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14-year-old Charged in Dog Fighting Case

FLINT - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has charged a 14-year-old Flint resident with two criminal counts related to the recently publicized dog fighting case on E. Bishop Avenue in the City of Flint.

Count one is torturing animals which is a 4-year felony and carries possible fines of up to \$5,000 for a single animal plus \$2,500 for each additional animal up to a maximum fine of \$20,000.

Count two is dog fighting which is also a 4-year felony and carries possible fines up to \$50,000 and/or community service up to 1,000 hours.

"This is a very serious matter," said Prosecutor Leyton. "We do not take such cases lightly and we will be pursuing the best course of action under the law in the pursuit of justice," he said.

"I wish Michigan law provided harsher penalties under the circumstances," he added.

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