



Durant Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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1. Animal Complaint

On 06/03/2012 at approximately 1235 hours, an anonymous caller contacted the Durant Police Department advising that vicious pit bulls were killing a dog. Officer Wes Crank and Animal Control responded to 930 W. Mississippi St. in reference to a dogfight in progress. Upon arrival, Officer Crank observed 3 dogs fighting each other with several other dogs crowded around in the northeast corner of the lot. Officer Crank observed Shannon Underwood (AKA Sheffield) hitting the fighting dogs with a stick of some kind in attempt to get the dogs to stop fighting. He stated a brindle pit bull and a tan pit bull-bulldog cross had a tan pit bull on the ground. The 3 dogs would not stop fighting. Officer Crank ordered Shannon Underwood to step back and attempted to separate the dogs by using OC spray. The 3 dogs continued to fight. Shannon Underwood had already been bitten on the right hand. Officer Crank drew his weapon and shot each dog, stopping the violent animals. He stated the dogs were so engrossed in fighting that they did not stop fighting until they were dead.

Shannon Underwood contacted her mother, Kathy Sheffield, the owner of the brindle pit bull and a tan pit bull-bulldog cross. Also the owner of the tan pit bull, Charvelle Hudson arrived on scene. Officer Crank advised the owners that it was prohibited in the City limits of Durant to have vicious animals. Kathy Sheffield advised the dogs were not vicious to people, just other animals. Animal control removed one of the pit bulls from the premises.

At approximately 1630 hours, Shannon Underwood went to the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma Emergency room to treatment from the injuries that she sustained from the dog bites. She had been bitten on the right hand and left calf. These injuries were photographed.