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Sumter County Men Plead Guilty to Dog Fighting, Drug Charges

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Cedric Tory Smith, 25, and Robert Lawrence Bostic, 23, both of 650 North St. Paul's Church Road in Wedgefield, South Carolina, pleaded guilty on September 18, 2006, to a list of offenses to include Dog Fighting, Manufacturing and/or Trafficking Cocaine and Crack Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, and weapons charges.

A detailed list of the charges follows:

Cedric Tory Smith, 25

Animal Fighting (§16-27-30): eighteen (18) counts, max. penalty of five (5) years imprisonment and/or \$5,000.

Trafficking Cocaine 28-100 grams, second offense (§44-53-375): max. penalty of seven (7) to thirty (30) years imprisonment and \$50,000.

Trafficking Crack 28-100 grams, second offense (§44-53-370): max. penalty of seven (7) to thirty (30) years imprisonment and \$50,000.

Manufacturing Crack, second offense (§44-53-375): max. penalty of twenty-five (25) years imprisonment and \$50,000.

Possession of a Pistol with Obliterated Serial Number (§16-23-30): max. penalty of five (5) years imprisonment.

Possession of Marijuana, second offense (§44-53-370): max. penalty of one (1) year imprisonment and/or up to \$1,000 fine.

Robert Lawrence Bostic, 23

Trafficking Cocaine 28-100 grams, first offense (§44-53-370): max. penalty of seven (7) to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment and \$50,000.

Trafficking Crack 28-100 grams, first offense (§44-53-375): max. penalty of seven (7) to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment and \$50,000.

Manufacturing Crack, first offense (§44-53-375): max. penalty of fifteen (15) years imprisonment and \$25,000.

Possession of Pistol with Obliterated Serial Number (§16-23-30): max. penalty of five (5) years imprisonment.

Possession of Marijuana, first offense (§44-53-370): max. penalty of thirty (30) days imprisonment and/or \$500.

Smith and Bostic were under investigation by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit. On April 29, 2004, deputies served a search warrant on the men's residence. Deputies were confronted by two (2) pit bulls that had been tied to the front and back doors of the residence and used as guard dogs.

Large amounts of cocaine, crack, and marijuana were seized in the search. Scales, a pistol, and other evidence of drug trafficking were also found. In addition, eighteen (18) pit bull dogs that had been trained and used in dog fighting were found. Treadmills, performance-enhancing drugs, logging chains, breaking sticks, and other dog fighting materials were seized as evidence.

Judge John C. Hayes, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Sumter County, sentenced Smith to thirteen (13) years imprisonment and Bostic to ten (10) years imprisonment.

The Trafficking charges are classified as violent, serious, and no parole offenses (85% law applies).

This case was investigated by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

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