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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,


VS.

EDWARD ANTHONY FARON,

Defendant.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE HEARING

The above-captioned case coming on for hearing at the February 9, 2009, Criminal Session of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, before the Honorable Edwin Wilson, Jr., judge presiding, the following proceedings were had, to wit:

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1 (Proceedings begin at 10:37 a.m., Monday,
2 February 16, 2009.)

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MR. BAUER: Ms. Arrington, if you would
5 stand up please and state your name for Judge Wilson.

6 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: Amanda Arrington.
7 I'm the North Carolina State Director for the Humane
8 Society of the United States. And our concern is that the
9 only offer of help has been from Best Friends, but they are
10 not offering to take these dogs.

11 THE COURT: They are not offering to take
12 the dogs?

13 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: They are offering to
14 assist. That is their language that they used. That means
15 it would still be the county's responsibility. And in
16 their own words, it costs about \$190,000 per dog to
17 rehabilitate them.

18 THE COURT: \$190,000 to rehabilitate a dog?

19 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: That's what Best Friends says?

21 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: Yes.

22 (Brief Pause.)

23 THE COURT: why is this the so-called
24 humane thing to do?

25 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: To euthanize?

1 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. AMANDA ARRINGTON: For the dogs
3 themselves, I think, because of the way that they were
4 bred. I think it is an unrealistic expectation for us to
5 ask these dogs that have been bred generations for fighting
6 to become regular pets. And it's an even bigger thing to
7 ask people to take on that responsibility and the county to
8 take on both the financial burden and the liability.

9 You know, we could be a couple years down
10 the road and one of these dogs could do something, and I
11 think it ultimately could come back on the county of
12 Wilkes.

13 (Brief Pause.)

14 THE COURT: Sir, did you want to add
15 something?

16 MR. CHRIS SCHINDLER: I'm Chris Schindler.
17 I'm the Deputy Manager, Animal Fighting Law Enforcement,
18 Humane Society of the United States. Your Honor, I
19 basically agree with all the things that everyone else has
20 said. These dogs have been bred for generations upon
21 generations for a single purpose of animal fighting; the
22 puppies included.

23 They all have been bred to display those
24 traits of gameness and these things that dog fighters look
25 for. People don't come from all over the world to obtain

1 dogs from Ed Faron because, you know, they are just a
2 regular pit bull. They come to obtain dogs from him
3 because they are known for their capabilities in fighting.

4 You can't -- you know, even the puppies,
5 you know, as you have heard, have been displaying those --
6 you know, those tendencies to start fighting with each
7 other, and that's something you are going to see as they
8 grow older.

9 Most of these dogs, you won't know their
10 true capability until they are at least 18 months old.
11 These guys don't even test them for fighting purposes until
12 they are 18 months old. So the likelihood of being able to
13 hold these dogs until they are almost two years old to find
14 out how dangerous they may be is unrealistic. I mean,
15 housing them just for now has cost, you know, maybe more
16 than \$60,000, just to hold them until now, to this point.

17 I mean, these dogs, they are not on the
18 same level. You know, people speak about the Michael Vick
19 dogs. Those dogs have not even been rehabilitated.

20 (Brief Pause.)

21 (Proceeding concluded at 10:52 a.m.)

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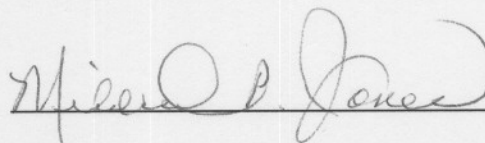
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3 CERTIFICATE

4 I, Mildred P. Jones, the officer before whom the
5 foregoing proceeding was taken, do hereby certify that said
6 hearing, Pages 1 through 4, is a true, correct, and
7 verbatim transcript of said proceeding.

8 I further certify that I am neither counsel for,
9 related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the
10 action in which this proceeding was heard; and, further,
11 that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or
12 counsel employed by the parties thereto, and am not
13 financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the
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