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Animal Cruelty and Animal Fighting Lead to Arrest

Bealeton – Fauquier County Animal Control Deputies arrested and charged Jose Martinez Sepulveda, 21, of Brandy Station, with five felony counts of animal fighting and cruelty Monday, August 24. Sepulveda at the time of arrest was being held on a $5000 secured bond.

In early August, Animal Control Deputies were made aware of a possible animal cruelty compliant involving organized rooster fighting events. They found evidence during their investigation to proceed with criminal charges.

On Monday, Deputies executed two search warrants in the 10500 block of Weaversville Road stemming from an animal cruelty and animal fighting investigation. A third search warrant was executed the following day in Culpeper County. A total of forty-seven roosters, seven hens, and multiple items consistent with animal fighting was seized. The poultry is being housed at the Fauquier County SPCA were they will evaluate and provide medical care.

Fauquier County Sheriff's Office Animal Control received assistance from the Louisa County Sheriff's Office, Fauquier County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Fauquier County SPCA, Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force, Virginia State Police, Culpeper County Animal Control, and Homeland Security.

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