

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Detectives Arrest Man for Animal Cruelty Again

On January 13, 2011 the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to the 2500 block of Southwood Plantation Road in reference to assisting a Leon County Animal Control Officer with an animal cruelty investigation. Animal Control Officers had responded to a complaint of barking dogs and discovered several pit bull dogs in crates without food, water or protection from the elements on a night when the temperature was expected to reach 20 degrees.

Property Crimes Detectives responded to the scene and discovered that Leslie Meyers, 34, appeared to be raising and training the dogs for the purposes of fighting. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence located at 2496-B Southwood Plantation Road and located 26 pit bull dogs. Each animal was housed without protection from the elements and had no food or water. They also located strength training equipment and "bait poles" used to promote aggressiveness along with "bite sticks" intended to train the animals for fighting.

Meyers was arrested in July of 2010 by detectives for 26 counts of owning animals for the purposes of fighting, 3 counts of possessing equipment for use in animal fighting, 3 counts of felony animal cruelty and 23 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty. 26 pit bull dogs were seized from him then. Meyers was out of jail on a \$44,500.00 bond for the 2010 charges at the time of his arrest last night.

### ARRESTED

Leslie Meyers DOB: 07-16-1976



**Charges:** Animal Cruelty (25 counts), Possession of Animals for the Purposes of Fighting (26 counts) and Possession of Equipment for Use in Animal Fighting (4 counts)

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