for animal-fighting complaints to facilitate tracking of calls, rapid response to complaints, and program analysis through statistical data
HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	National promotion of pilot program and ongoing successes, through media resources, national law enforcement networks, local/national government affiliates. Eric Sakach (Director of West Coast Regional Office– national expert in dog-fighting) has committed to providing law enforcement training, investigative support, program development advice, intelligence contribution, research assistance
COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADERS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS MEDIA CLERGY LOCAL SCHOOLS	Publicity, promotion, education, launch anti-fighting campaign, contribute intelligence, mobilize neighborhood residents, raise community awareness, empower citizens to report dog-fighting, act as liaison between neighborhood residents and other contributing agencies, ongoing support in individual capacity as needs are identified

“Even in the most crime-ridden neighborhoods, most people never see the big crime itself occur. But they see signs of the crime...A neighborhood’s health is threatened when residents begin moving with averted eyes, silent lips and hurried steps and when they say “don’t get involved”...Many things are symptoms of underlying threats of violence which need to be taken seriously...The small things matter - often more than the big things.”

- George L. Kelling, author of Broken Windows: The Police and Neighborhood Safety

DOG-FIGHTING RAIDS

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PERIPHERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND SEIZURES

DATA ON THE RAIDS IS ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

1. LOCATION
2. YEAR
3. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENT
4. ANIMAL CONTROL PRESENT
5. SPECIAL UNITS PRESENT
6. NUMBER OF ARRESTS
7. NUMBER OF DOGS SEIZED
8. AMOUNT OF MONEY SEIZED
9. DRUGS SEIZED
10. WEAPONS SEIZED
11. OTHER ASSETS SEIZED

“I’ve participated in a lot of drug raids; but I’ve never seen as much illegal drugs as we found at that barn. And when we busted in and everybody put their hands up, the sound of pistols dropping to the floor was like rain falling on a tin floor.”

Lt. John Talley, a member of the Organized Crime Strike Force of the Memphis Police Department, commenting on an Arkansas dog-fighting raid

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS REPRESENT AVAILABLE DATA ON SEVERAL DOG-FIGHTING RAIDS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE NATIONWIDE IN RECENT YEARS:

CHART SUMMARY

- Local and/or State police were present at ALL raids. Animal Control and Special Units (i.e. Gang Unit, Narcotics, FBI, etc.) were often present, though always in collaboration with the police detectives.
- Many raids involved substantial arrests and dog seizures, indicating the necessity of a well-coordinated, multi-agency program.
- Significant amounts of money are typically seized during the raids, which is indicative of the corresponding organized illegal gambling.
- Virtually all the raids involved the discovery and seizure of considerable amounts of illegal drugs for distribution; many raids uncovered production facilities, and led to the arrests of major producers and distributors.
- The frequently documented presence of weapons at dog-fights demonstrates the magnitude of violence, and the importance of having armed and experienced response teams.
- Where appropriate, other assets are often seized during the dog-fighting raids, and seizures may be especially significant where drugs and gambling are present, as they generally are.

* “NA” indicates the data is not available.

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LOCATION	YEAR	POLICE DEPT PRE-SENT	ANIMAL CONTROL PRESENT	SPECIAL UNITS PRESENT	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	NUMBER OF DOGS SEIZED	MONEY SEIZED	DRUGS SEIZED	WEAPONS SEIZED	OTHER ASSETS SEIZED
COVINGTON, GA	2004		NA		123	14	\$250,000+	SEVERAL KILOS MARIJUANA, COCAINE	12 GUNS	10-15 VEHICLES
COLOMBUS, OH	2003		NA		41	8	\$25,000+	DRUGS	HANDGUNS, INCL. .50 CALIBUR	NA
STONE COUNTY, MISS	2002		NA	NA	17	8	\$2,700	MARIJUANA	SEVERAL FIREARMS	NA
NEWTON, NH	2002			NA	NA	40+	\$300,000+	DRUGS	NA	NA
OAKLAHOMA CITY, OK	2004		NA		22	128	\$13,000	METHAMPHETA-MINE, MARIJUANA	8 GUNS	NA
HOLDENVILLE, OK	2003		NA		21	141	NA	MARIJUANA	23 GUNS	5 VEHICLES
MARION, OH	2003			NA	NA	1	NA	11.44 GRAMS CRACK COCAINE	15 FIREARMS	NA
FLINT, MI	1996-2002				7+	130+	NA	DRUG-RING 494G MARIJUANA SEIZED 4,500-6,100 LB DISTRIBUTED	STOLEN FIREARMS	NA
HOLLAND, OH	1999		NA		NA	10	NA	10.5 POUNDS MARIJUANA	FIREARM	NA
PETALUMA, CA	2003				1+	15	\$28,000	2 POUNDS MARIJUANA	NA	NA
CHARLESTON COUNTY, NC	2004			NA	1+	50+	NA	NA	SHOTGUNS, RIFLES, EXPLOSIVES	NA
BUFFALO, NY	2004				2	5	"LARGE QUANTITY"	MAJOR CRACK/ COCAINE DIST	.357 CALIBUR MAGNUM	NA
HAMPTON, VA	2004				4	12	\$18,358 REAL, \$1,440 COUNTER-FEIT	LARGE AMT. COCAINE MARIJUANA	.40 CALIBUR PISTOL, 3 BULLET-PROOF VESTS	NIGHT VISION GOGGLES, 3 COMPUTERS

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WAYNE COUNTY, GA	1999	X	X	X	65	NA	\$39,000	NA	NA	27 VEHICLES
HOUSTON, TX	2003	X	X	X	5	63	NA	MARIJUANA	"NUMEROUS" GUNS	3 STOLEN ATV'S, 1 STOLEN VEHICLE
BATON ROUGE, LA	2003	X	X	NA	16	19	\$6,000	NA	HANDGUNS	NA
ASBURY PARK, NJ	2002	X	NA	NA	43	4	\$30,000	NA	NA	NA
UNION PARISH, LA	2003	X	X	X	30	15	NA	MARIJUANA	TECH-9 SEMI-AUTOMATIC MACHINE GUN	NA
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL	2000	X	X	X	62	12	\$85,000	DRUGS	GUNS	NA
PRINCETOWN, NY	2002	X	NA	NA	2	13	\$23,000	2 POUNDS+ MARIJUANA	NA	STORE EQUIPMENT/ RECORDS
PITTSBURGH, PA	2002	X	NA	X	6	21	NA	DRUGS	HANDGUNS ELECTROCUTION DEVICES	NA
PERRIS, CA	2002	X	X	X	4	12-15	NA	PCP LAB, 100+ GALLONS, 5 TRASH CANS	NA	NA
GREENSBORO, NC	2002	X	NA	NA	2	17	NA	1 POUND+ MARIJUANA	NA	NA
WORCHESTER, MA	2002	X	X	X	2	22	NA	9 POUNDS MARIJUANA + 78 PLANTS	NA	NA
RALEIGH, NC	2001	X	NA	NA	1+	81	NA	DRUGS	TOOLS FOR PERFORMING SURGERY	SEVERAL EXOTIC, DEADLY ANIMALS
NORFOLK, VA	2001	X	X	X	1+	17	NA	DRUGS	STOLEN WEAPONS, BOMB	

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LEE COUNTY, NC	2001	X	NA	NA	2+	153	NA	DRUGS, MOONSHINE	DOZENS OF STOLEN GUNS	NA
ROANOKE, VA	2001	X	X	X	57	21	UNDISCLOSED AMT	CRACK COCAINE RING/EXCESS QUANTITY, ALSO MARIJUANA, PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISTRIBUTION	SEVERAL GUNS	NA
JASPER COUNTY, TX	2000	X	NA	X	47+	4	UNDISCLOSED AMT	LARGE AMT COCAINE, MARIJUANA	8 HANDGUNS, SAWED OFF RIOT GUN	NA
DELRAY, FL	2000	X	NA	X	1+	2	NA	COCAINE	NA	STOLEN APPLIANCES
OMAHA, NE	2000	X	NA	X	2	0	\$1,000	7 POUNDS MARIJUANA	SAWED-OFF 12-GAUGE SHOT-GUN, 9MM HANDGUN	BULLET PROOF VEST, AMMUNITION
PHILADELPHIA, PA	2000	X	NA	X	82	12	\$13,000	MARIJUANA, OTHER DRUGS	4 HANDGUNS	NA
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA	2003	X	X	NA	4	24	NA	PCP, MARIJUANA	NA	NA
AUBURNDALE, FL	2004	X	NA	X	2+	95	NA	.5 POUNDS MARIJUANA, 10-15 RAMS COCAINE	NA	NA
COCOA, FL	2004	X	X	X	2	25	NA	LIQUID COCAINE FOR DISTRIBUTION	NA	NA
ROCKY MOUNT, NC	2004	X	X	NA	4+	32	\$1,800, MONEY COUNTING MACHINE	771 GRAMS COCAINE	SEVERAL GUNS	STOLEN 4-WHEELER, CHAINSAW
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL	2004	X	NA	NA	2	6	NA	COCAINE, MARIJUANA	NA	NA

DOG-FIGHTING DATABASE: CRIMINAL PROFILE OF THE URBAN DOG-FIGHTER

AN OVERVIEW OF THE DATABASE CONTENT AND PURPOSE:

The following data is from an actual database of known and suspected dog-fighters, and represents over a decade of intelligence gathering. The database, which tracks criminal activity, physical descriptions and locations of suspects and their known affiliates, is used by law enforcement in Pontiac, MI. The data is a sample population of the typical urban dog-fighter. Non-essential information such as physical descriptions of suspects and their locations has been edited. The remaining information is provided to illustrate the criminal propensity of dog-fighters.

RECOGNIZING THE DOG-FIGHTING CONNECTION:

Speculation on the deviancy of dog-fighters is not necessary, as the following criminal records offer incontrovertible proof. Most of the individuals in this sample population have a history of drug distribution or possession; many are also violent criminal offenders with crimes ranging from armed robbery to criminal sexual conduct to assault with intent to commit murder.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO THE DOG-FIGHTING CONNECTION:

The overwhelming correlation between dog-fighting and other criminal activity has prompted many law enforcement agencies to develop specially trained units to handle dog-fighting. The commitment of agency resources to the apprehension of dog-fighters is not a sacrifice of those resources from other areas of law enforcement. On the contrary, as the following data illustrates, the dog-fighters that are apprehended by dog-fighting units are the same gang members, drug-dealers, robbers, and violent criminals that vice, narcotics, and gang units actively seek to apprehend. Additionally, the dog-fighting database is an invaluable asset for the other units to utilize in locating and tracking suspects, identifying their criminal affiliations, and predicting and preparing for the presence of dangerous dogs in drug, gang, and other raids.

ECONOMIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH DOG-FIGHTING UNITS:

Many police departments that have developed dog-fighting units have found that such units ultimately save the agency's economic resources. Dog-fighting raids tend to result in mass arrests for multiple offenses wherein serious, habitual criminals that would otherwise be unattainable are easily and efficiently apprehended. Additionally, search warrants that are executed for dog-fighting related activity inevitably uncover evidence of other criminal activity that would not easily be discovered without costly investigations and surveillance. Furthermore, as most urban youth are routinely exposed to the blood-sport of dog-fighting and its peripheral crimes, they are desensitized to violence and suffering and ultimately become criminalized. These children will grow up to be the next generation of social deviants that will compromise community safety and will drain resources from an already drastically under funded penal system. Preventing their exposure to violence now ultimately prevents their desensitization and future criminalization and saves future law enforcement resources.

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Name	Offense	Date
Aaron Fxxxxx		
Alexander E Lxx		
Andre Pxxxx	Weapons- Carrying Concealed Absconded from Probation	01/29/2002 01/27/2003
Andre Vxxxxx (aka James Andre Vxxxxx)	Weapons- Felony Firearms Armed Robbery - 2 Counts	3/12/1981
Anthony Hxxx		
Anthony Darnell Lxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc < 50 grams	
Arthur Lee Txxxxx	Larceny # 9211440***	1/22/1992
Bernita Carol Mxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc < 50 grams	1/18/1996
Brian Hxxxxxx		
Charlie Jxxxx		
Charles Edward Mxxxx	Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Cocaine <25g Controlled Substance: Possession of Marijuana Controlled Substance: Possession Narc/ Cocaine <25g Operating Vehicle w/o License Operating Vehicle w/Susp Lic- 2nd Offense	04/22/2003 07/08/1997 07/08/1997 07/08/1997 09/26/2002
Charles Thomas Wxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams	2/11/2003
Charles Yxxxxx	Assault With a Dangerous Weapon	9/25/2002
Chaz Von MxKxxxxx	Habitual Criminal- 2nd Felony #1999-16497*** Felony-Stolen Vehicle/Unlawful Driving Away Stolen Property-Receive and Conceal in Excess of \$100.00 Operating Vehicle w/o License Police Officer-Fleeing Breaking and Entering Vehicle to Steal Property - 2 Counts Controlled Substance: Possession of Marijuana	10/6/1998 11/13/1995 11/13/1995 11/13/1995 11/13/1995 06/30/1997 06/30/1997
Chris Edward Axxxx	Controlled Substance- Possession Narc/Cocaine <25 g Stolen Property- R/C \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000	2001 2001
Cornelius Andre Txxxxx	Controlled Substance- Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc 50-224g	1989
Coy Hxxxxxx	Assault w/ Intent Gr Bod Hrm Less Murder Criminal Sexual Conduct- 3rd Degree	07/27/1964 1986
Daniel Lxxx	Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon #0318855*** Domestic Violence-Aggravated #0318855***	1/19/2003
Darren Dwayne Bxxxx (aka Frank Lamont Gxxx) (aka Perry Bxxxx)	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc 50-224 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc 50-224g Break & Enter Robbery Unarmed Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams	1990 11/21/1990 1986 1986 07/19/1990
Darrian Leon Mxxxxx	Animals- Attending a Fight	11/3/1992
Datania Bxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc <50 grams	
David Bxxxxxx		
David Dxxx		
David Hxxxxxxx		

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NAME	OFFENSE	DATE
David Txxx		
Dawn Mxxxx		
Deborah Marie Axxxxxxx	Uttering & Publishing #2000-17545***	1/18/2000
Demar Lewis Gxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc. <50grams Police Officer Fleeing Weapons- Firearms Possession by a Felon Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf. Nar/Coc <50 grams Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf. Nar/Coc. 50-449g Weapons- Felony Firearms Weapons- Felony Firearms Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf. Nar/Coc 1000+ g	10/13/1988 08/14/1991 02/21/2001 02/21/2001 02/21/2001 02/21/2001 02/21/2001 02/10/2003
Donnie Lamont Hxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc < 50 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc < 50 g	01/05/1989 01/30/1990
Douglas Timothy Gxxxxxx	Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree (Person under 13)	1/14/1988
Douglas Allen Hxxxxxx	Burglary #MI6300*** Aggravated Assault #MI6367*** Controlled Substance: Possession Narc/Coc <25grams Operating Vehicle Under Influence of Liquor	03/06/1982 09/22/1983 08/16/1991 08/07/1997
Earnest L. Jxxxxxx	Domestic Violence- 3rd Offense Habitual Criminal, Second Felony	1997 1997
Eddie Gxxxxxx		
Edelmiro Fxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance- Delivery/Manuf Marijuana	1998
Eric Dewayne Lxx	Assault w/Int Gr Bodily Damage Less Murder Habitual Criminal 2nd Felony	1996
Ervin Mxxxx		
Everton Henry Jxxxxxx	Weapons- Carrying Concealed Weapons- Carrying Concealed Lic Susp ECT- Let Susp. Per Op - 2nd Offense Domestic Violence-Third Offense Malicious Destruction of Personal Property	08/03/2000 08/03.2000 08/03/2000 12/03/2002 12/03/2002
Frank Gxxx	Weapons- Felony Firearms Controlled Substance-Del/Manuf Nar/Coc < 50 grams	1991 1991
Horace Wxxxxxx		
James William Cxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manufacture Controlled Substance: Del/Manuf Nar/Coc <50g - 2nd off. Controlled Substance: 2nd or Subsequent Offense	02/06/1992 07/15/1994 06/16/1998
James Gxxxxx		
James Mxxxxxxx		
James E Wxxxxxxxxxx	Assault With a Dangerous Weapon Controlled Substance: Possession Narc./Coc <25 grams Controlled Substance: Possession of Marijuana Habitual Offender- 2nd Offense	06/11/1993 11/03/1993 11/03/1993 11/03/1993
Jason Hxxx	Malicious Destruction of Personal Property \$1,000-\$20,000	7/8/2001

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Jason Hxxx	Malicious Destruction of Personal Property \$1,000-\$20,000	7/8/2001
Jeffrey Cxxxxxx	Police Officer, Resisting & Obstructing #2001-17640*** Habitual Criminal 2nd Felony #2001-17640***	1/7/2001 1/7/2001
Jeffrey Jerome Fxxx	Felony-Animals-Fighting Felony- Animals-Breeding/Sale of Fighting Dogs Felony Weapons-Carrying Concealed	04/19/2001 04/19/2001 05/03/1992
Jeffrey Pxxxxx	Animals- Attending Fight #00005***	
Jennifer Fxxxxx		
Jermaine Dxxxx		
Jerome Hxxx		
Jerry Hxxxxx		
Jessie James Bxxx Jr.	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf. Marijuana	12/12/1997
Jessie Sxxxxxxx		
Joe Axxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Narc/Coc >650 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Narc/Coc >650 g	09/01/1998 09/30/1998
John Lxxxxxxx		
John Sxxxxxxx		
John Vincent Txxxxxxx	Controlled Substance- Possession Narc/Cocaine 1000+ g	1/29/1991
Johnny Leroy Sxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Controlled Substance: Possession Narc/Cocaine >650g Weapons- Felony Firearms Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Cocaine <25 g	9/14/1998
Jose Dxxx	Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	1995
Jose Gxxxxx		
Joseph Hxxxxxxxxx	Assault w/Int Gr Bodily Damage Less Murder- 2 counts	5/18/1993
Julius Darnell Sxxxxxxxxx (aka John Sxxxxxxxxx)	Animals-Fighting #20011795*** Felony-Animals- Breeding/Sale of Fighting Dogs Felony-Animals-Attending Fight #93-0718***	04/05/2001 04/05/2001 01/05/1993
Keema Cxxxxxxx	Operate- Lic Susp- Allow Per Operate 2nd Controlled Substance: Possession Marijuana Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Cocaine <25 g	4/12/2002
Keith Oneil Jxxxxxx	Armed Robbery #867344*** - 2 Counts Felony Escape and Flight-Prison 2nd Offense #899055*** Driving While License Suspended	04/18/1986 11/02/1988 12/31/1997
Kenneth Michael Rxxxx	Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree (Person under 13)	5/24/1996
Kenneth Sxxxxx	Retail Fraud - 2nd Degree Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Controlled Substance: 2nd or Subsequent Offense Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Cocaine <25 g Operating Vehicle w/o License on Person Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Cocaine <25 g Operating Vehicle in Violation of License Restrictions	11/02/1988 01/16/1991 01/06/1995 03/31/2000 03/31/2000 04/04/2000 06/16/2001 06/16/2001

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NAME	OFFENSE	DATE
Kenneth Txxxxx		
Kerry Angelo Jxxxxxx	Robbery Armed # CR 825652*** Embz- Agent or Trustee over \$100.00 #890901*** Uttering & Publishing #815170***	12/3/1982 12/15/1988 11/13/1981
Kevin Axxxxxx (aka Ron Bxxxx, Timothy Rxxx)	Controlled Substance- Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Obstructing by Disguise	4/15/1994
Kevin Hxxxxx		
Kevin Charles Pxxx (aka Derrick Eugene Bxxxxx) (aka Harvey Yxxx)	Armed Robbery # MI5000*** Controlled Substance: Possession Narc/Coc <25 grams Retail Fraud - 1st Degree #MI50000*** Retail Fraud - 2nd Degree #MI6300*** Home Invasion- 2nd Degree - Attempt	10/04/1985 09/25/1993 11/19/1997 02/04/1998 04/06/2001
Kevin Wxxxxx	Controlled Substance-Imitation Manuf/Dist Drugs, Imitation Controlled Substance Controlled Substance- Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Controlled Substance, 2nd or Sub Off Controlled Substance, 2nd or Sub Off	05/14/1999 02/01/1990 07/27/1991 01/21/1999 01/21/1999
Kevin Wxxx	Controlled Substance: Possess Nar/Coc 50-224 grams Controlled Substance: Possess Nar/Coc <25grams Possession of Firearm During Felony	01/19/2001 07/21/2001 1994
Lamark Nxxxxxxx	Weapons-Felony Firearms #9614712*** Escape-awaiting trial for Felony #9715492*** Controlled Substance Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc 50-224 g	1996 08/16/1997 03/1996
Lamont Pierre Qxxxx	Habitual Criminal 2nd Felony #2000-17203***	3/8/1997
Larry Arnold MxGxxx		
Larry (Lawrence) Jxxxxxx		
Lela Hxxx		
Len Txxxxx		
Lupe (Guadalupe) Jose Oxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar. Coc <50 grams Fleeing Police Officer Operating Vehicle- Lic Susp/Revoked/Denied	2/10/1989
Marco Sxxxx	Alias used by Robert Axxxxxxx (30) who killed Rhonda Wxxxx on August 12, 1990 also shot Donald Dxxxx	
Marcus Dewayne Bxxx	Assault w/a Dangerous Weapon #0318917***	2/7/2003
Marvin L. Sxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc <50 grams Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc 225-649 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc 50-224 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc 225-649 g Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc <50 grams Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Nar.Coc 50-224 g Armed Robbery	07/16/2001 03/12/1996 03/12/1996 03/12/1996 02/06/1996 1995 03/1992
Marvin Uxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams	8/30/2002
Maurice Laprere Axxxxxxx	Assault with a Dangerous Weapon-attempt Police Officer - Fleeing- Fourth Attempt Felony Kidnapping #MI508***	1/13/1998

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NAME	OFFENSE	DATE
Maurice Hxxxxx		
Melvin Pxxxxx		
Melvin Wxxxxx (aka Frederick Lxx)	Controlled Substance: Deliv/Manuf Marijuana Controlled Substance: Deliv/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams Motor Vehicle- Unlawful Driving Away Rec Stolen Prop Over \$100.00 Breaking and Entering- Illegal Entry Police Officer Fleeing Controlled Substance: Possession of Marijuana Controlled Substance: Deliv/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams Controlled Substance: Deliv/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams Stolen Property- Rec and Conceal in Excess of \$100.00 Habitual Offender- 4th Offense	1997 1997 01/02/1992 04/15/1993 04/15/1993 04/15/1993 04/08/1994 04/08/1994 04/08/1994 06/02/1996 06/02/1996
Michael Hxxxxx	Controlled Substance- Imitation Manufacture or Distribution Controlled Substance- Imitation Manufacture or Distribution	10/30/2002 08/25/2002
Michael Jerome Sxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Deliv/Manuf Nar/Coc <50 grams	7/12/1989
Miles Fxxxxx	Resist and Obstruct Officer Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manufacture #9212204***	05/05/1977 12/15/1992
Myron Pxxxxx		
Myron Conrad Uxxxxxxxxx (aka Ronald James Wxxx) (aka Myron Conrad Cxxxx)	Larceny #876*** Retail Fraud- 1st Degree #9111095*** Retail Fraud-1st Degree #9513938*** Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated Retail Fraud 2nd Degree - 2 Retail Fraud 1st Degree #98-16330*** Habitual Criminal 4th Offense Absconded Parole (Also wanted in FL for absconding parole... Grand theft, burglary, assault)	10/17/1987 06/02/1991 05/15/1995 12/09/1996 05/22/1998 11/2/1998 07/07/2003 Picked up 2004
Nathaniel J Lxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf Narc/Coc >650 g	9/14/1998
Neva Nichole Wxxxxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Delivery/ Manuf Narc/Coc <25g	4/17/1999
Oscar Rxxxx	Armed Robbery Armed Robbery	1964 1968
Patricia Jean Lxxxxx	Home Invasion 2nd Degree #98-006***	12/20/1997
Pernell Lxx		
Peter Anthony Bxxxx	Weapons-Carrying Concealed # 888671*** Controlled Substance: Delivery/Manuf. # 888683***	07/15/1988 07/15/1988
Peter David Sxxxx (aka David Peter Sxxxx)	Burglary, Other Forced Entry Larceny in a Building Escape-Prison Prisoner Possessing Weapons Retail Fraud- 1st Degree Habitual Offender-4th Offense Larceny in a Building Habitual Offender-4th Offense	05/30/1981 12/10/1982 02/26/1985 04/25/1990 03/12/1993 03/12/1993 04/30/1994 04/30/1994
Phalanda Txxxxx		
Quintin Dxxxxxxxxx	Larceny \$100.00 or less	7/16/1979

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NAME	OFFENSE	DATE
Quintrall Lxx (aka Randy Lxx)	Cocaine < 25 grams, Marijuana Operate vehicle w/o license Assault Police Officer	NA
Rachel Verlinda Rxxx	Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Coc < 25grams Operate License Sus- 2nd #2000-17485***	09/20/2000 09/20/2000
Randy Jxxxxxx "Dodie"		
Richard Axxx		
Richard T Cxxxxxx		
Robert Cxxxxx		
Robert J. Mxxxx	Unlawful Mfg. Del. Poss. of Controlled Substance	1992
Robert J. Wxxxxx	Assault w/ Intent to Commit Murder #0101197*** Animals- Attending Fight #00005***	9/28/2001 2000
Roderick Lxx	Controlled Substance: Del/Manuf 1000+ grams Felony-Animals-Fighting	09/14/1998 11/08/1992
Shawn Bxxxxxxxxxx	Armed Robbery #86-7063***	9/25/1985
Shea Rxxxxx		
Shedrick Dionne Hxxxxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance- Delivery/ Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams Controlled Substance- Delivery/ Manuf Marijuana	8/2/2000
Shedrick Lxx	Controlled Substance Deliver/Manuf Nar/Coc >650 grams	1/1/1985
Stanley Bxxxxxx	Assault w/Dangerous Weapon #9513876*** Controlled Substance Delivery/Manuf Nar/Coc 50-224 g Weapons-Felony Firearms #9513876*** Weapons- Felony Firearms #9513876***	1/18/1995
Sybrina Lynn Bxxxxxx	Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	12/12/2001
Tammy Axxxxxxxxxx	Controlled Substance: Possession Narcotic/Coc < 25grams, Operate Lic Sus- 2nd #2000-17485*** Malicious Destruction of Building over \$100.00	12/5/1996 12/5/1996 09/25/1998
Tony Fxxxxx		
Troy Terrell Sxxxx (aka Terrell Willie Jxxxxxx) (aka Gerrell Sxxxx) (aka Troy Terriel Sxxxx)	Controlled Substance: Del/Mfg < 50 grams #8701173*** Weapons: Felony Firearms #8701173*** Controlled Substance: Del/Mfg < 50 grams # 8701174*** Weapons: Pistol on Person Poss of Firearm During Commission of a Felony Weapons/Firearms- Possession by a Felon Firearm Discharge With Death Controlled Substance: Possession Narc.Coc < 25grams	08/07/1987 08/07/1987 09/16/1987 09/16/1987 03/20/1987 01/09/2002 02/10/1992 04/08/1995
Tyrone J. Jxxxx	Controlled Substance- Delivery/ Manuf Nar/Coc <50grams	2/12/1991
Virgil Jxxxxxx	Kidnapping #95001*** Aggravated Stalking #95001***	8/17/1995
Wendell Lxxxxx		
William Cxxxxxxxxxx		
William Jxxxxxx		
Willie Bxxxxx /Willie Bxxxxx		
Willie John Sxxxxxx	Animals- Attending Fight #9307138***	11/8/1992

DOCUMENTED BENEFITS OF ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-FIGHTING LAWS IN URBAN AREAS

- Enhancement of Gang Injunctions; Additional court orders can be added to existing and future gang injunctions, providing law enforcement with additional leverage to legally interfere with routine gang activity
- Apprehension of individuals with outstanding warrants
- Discovery and punishment of probation violations
- Excellent source of intelligence gathering to locate and identify suspected gang members, drug traffickers, and their associates
- Prevent, discover, punish, heinous crimes against animals, both the abuse inflicted on fighting dogs before, during and after fights, and also the abuse inflicted on animals that are tortured and mutilated to train fighting dogs
- A search warrant for dog-fighting provides legal access into homes of known or suspected gang members, felons, and other criminals and uncovers evidence of other illegal activity
- Revenue from felony dog-fighting fines (max \$50,000), misdemeanor fines (up to \$20,000), fines arising from peripheral crimes (drug distribution, drug possession, possession of illegal weapons, possession of firearm during commission of felony, racketeering, contributing to delinquency of a minor)
- Large money seizures, other asset seizures
- Large drug seizures
- Impoundment of illegal weapons and other contraband
- Interruption of gambling, infiltration of racketeering networks
- Apprehension of violent criminals before they can commit future violent crimes
- Prevent desensitization and criminalization of inner-city youth who are routinely exposed to the violence of dog-fights
- Prevent child abuse: subjecting children to dog-fighting and training of fighting dogs is criminal child abuse. Also, studies show that in homes where dogs are being fought or trained to fight, there is an increased likelihood of corresponding types of violence such as domestic violence and child abuse
- Encourage cooperation between agencies for maximum results in comprehensive crime prevention
- Dramatically decrease the number of vicious dogs at large, prevent attacks on neighborhood residents and law enforcement agents
- Eliminate economic source for gangs
- Family pet theft for bait and fighting dogs will decrease
- Backyard breeding of pits for fighting purposes will decrease
- Prevent neighborhood intimidation with fighting dogs
- Prevent crimes against people utilizing fighting dogs as weapons
- Prevent violence that erupts between participants and attendants at dog fights, that endangers neighborhood residents
- Cut down on “barking dog” complaints
- Prevent spread of disease by unvaccinated, infected and injured fighting dogs
- Improve poor sanitation in areas where dogs are fought and dead dogs are dumped
- Cuts down on the unmanageable number of unlicensed dogs
- Make the community an undesirable location for the violent criminals who breed and train fighting dogs and stage dog-fights
- Legitimize legislation and judiciary to would-be violators, sends a message of consistency-- all legislation will be enforced
- Empower neighborhood residents to be proactive in crime prevention, prompt tips to law enforcement
- Help eliminate the strain that the explosive population of pit bulls has had on Animal Services, free up resources
- Create a better experienced police department through increased exposure to this type of criminal activity
- Locate, identify, track felons or suspects of other crimes
- Strip drug dealers of the dogs used as “security systems” and weapons
- Make communities safer for residents, sends message that the city cares
- Send a message of enforcement to criminals

NATIONWIDE PROGRESS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL DOG-FIGHTING TASK FORCES

NATIONAL ILLEGAL ANIMAL FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Nationwide coalition, cooperating agencies include United States Department of Agriculture, Humane Society of the United States, and more than 150 local, state, and federal police departments.

CHICAGO ANIMAL ABUSE CONTROL TEAM

Started under Mayor Daley, led by Sergeant Steve Brownstein, 2 teams of 1 sergeant and 5 police officers. In July, 2002, Chicago designated a call type code for animal fighting, and in 2003, 1093 complaints were recorded and investigated. Mayor Daley initiated a major public service campaign against dog-fighting, with "Born to Lose" educational posters displayed in all the city's subways. Chicago PD and Cook County Attorney's Office sponsor DAWG, a court advocacy program to monitor dog-fighting and other animal abuse cases.

ILLINOIS ILLEGAL ANIMAL FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Statewide extension of Chicago's AACT. Members include law enforcement, animal control, judiciary, legislature, public health and education committees.

OHIO DOG-FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Governor Bob Taft formed the task force in August, 2001, led by the State Department of Agriculture, includes law enforcement agencies statewide, based out of Cleveland.

TOLEDO DOG-FIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS

Toledo Police Gang Squad members double as dog-fighting force and regularly respond to dog-fights.

BOSTON OPERATION DOG TAG

Established in 1996, and considered a national model. It was launched in District 11, under Captain Robert P. Dunford. Dog Tag dispatches teams of city police, animal control officers and armed special agents to dog-fights, as well as gang investigations, drug investigations, intimidation complaints, robbery and assault investigations.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANIMAL CRUELTY UNIT

Established in 1998, 4 deputies are assigned to the Unit and regularly investigate dog-fighting.

BROWARD COUNTY (FL) ANIMAL CRUELTY UNIT

Specialized sheriff's unit investigates dog-fighting, teaches classes to law enforcement agencies statewide on recognizing evidence of dog-fighting, investigating dog-fighting complaints, coordinating raids, and case preparation for prosecution.

NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE DOG-FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Includes law enforcement and other agencies from Orange County, Wake County, and Durham County, as well as contributing agencies statewide.

NATIONWIDE PROGRESS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL DOG-FIGHTING TASK FORCES

SOUTHERN FLORIDA DOG-FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties are in the process of uniting their individual task forces to create a unified regional dog-fighting task force for police officer training, cross-reporting, and coordinated multi-agency raids. The strong statewide effort to combat dog-fighting prompted Governor Bush to stiffen animal fighting laws in Florida.

SOUTH CAROLINA ANTI-DOG FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Organized by Attorney General Henry McMaster and Chief Robert Stewart of SLED, statewide coalition of law enforcement agencies, state and local government agencies, and other state and local groups.

RHODE ISLAND ANIMAL FIGHTING COALITION

Members include investigators, animal control officers, shelter representatives and rescue groups for cross-training, education and networking.

NEW ENGLAND ANIMAL FIGHTING TASK FORCE

Regional network of dog-fighting task forces from New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont and Maine, to train law enforcement, educate the public, improve cross-reporting and communication among the agencies, strengthen animal-fighting legislation and enforcement.

PONTIAC (MI) DOG-FIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Pilot program implemented in 2003 by Chief of Police Rollie W. Gackstetter under Mayor Willie Payne. 4 vice squad members were assigned to dog-fighting investigations. Prior to the beginning of the detectives' assignment, extensive intelligence was gathered, including identification of approximately 150 suspected and known dog-fighters, their criminal histories, and locations. The detectives under the leadership of Detective Mike Story, have since conducted several successful drug and dog-fighting raids, arrested many known dog-fighters, including one major dog-fighter and drug distributor who was wanted in 2 states for absconding parole, and was allegedly conspiring to transport 100+ fighting dogs and copious quantities of narcotics across state lines. In July, 2004 the City's Animal Control Department is being taken over by the Pontiac Police Department. The City of Pontiac, like all urban areas, has been plagued by dog-fighting, gang activity, violent crime and drug abuse for decades, however since 2003, the city is setting national standards of excellence in law enforcement for identifying the correlation between these crimes, developing an innovative "dog-fighting" database as a cross reference for detectives, implementing the multi-agency task force, and conducting several successful raids since the programs implementation.

OTHER TASK FORCES:

Pittsburg, PA, Rochester, NY, Vermont, New Orleans, LA

LAPD RAID PILOT PROGRAM

PHOTOS

*“It’s a gruesome
scene...
I’ve never seen
anything like this
before”*

First Circuit Assistant Solicitor
Richard Lackey
Commenting on the Orangeburg County Raid,
South Carolina, 2003



**THE FOLLOWING ARE EVIDENCE PHOTOS
GATHERED FROM VARIOUS DOG-FIGHTING
CASES, AND REPRESENT TYPICAL STANDARDS
OF TREATMENT OF THE ANIMALS WITHIN THE
DOG-FIGHTING COMMUNITY.**



TRAINING?

MOUTH: Duct taped closed

PAWS: Duct taped

CHAIN: Short enough that if he
lays down he will hang



TRAINING?

BEATEN: Blunt object to
the head



TRAINING?

CAUSE OF DEATH:
STARVATION



AFTER THE FIGHT..





Some will die



before the fight...



Others will wish



that they had...

“This was a sickening display of animal cruelty...

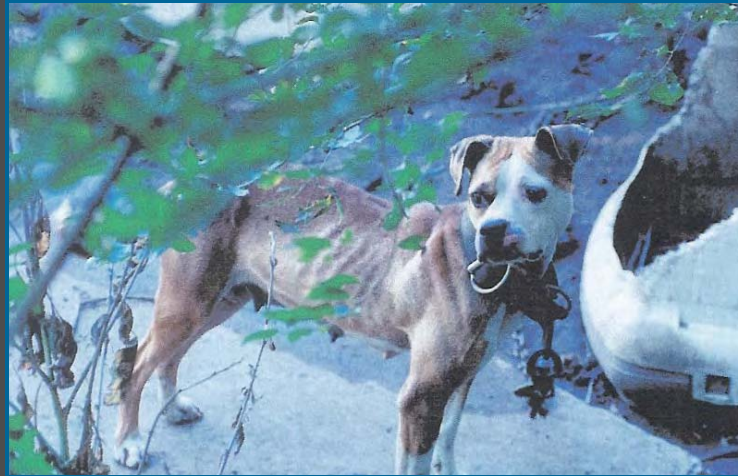


at it's most sadistic...

It's inhuman.”

Sheriff Ken J. Mascara,
St. Lucie County, FL
on the 2004
dog-fighting raid





*“It was one
of the most
horrible things
I have
experienced...
It makes you
want to cry.”*

Newton County Sheriff
Joe Nichols on the
Covington, GA raid, 2004





“Dog-fighting
is a barometer
of what we are
willing to
tolerate...”

...This is a disgusting,
barbaric, atavistic
blood sport...



...It shouldn't
be ignored.”

Paul Kelly,
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