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### **Dog Fighting Breeder Arrested**

On March 1, 2017 at approximately 7:30 A.M., members of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office in a joint operation with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant. An anonymous tip led to a 3 month investigation on the residence of Patrick Wayne Riley located at 5104 W C-48 in Bushnell, Sumter County Florida. The investigation revealed that Patrick Wayne Riley DOB 03/09/1951 was breeding and training game fighting dogs. During the execution of the search warrant, deputies discovered 19.7 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 2.62 pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and controlled substances; identified as morphine sulfate pills, cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride pills, hydrocodone pills, oxycodone pills, Xanax pills, and ecstasy. Also located at the residence were several firearms, including shotguns, rifles, and handguns of various calibers.

Riley's residence contained evidence of him violating the "Animal Fighting Act" by possessing dogs, equipment and documentation detailing his involvement, including attendance, and hosting of illegal game dog fighting events. Deputies also found medical supplies, steroids, and antibiotics along with training devices. Riley admitted to hosting at

least one fight at his home. Evidence suggests that he has been involved in dogfighting since at least 1975. Sumter County Animal Control took custody of 8 Pitbull Terriers. Patrick Wayne Riley was charged with 1 ct Drugs-possess harmful new legend drug without prescription; 1ct Animals-sell/possess/use animals to fight or bait; 1 ct Animals-sell/possess/use equipment for animals fight or bait; 1 ct Animals-own/lease/operate property animal/fight/bait; 1ct Animals-Attend Animal Fight/Bait; 1 ct- Marijuana-Possess; 5ct's Possession of controlled substance; 1ct Dangerous Drugs; 1ct Amphetamine 14 grams or more; 1ct Drug Equip-Possess and was booked into the Sumter County Detention Center with a \$60,000 bond. Also arrested was a white female Tosha Marie McClenaghan for possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia her bond was set at \$4,000.

