

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Detectives Charge Man in Dog Fighting Case

On Wednesday, July 14, 2010, the Leon County Sheriff's Office arrested Leslie A. Meyers, 34, and charged him with several crimes relating to animal cruelty and dog fighting. The arrest follows a month long investigation into the discovery and seizure of 26 pit bull dogs from the residence at 4198 HJK Howard Road.

Detectives got involved after a Leon County Animal Control Officer observed three pit bulls running loose in the area. The officer followed the dogs back to the residence and discovered several dead, emaciated and badly scarred dogs. Large pools of dried blood and animal hair were found throughout the residence indicating that the home appeared to have been used for the sole purposes of training, housing and fighting the animals. Detectives advised exercise equipment was used to train the animals for endurance and strength, while pieces of lumber were used as training aids to teach the animals to bite.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said, "This investigation is the culmination of a heads up animal control officer and a good working relationship between two agencies that want to see justice served and the public safe. Those three dogs could have easily attacked someone and caused serious injuries."

The Leon County Sheriff's Office recommends you contact law enforcement or the appropriate animal control agency if you believe someone is maintaining a facility for the purposes of fighting animals.

### ARRESTED

Leslie A. Meyers  
DOB: 07/16/1976

**CHARGES:** Owing an Animal for the Purposes of Fighting (26 counts), Owing a Property for the Purpose of Animal Fighting (1 count), Possessing Equipment for the Use in Animal Fighting (3 counts) and Animal Cruelty (26 counts)

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