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## Woman pleads guilty to animal cruelty in Lansing dogfighting case

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LANSING -- One of two people charged following a dogfighting investigation that spanned two counties has pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Synquiss Tairee-Devon Antes, 26, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty in front of Judge Frank DeLuca. Antes originally faced nine felony counts of animal fighting and one 90-day misdemeanor count of having an unlicensed dog.

Antes will be sentenced on Nov. 27. She faces up to a year in jail, probation, community service and a possible prohibition on dog ownership.

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Antes and her father, 47-year-old Corey Devon Henry, were arraigned in early August in connection to a dogfighting investigation that led to the seizure of 52 dogs.

Antes and Henry's cases specifically related to 11 of the 52 dogs seized in a series of raids in April, May and July.

Henry, who was charged with several animal fighting and animal cruelty counts, waived his preliminary examination Tuesday, according to court records. His case will proceed to circuit court.

Five of the 11 dogs seized from Antes and Henry were euthanized because they were pedigreed fighting dogs and one was euthanized because it bit an animal control employee, according to John Dinon, director for Ingham County Animal Control.

Another four dogs were evaluated and likely will be sent to a rescue with experience in rehabilitating fighting dogs, Dinon said. The 11th dog was given to Ingham County Animal Control Tuesday as part of Antes' plea agreement.

Of the other 31 dogs in the custody of Ingham County Animal Control, one was euthanized because of a medical condition and 30 are being held as evidence. Ten other dogs are in the custody of Eaton County Animal Control.

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