

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CARTER COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA ex rel. )  
 CRAIG LADD, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 vs. )  
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 A CERTAIN )  
 )  
 2021 black in color box trailer )  
 VIN: [REDACTED] )  
 Containing built in cages with fighting )  
 Cocks, generator and humidifier )  
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 Defendant, )  
 )  
 RICKY ADAMS )  
 )  
 Claimant. )

CV-2023- 121

**FILED**  
FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

JUL 26 2023

AT \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.  
RENEE BRYANT Court Clerk  
Carter County, Oklahoma

**PETITION AND NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE**

**THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:**

Ricky Adams  
 [REDACTED]  
 Duncan, OK 73533

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Title 21 O.S. § 1692.7 of the seizure and forfeiture of A certain 2021 black in color box trailer, VIN: [REDACTED] containing built in cages with fighting cocks, generator and humidifier (hereinafter referred to as “Defendant Trailer”).

Said Defendant Trailer was seized on June 18, 2023, from an area of Roundup Road and Midway Road in Carter County, Oklahoma. Notice is further given that Plaintiff is asserting that the Defendant Trailer should be forfeited for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) 21 O.S. § 1692.7

- a. The Defendant Trailer is used to facilitate, participate, or further the commission of a cockfighting offense in violation of 21 O.S. § 1692.2, 1692.3, 1692.4, 1692.5, and 1692.6.

(2) 21 O.S. § 1692.1

- a. The Defendant Trailer is equipment used for training or handling a fighting bird including knives or gaffs, cages, pens, feeding apparatuses, training pens and other related devices and equipment, and is hereby contraband and subject to seizure.

**Further notice is given** that within sixty (60) days after the mailing, or publication of the Petition and Notice of Seizure and Forfeiture, the owner of Defendant Trailer and any other party in interest or claimant thereto may file a verified answer claiming an interest in the Defendant Trailer, and such verified answer, if filed with the Clerk of the District Court of Carter County, Oklahoma, must also be sent to the Carter County District Attorney's Office, 107 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW, Carter County Annex # 1, Ardmore, OK 73401. If such verified answer is filed, a trial will be set at a future date to determine if the allegations contained herein are true, and hereby subjecting the Defendant Trailer to forfeiture pursuant to 21 O.S. §1692.7.

**Further Notice is given** that at the end of sixty (60) days after the mailing, or publication of the Notice, if no verified answer is on file, the District Court shall hear evidence upon the facts of the illegal source and/or illegal use of the Defendant Trailer and shall order the Defendant Trailer forfeited to Plaintiff, if such facts are proved.

DATED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2023.

CRAIG LADD,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BY: W. Melina Handhe  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I mailed a true, correct and complete copy of the above and foregoing Petition and Notice addressed to Ricky Adams, by mailing certified mail said Petition and Notice by United States Postal Service postage prepaid thereon on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

#### AND/OR

I hereby certify that I hand served a true, correct and complete copy of the above and foregoing Petition and Notice to Ricky Adams on 24 day of July 2023.

David Jones  
David Jones, Deputy Sheriff

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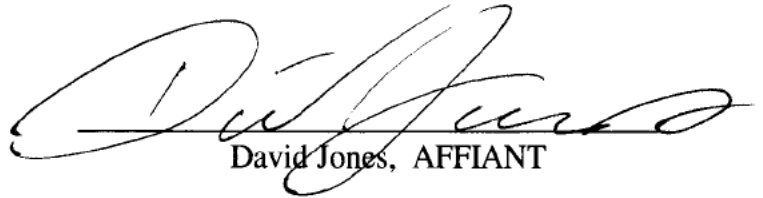
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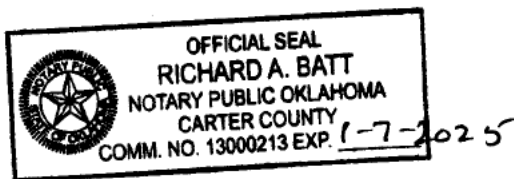
1. On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 I responded to a report of illegal cock fighting within Carter County.
2. The location of the cock fighting is described as the area of Roundup Road and Midway Road, Graham, Carter County, area.
3. I arrived on scene and discovered approximately 200 participants near a barn located in an open field.
4. I activated my emergency lights on my unit and most of the people took off running towards the wooded area.
5. I located metal shop building where it appeared most people were congregating at.
6. I made contact with an Asian male leaving the building carrying a cockfighting rooster with apparatus attached to its legs known to me as Gaff's
7. Gaff's are sharpened spears or blades attached to the rooster's legs to inflict injury and or death to another rooster when it's pitted to fight said rooster.
8. I also noticed several dead or near dead roosters around the building.
9. I went inside the building and observed a cockfight in progress with people in the seats and bleachers surrounding the pit area where the roosters were fighting.
10. I located a trophy labeled as the "Asian Gaff 6/18/2023 Championship".
11. Deputy Reeder and I detained several subjects and called for backup assistance.
12. I located several trailers outside that were air conditioned and/or fan cooled that contained numerous cages that held additional, single or multiple, cockfighting roosters in them, contained in separate cages.
13. There were other trailers on sight, however, they either did not contain cockfighting equipment or did not appear to be actively used at the time.

14. I am aware that cockfighting roosters must be housed separately due to their trained nature to fight other roosters.
15. There were two persons detained in proximity to the cockfighting who had US currency, \$2,410.00 and \$500.00 in their pockets in which at least the person with \$2,410.00 stated he was betting on the cockfights.
16. During inventory and impound of the vehicles, inside a certain red Toyota pickup, bearing OK tag [REDACTED] \$10,000.00 in US currency was located in close proximity to a small baggie with a white powder substance was found.
17. The white powder was field tested to be positive for cocaine.
18. The trailers containing the cockfighting equipment, pickups pulling the trailers and the currency was seized in accordance with 21 OS 1692.7, 21 OS 1692.4 and 63 OS 2-503 (A) (6).

  
David Jones, AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11 day of July, 2023.

My commission expires 1-7-2025.



  
Notary Public