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**News Release**

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Anonymous Tip Leads To Large Cockfight Near Orange Cove**

An anonymous tip led Fresno County Sheriff's deputies to what appears to be a large cock fighting operation located at two residences near the city of Orange Cove.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:10 am, deputies responded to an orchard located behind a residence in the 25000 block of Lincoln Ave. Deputies parked at the residence and then discovered an cock fight being held in the orchard.

As they approached, the subjects attending the cock fight fled. Deputies were able to detain five subjects who were eventually cited for attending an animal fight.

During the investigation, deputies discovered a fighting ring, medical kits for the birds, gaffs and other equipment used in cock fighting incidents. Also discovered were several fighting cocks, 30 of which were dead.

Upon checking two nearby residences, deputies discovered several more fighting cocks in cages and more equipment used for cock fighting.

Over 200 fighting cocks, along with the dead birds were removed by SPCA

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Greg Isaac at 452-1295, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).