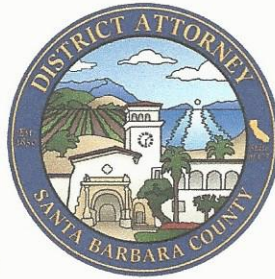


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**Re: *People v. Eric Loyola Reveles*; Case Number 1445514**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a jury in Santa Barbara convicted Eric Reveles, age 31, of one count of cruelty to an animal and one count of failure to care for animals, both misdemeanors. Reveles will be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Jean Dandona on April 22, 2015.

On April 10, 2014, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Santa Barbara Police Department officers responded to the 600 block of Bath Street after receiving numerous 911 calls about multiple dogs barking aggressively inside a pick-up truck parked on the street.

Officers found one female adult pit bull in the passenger compartment of the truck. There were feces and urine in the passenger compartment and the female dog appeared malnourished. In the rear of the truck officers found, underneath a large blanket, one male adult pit bull in a medium-sized crate next to one male adult pit bull and five pit bull puppies in a second medium-sized crate. The crates were covered with feces and urine. The two male adult pit bulls had blood and fresh wounds on their faces from fighting each other. All of the dogs were underweight, appeared malnourished, and there was no food, water, or adequate ventilation for the dogs. Officers eventually identified Reveles as the owner of the truck and the dogs.

Santa Barbara County Animal Control responded and seized all of the dogs due to their poor physical and unsanitary conditions. The dogs were treated at CARES hospital where they received veterinary care. After an administrative hearing, the dogs were deemed abandoned by Reveles and remained in the care and custody of County Animal Control until they were successfully adopted.

District Attorney Dudley says, "The District Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting offenders who hurt or neglect animals not only because doing so is a crime within itself, but also because animal abuse can be an indicator or predictor of violent behavior toward family members."

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