

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Vs.

**GRINO, ELLIE PENNIT
[REDACTED], W/M
[REDACTED] FLORENCE ST.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 74857**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA) **PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**
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COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

Your affiant, Inv. Julie Summerfield #5180 has been employed with the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division since December 2019. Your affiant is currently an Investigator for Animal Welfare Division for Oklahoma City and has held the position since 2021.

NARRATIVE

On April 9, 2023, Animal Welfare Dispatch received a call from Oklahoma City Police Department. An OCPD officer requested an Animal Welfare officer to the location of [REDACTED] Florence St. I arrived at the location around 1710 hours. I met with OCPD and McLoud Corporal Milam. I was advised McLoud made an arrest and found gaffs and transport boxes in the individual's vehicle, see McLoud PD Case # 2023-0136. McLoud called OCPD and requested a check at the home address of 20701 Florence Ave. on suspicion of cockfighting. While standing on Florence St. I could easily see individually tethered gamecock type roosters some with triangle shelters and some without. I was unable to see the entire chicken area from the road but could easily see at least 20 roosters and no birds wandering around freely. Cpl. Milam showed me pictures of the gaffs they confiscated from the individual. I confirmed they were gaffs used in cockfighting. I then advised OCPD we would need a warrant to search the house and outbuildings for additional cockfighting paraphernalia, records, medications, vitamins, and to remove the birds. Lt. Eikel #1837 with OCPD was notified and began making phone calls so a warrant could be obtained. Around 2000 hours Lt. was able to reach larceny division. Larceny assigned the case to Det. Joshua Thee #1679. Due to the late hour and the homeowner's, Jannine Crespo Yee, refusal to allow a search we were unable to obtain a search warrant that night. OCPD remained at the house so the gamebirds would not be removed until a warrant could be obtained on Monday, April 10, 2023.

On April 10, 2023, I met with Det. Joshua Thee and a search warrant was obtained. OCPD served the search warrant around 1400 hours. After the residence and out buildings were cleared. Inv. Spears and I entered the residence and shed and found multiple items regularly found in association with cockfighting. The house had vitamins, supplements, and testosterone specifically used for

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roosters and regularly seen with cockfighting. The shed contained transport boxes, hold boxes (to store the birds between weighing and the fight), antibiotics, tubs full of gamecock magazines, handwritten notebooks on breeding, fighting, and conditioning the roosters, 5 pairs of leather leg wraps that hold the knives/gaffs when fighting. There was a large metal sign of two roosters fighting on the pen area of the chickens. Once the house was clear I allowed the juveniles to return to the home. My team and I confiscated 93 game type birds (50 roosters, 43 hens,) and 158 eggs. Inside the chicken pen area there were additional vitamins, antibiotics, and leg tethers. The birds had three different set ups. All waters available to the birds contained murky water. Roosters that were tethered out either had a triangle hut (two walls and a partially closed off back side) or they had no shelter at all. There were 8 roosters that were tethered out that had no form of shelter and were unable to escape any form of weather. Once all the birds were loaded, I attempted to speak with the female resident, Jannine Crespo Yee. OCPD accompanied me to the door. The son-in-law and son of Jannine Crespo Yee came outside. They stated the mother would not sign any paperwork claiming ownership of the birds as the birds belong to their father, Ellie Grino. I left the residence around 2100 hours and returned to the shelter. My team of Inv. Spears, Officer Sarazin, and Officer Coolahan then unloaded all the birds and eggs we removed from the property.

On April 11 and 12, 2023, I sorted through and inventoried the two totes of magazines I removed from the residence. There was a total of 181 cockfighting magazines or magazines related to cockfighting with dates ranging from 1960 up to 2014. The tubs also contained 6 handwritten notebooks filled with notes on contacts, breeding, fighting, keep schedule, which roosters fought well and how they fought. Along with papers on the best way to attach knives and gaffs. The journals dated from 2000 through 2018.

On April 13, 2023, I went to McLoud PD and picked up the 9 pairs of gaffs they confiscated from Mr. Grino. I also picked up two double transfer boxes that were found in Mr. Grino's vehicle.

Your affiant believes that Ellie Pennit Grino is in violation of Oklahoma State Statues: SS 21-1685 Animal Cruelty for having 8 roosters tethered out with no form of shelter or protection from the weather, and no clean water was available for the birds to drink. In violation of SS 21-1692.3 Keeping place, equipment, or facilities for cockfighting due to possessing the 9 pairs of gaffs and 5 pairs of leather leg bands to attach knives and gaffs to the bird. He is in violation of §1692.5 owning, possessing, keeping or training bird for fight and 50 gamecock type roosters were seized. Along with the birds vitamins, supplements, testosterone, and antibiotics were seized that are associated with cockfighting. Your affiant is requesting a warrant to be issued for the above defendant.

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Julie Summerfield
AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to me this 17th day of April 2023.

My Commission Expires:

02/20/2024

Commission Number:

20002085



Tymra Pierson
Notary Public