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**SANDRA AND ALLAN QUICK SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY CONVICTIONS**

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney John P. Sugg announced today that Sandra and Allan Quick were ordered to serve 10 years in prison followed by 5 years of supervised probation following a lengthy sentencing hearing before the Honorable Angie K. Schneider on October 1, 2018.

An Otero County jury found the Quicks guilty of six counts of third degree felony child abuse following a four-day trial in March of this year. The Quicks were scheduled to go to trial on 30 counts of animal cruelty in May of this year, but subsequently changed their pleas from not guilty to no contest to eight counts of extreme animal cruelty and twenty-two counts of animal cruelty on the morning of the jury trial. Under court rules, a defendant may change his or her plea from not guilty to guilty or no contest at any time during the proceedings. There was no plea agreement with the State.

On December 5, 2015, Lee Wilder, who worked as a deputy for the Otero County Sheriff's Office at the time, conducted a welfare check on the Quicks' six children. Wilder testified that the deplorable living conditions were some of the worst he had seen in his 20-year career as a law enforcement officer. Wilder's investigation revealed that the Quicks were living inside of a recreational vehicle located on the property with their six children, and Sandra Quick's cousin, Ryan Boggs.

In addition to the nine people living in the RV, the Quicks allowed four dogs and several cats to live inside the RV. The children were filthy and sick with upper respiratory infections. Wilder described the smell as a mixture of urine, feces, body odor and moldy clothes and testified that the conditions were some of the worst he had seen in his career. Each child was subsequently taken to a local hospital for treatment and diagnosed with failure to thrive.

On December 14, 2015, an Animal Control Officer working with the Otero County Sheriff's Office, along with members of animal rescue organizations, went to the Quicks' residence to take possession of an unknown number of dogs and cats which had been neglected. The Quicks had been operating a business called K-9 and Feline Assistance at the time in which they would obtain animals from

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county and city animal shelters and then attempt to adopt the animals out to members of the public for a profit.

When the group of workers and the ACO arrived to the 42-acre tract of land located southwest of Tularosa, they discovered twenty-two dogs which were extremely emaciated along with several cats in need of veterinary care. As the rescue workers were collecting the animals, a worker discovered a deceased dog. After obtaining a search warrant, the Otero County Sheriff's Office recovered the remains of eight additional dogs that had been hidden on the property. The dogs had been locked in their crates without food or water. Evidence indicated some of the dogs had been poisoned and at least one dog had been shot.

The Quicks were facing nearly 52 years in prison at sentence, and the prosecution urged the Court to impose a 25-year prison sentence citing concerns about the welfare of the Quicks now-8 children. The courtroom was nearly full to capacity with members of the public urging the Court to impose a stiff sentence.

The Court sentenced the Quicks to 51 years and 343 days, but suspended 41 years and 343 days of the sentence on the condition that the Quicks serve five years of supervised probation upon their release from prison. The Quicks will not be permitted to have unsupervised contact with any minor child under the age of 13, including their children, and they will not be allowed to own or possess any animals as conditions of their probation. The Quicks were ordered to turn themselves in to the Otero County Detention Center on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 to begin serving their 10-year prison sentence.

These cases were prosecuted by District Attorney John P. Sugg and were investigated by the Otero County Sheriff's Office.

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