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AGENCY:

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ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 7, 2009, SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE NOTIFIED BY SEDGWICK COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OF A POSSIBLE COCK FIGHTING RANCH IN THE COUNTY. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, DEPUTIES OBSERVED AN AREA WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL WAS RAISING BIRDS FOR WHAT APPEARED TO BE ILLEGAL COCK FIGHTING EVENTS.

DETECTIVES WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE AND NINETY-THREE (93) BIRDS BEING HOUSED IN CAGES WERE REMOVED. ALSO REMOVED WERE VARIOUS ITEMS OF PARAPHERNALIA RELATED TO COCK FIGHTING. DURING THE INVESTIGATION DETECTIVES DISCOVERED AND SEIZED VETERINARIAN ENHANCING DRUGS. ANIMAL CONTROL HAS TAKEN CUSTODY OF THE BIRDS.

THE CASE IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR CHARGING CONSIDERATION.

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