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ANOTHER BULLFIGHT EXPOSED IN CALIFORNIA

Humane Officer Discovers More Bulls Being Stabbed with Hidden Spikes

BULLFIGHT VIDEO FOOTAGE AND PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Los Angeles, CA--- Just one week after Animal Cruelty Investigations (ACI) discovered and exposed bull fighting Artesia, CA , continuing investigation of this criminal enterprise revealed yet another bullfight taking place Friday night in Thornton, CA. It is now clear that bullfighting is an ongoing, statewide activity. In response, ACI has stepped up its efforts to uncover and stop this unlawful activity.

On Friday night, a humane officer with Animal Cruelty Investigations (ACI), exposed yet another bullfight in Thornton, CA. Once again, this well attended, illegal event involved cruel abuse taking place in a bullfighting ring. With pomp and flourish, the participants repeatedly stabbed the bull with long sharpened spikes on the end of sticks. They had carefully covered and disguised the spikes with festive materials to make them look harmless.

Upon discovery of this event, ACI notified local law enforcement, prompting them to attend. Both ACI and local law enforcement officers observed these abusive acts in violation of the California Penal Code. When the officers stopped the abuse, they were assaulted by participants of the event. Details on the medical condition of the officers are not yet available. Arrests were made at the scene.

This event was discovered as part of an ongoing state-wide ACI investigation into similar, illegal bullfighting. These staged fights are taking place across the state and lead up to stabbing and puncturing the back and sides of the bleeding bulls. California law makes it clear that it is illegal to stage such bullfights, even if there is no effort to stab or wound the animals. Penal code sections 597B and M expressly proscribe bull fights in this state, even if no bloodshed is involved. The cruel practices discovered by ACI go far beyond any legal limits and appear to be an organized, common practice. Such acts may constitute felonies and/or misdemeanors under the foregoing Penal Code statutes.

Jane Garrison, Spokesperson for ACI stated, "Animal Cruelty Investigations is

committed to taking all possible steps to uncover, expose and prevent further illegal bullfighting in California. If necessary, ACI is prepared to take all necessary steps to make certain that those who would abuse animals in this fashion are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law".

Animal Cruelty Investigations (ACI) is a state approved SPCA based in Los Angeles. It is a non profit entity, focused on the protection of farm animals thru the enforcement of the California anti-cruelty statutes. For more information please visit www.acinvestigations.org