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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
United States Department of Agriculture



November 30, 2021

Subject: Log No. 16-00036

This letter responds to your March 11, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)¹ request to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General (OIG). You requested copies of the final report, report of investigation (ROI), closing report, closing memo, closing letter, referral memo, referral letter and any other conclusory document for 22 listed OIG closed investigations.

We are enclosing 62 pages of responsive records. Pursuant to FOIA, certain information has been redacted and withheld as it is exempt from release. Specifically, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), the names, signatures, initials, and other identifying information of individuals were withheld because release of this information could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 6 protects information about individuals in personnel and medical files and similar files when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(C) is limited to information compiled for law enforcement purposes, and protects personal information when disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We have enclosed an explanatory sheet of FOIA exemption explanations.

You have the right to appeal² this decision by OIG by writing to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Whitten Building, Suite 441-E, Washington, D.C. 20250-2308. Appeals must be postmarked or transmitted by email no later than 90 calendar days from the date of the adverse determination. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL."

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552.

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Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road (OGIS)
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Phone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>

For information about OIG, please refer to our Web site at www.oig.usda.gov. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (202) 720-5677.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alison Decker

Alison Decker
Assistant Counsel

Enclosures: Exemptions sheet/documents



United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-3320-0004	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Act Violations		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
DONALD E. MEEKS
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

This case began after the U.S. Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requested that the
USDA Office of the Inspector General investigate (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FALSE STATEMENTS – 18 U.S.C. 1001 MAIL FRAUD – 18 U.S.C. 1341

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of this investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who agreed to prosecute this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3330-0005	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if [REDACTED] was involved in animal fighting in the area of [REDACTED]. During this investigation, several attempts were made to engage [REDACTED] regarding animal fighting, however, this investigation was unable to prove that [REDACTED] was actively involved [REDACTED].

This case is being closed in the files of this office pending the issuance of this report.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3330-0012	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Title Continues	
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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Ch-3330-0012

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation found

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

at the location.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

were arrested and prosecuted

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Reporting Agent (RA)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

search warrant was served

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded
guilty (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced (b)(6);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) incarceration and (b)(6); probation (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) incarceration and (b)(6); probation.
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to (b)(6); incarceration (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation.

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Midwest Region
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: CH-3330-0013	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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Ch-3330-0013

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Future work on this part of the

investigation will be conducted under OIG case number Ch-3330-0021.

This investigation also resulted in the service of a search warrant and the subsequent arrest (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) individuals (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Charges have been filed in

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and trail dates are pending. Future work on this part of the investigation will also be conducted under OIG case number Ch-3330-0022.

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Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-3330-0014	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
<u>Title Continues</u>			
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
For **JOE N. SMITH**
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TITLE CONTINUED:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

Investigation conducted under (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-3330-0007) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) informant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

**CONSPIRACY TO SPONSOR AND PROMOTE AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE –
7 U.S.C. SECTION 2156; 18 U.S.C. SECTION 371**

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IN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE – 7 U.S.C. SECTION 2156(b)**

**SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE –
7 U.S.C. SECTION 2156(a)**

PROMOTING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE – 7 U.S.C. SECTION 2156(c)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Reporting Agent (RA). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) issued search warrants were served (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) plead guilty before U.S. District Judge (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to all counts listed in the indictment.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) plead guilty before U.S. District Judge (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to all counts listed in the indictment.

Sentencing for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is scheduled for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Sentencing for
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is scheduled for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Final decision (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is
forthcoming pending a final veterinary review and evaluation.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3330-0015	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) <u>Title Continues</u>
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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TITLE CONTINUED:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

Our investigation conducted under the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ch-3330-0007) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

initiated an investigation concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Ch-3330-0015).

USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Confidential Informant (CI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

state warrants were issued (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the search warrant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Reporting Agent (RA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CI (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Ch-3330-0014).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

an arrest warrant was issued (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and a search warrant was also issued (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

an arrest warrant was issued (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) plead guilty in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Court to attending
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) counts listed in the information.
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) plead guilty in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Court to one
count (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were sentenced in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Court (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced to (b)(6); supervision on an electronic tether (b)(6) months
probation, and fines (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced to (b)(6) days in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Jail (b)(6);
months probation, and fines of (b)(6);

Subsequent to the defendant's sentencing, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) seized in this case were forfeited (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-3330-0016	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation, which was conducted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OIG Agents

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Both of these state charges are felonies. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

apprehended by law enforcement officers were arrested on state felony charges of

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

items were seized. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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There are no further investigative leads in this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3330-0017	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was developed through the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-3330-0007) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) executed a state search warrant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a state arrest warrant was issued for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG agents interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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state search warrant was executed

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a state search warrant was issued

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a state arrest warrant was issued for

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for

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case has been accepted for prosecution by the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Prosecutors Office.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-3330-0018	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations		(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

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SYNOPSIS

An investigation conducted under the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-3330-0007) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) executed a state search warrant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was arrested (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to prison for a term of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) years for
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and a term of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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PROSECUTION

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for a term of incarceration (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for violation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) term of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) years to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) years for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL - INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-3330-0005	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Perjury		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

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This investigation was conducted to determine whether

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pled guilty to an indictment

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and was sentenced

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months in prison and ordered to pay a

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was ordered to be served consecutively with the prison term of

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(KC-3330-0004)

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Due to disclosure restrictions, additional information can not be presented in this report.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-3330-0009

DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

"TITLE CONTINUES"

CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if various individuals violated the Animal Welfare Act. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) persons were cited for misdemeanor violations of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in addition, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of those were cited for felony violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ultimately, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) individuals were successfully prosecuted.

BACKGROUND

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The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District Attorney's Office has accepted this case for prosecution. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) persons were cited for misdemeanor violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in addition, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of those were cited for felony violations (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ultimately, a number of these individuals were successfully prosecuted.



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF- SF-3330-0016

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: VLORI CHAN

Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was opened to determine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

search warrant that was executed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

pled no contest to one count (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

The Animal Welfare Act Provisions (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the AWA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DETAILS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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USDA, Office of Inspector General (OIG),

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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AGENT'S NOTE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGENT'S NOTE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OIG

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was presented to the United States Attorney's Office in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

however, the case was declined for prosecution due to a lack of resources.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

a misdemeanor complaint was filed against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

charging them with (b)(6) counts of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

pleaded no contest to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Each defendant was

ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, destroy all contraband, pay a fine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

b6, 7(c)

CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY

(b)(6)

LORI CHAN

Special Agent-in-Charge

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DETAILS

This investigation was conducted to determine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal Welfare Act (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the facts associated with this investigation were discussed with an Assistant United States
who accepted it for prosecution. Special Agent

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SA

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

count indictment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

a (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

count superseding indictment was filed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

charging (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) with

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

pled guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-3330-0026

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Animal Welfare Violations -

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

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DETAILS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of

Inspector General (OIG) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OIG,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation was presented to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District Attorney's Office, who accented this case for prosecution. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a complaint was filed in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Court (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Trial is scheduled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-2499-16	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (TITLE CONTINUES)		
CASE TYPE:	Conversion of Mortgaged Property		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

[Signature] ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
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TITLE CONTINUED

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation did not substantiate that

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

18 U.S.C. 43 - FORCE, VIOLENCE AND THREATS INVOLVING ANIMAL ENTERPRISES

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

United States Department of Agriculture, Office of

Inspector General

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Special Agent (SA)

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AGENT'S NOTE:

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Reporting Agent (RA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **RA** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of this investigation were discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined to prosecute.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	TE-3330-16	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Fighting		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) animal fighting, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) animal fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) animals (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) animal (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) animal fighting, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal in an Animal Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animals (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty and were sentenced in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confinement, and pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Probation (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of community service. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Federal Indictment was dismissed for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in lieu of State prosecution. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced, in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation and pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) court to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States District Court, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the indictment for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was dismissed.

This investigation was conducted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, administering the Animal Welfare Act, and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. The Animal Welfare Act provides APHIS with the ability to regulate minimum care of warm blooded animals used in research, bred for commercial sale, exhibited to the public, or commercially transported. In addition, the law requires standards of animal care be established and enforced.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, Office of Inspector General

(OIG), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

18 U.S.C § 371 CONSPIRACY
18 U.S.C. § 2 and 49 AIDING and ABETTING
7 U.S.C § 2156(a)(b) ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE PROHIBITION

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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animal (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Animal in an Animal Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Animals for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) having pled guilty to count (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the indictment, and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confinement and pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were all sentenced in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Probation,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) community service (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Federal Indictments for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

were dismissed in lieu of prosecution by the State (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Federal Indictment of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was dismissed. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) not charged in State court.

(b)(6); (b) (7) (C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) having pled guilty to count (b)(6) of the indictment, and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b) (7) (C) was sentenced in the United States District Court, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) having pled guilty to count (b)(6) of the indictment, and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b) (7) (C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) having pled guilty to count (b)(6) of the indictment, and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation and pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines (Exhibit 8).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) having pled guilty to count (b)(6) of the indictment, and was ordered to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fines, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-3330-18	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Fighting		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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SYNOPSIS

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation also determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal

Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sentenced to (b)(6) years probation,

(b)(6) months home detention, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fine, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) special assessment.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health, administering the Animal Welfare Act, and carrying out wildlife damage management activities. The Animal Welfare Act provides APHIS with the ability to regulate minimum care of warm blooded animals used in research, bred for commercial sale, exhibited to the public, or commercially transported. In addition, the law requires standards of animal care be established and enforced.

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(USDA-OIG), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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7 U.S.C § 2156 POSSESSING AN ANIMAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Federal search warrant was executed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

animals (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

animals (b)(6) USDA-

OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count indictment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal Fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) months home detention, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
fine, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) special assessment.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Dog Fighting		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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