



## Trainer arrested for felony animal cruelty

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The Washington County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of a Ponce De Leon man on 37 counts of felony animal cruelty in one of the most disturbing cases of cruelty to animals the Washington County Sheriff's Office has ever investigated.

On the evening of Friday, October 29, gaming officials responded to Ebro Greyhound Park after receiving complaints by residents in reference to the smell of decaying animals coming from the kennels on site. After arriving and assessing the status of the animals, gaming officials immediately contacted Washington County Sheriff's Office.



Investigators with WCSO responded to the scene and found 37 dogs in the kennels. Of the 37 dogs, only four were found alive, but near death. Three of the dogs had duct tape around their necks and had to be cut away to allow them to breathe. All four surviving dogs were treated by veterinarians on site.

Ronald John Williams, 36-year-old white male of Ponce De Leon, was arrested and charged with 37 counts of felony cruelty to animals. Williams was transported to Washington County Jail where he is being held on \$54,000 bond.

Photos of the mistreated animals may be very disturbing to some readers, and have therefore been included on a separate page. If you wish to view them, you may [click here](#).