



HICKORY CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COCKFIGHTING OPERATION TAKEN DOWN

At approximately 7am on Thursday December 10, 2020, officers with the Hickory Creek Police Department served a search warrant in relation to cockfighting in the 1600-block of Turbeville Road in Hickory Creek, Texas. Elements from the Lake Dallas Police Department and Texas Highway Patrol helped.

Officers found several items typically used in cockfighting operations, including artificial spurs, along with documents indicating betting/gambling on the animals' lives. Officers also found approximately 40 cages of various sizes, some not big enough for the animals to move around freely in. Many of the birds in cages did not have access to food or water.

With the assistance of the Humane Society of North Texas Cruelty Investigations division, the Hickory Creek Police Department was able to recover 42 roosters and 18 hens, for a total of 60 living birds. The living animals are under the care of Hickory Creek Animal Control. Officers also located several already-deceased birds on the property.

Three males - all residents of the property- were each placed under arrest for cockfighting, a State Jail Felony under Texas Penal Code § 42.105 (b)(2), and will be booked in at the Denton County Jail. Further charges may be filed based on the outcome of the ongoing investigation.

The Hickory Creek Police Department is dedicated to protecting all who live in our Town, including those who furry and feathery creatures that depend on humans to take care of them.