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Dear Mr. Harson,

I call upon the Lafayette district attorney's office to prosecute "dog fighting don" Floyd Boudreaux and his son Guy Boudreaux. Both men were charged with animal cruelty, illegal possession of steroids and a sawed-off shotgun, and 64 counts of dogfighting when state and federal law enforcement agents raided their Broussard, Louisiana property in early March 2005.

I understand Katrina and Rita left some prosecutors struggling to fund operations. Still, Louisiana law classifies dog fighting as a felony. Moreover, police arrested the Boudreauxs *five months prior to the hurricanes*. They didn't handcuff a couple backyard breeders. They shut down a chief supplier of dogs bred for optimum "gameness." At up to \$10,000 a head, the Boudreaux line set the standard in dogs raised to fight to the death.

The D.A.'s latency in scheduling a court date is disgraceful. I respectfully demand rigorous prosecution and urge you to seek maximum jail time and fines. Both accused felons should be prohibited from owning, harboring, or working with animals in a commercial or personal context. Please serve justice in this precedent-setting case.

For each dog at the end of a short chain, life at the Boudreaux compound was a bleak mix of loneliness and neglect. Pit bulls tethered alongside little doghouses left ruts in the mud from habitual pacing. Among the adults and puppies, some had frontal scars on their heads, ears, shoulders and legs—the autograph of pits trained to rip each other to pieces. Authorities also found anabolic steroids, treadmills and wooden ramps, all typically used for endurance drills.

Animal fighting is profoundly inhumane. Dogfighters routinely steal companion animals to function as "bait" to toughen prizefighters. Worn down dogs are usually abandoned. Left to fend for themselves on the streets, they either die or jeopardize public safety. All adult Boudreaux dogs, considered too aggressive for adoption, were euthanized.

In addition to state felony charges, Floyd and Guy Boudreaux may face federal charges for commerce in fighting dogs over state lines. It is time to uphold the law and pursue tough penalties for the Boudreaux dynasty, a central force in illicit dogfight rings.

Thank you,