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Police confiscate 28 pit bulls during search warrant

Arrested owner faces various animal cruelty charges

Incident Time: 3:15 p.m.

Incident Location: 202 S. 24th Street

Suspect: Nahume Sony Belvilus

D.O.B: 02/11/1978 (29)

Address: 202 24th Street

Fort Pierce, FL

FORT PIERCE – Fort Pierce Police confiscated 28 pit bulls today in the continuing investigation of an animal cruelty case. On Saturday, July 21, two other dogs were removed from the same address and the owner, who faces several animal cruelty charges, was arrested

The Fort Pierce Police Department's Animal Control Unit and nine police officers with the help of the St. Lucie County Animal Control Unit and the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Agriculture Unit removed the dogs and transported them to the St. Lucie County Humane Society. It took approximately an hour and 45 minutes and two trips to complete the operation.

Treasure Coast Animal Hospital veterinarian, Dr. Dana Juillerat was also on scene during the search warrant to conduct preliminary assessments of the dogs. He will begin more thorough examinations on Wednesday morning of the 28 dogs that were removed from the home. The results of the evaluations will determine, among several things, whether the owner will face additional charges.

In addition, officers will look into whether the owner committed any city code and animal control violations.

The investigation continues.

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