

# Press Release

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## Dogs Seized in Connection With Suspected Fighting

**Southern Leon County-** Leon County Animal Control Officers and Sheriff's Deputies seized several pit bull dogs from a residence on Mustang Drive in the area of Oakridge Road.

Animal Control Officers received a complaint about activities at the residence involving the dogs. When they arrived they located several dogs, two of which were injured. Leon County Sheriff's Detectives responded and assisted with the investigation.

Sgt. Chris Chase said "the animals have been seized and will be examined by a veterinarian. The detectives and animal control officers will then investigate the origins of the suspected fighting injuries and attempt to identify the individuals responsible".

While on scene, information of additional injured fighting dogs was obtained. Officers responded to a residence on Old Shell Point Road and seized four more pit bulldogs, all with injuries consistent with dog fighting.

Richard Ziegler, Director of Animal Control said "these dog's injuries were some of worst I have seen".

Chase and Ziegler agreed that there has been an increase in the reporting of suspected dog fighting. They attribute the reports to public awareness, especially since the highly publication Michael Vick investigation.

Anyone with information concerning dog fighting is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 574-TIPS.

**There is an open criminal investigation. At this time there is no further information that can be released. An updated release will be issued when information becomes available.**



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