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CHARGES FILED AGAINST VENEMOUS SNAKE OWNER

LONG BEACH, Calif. – Last summer, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) along with Ventura County Sherriff’s Department investigated a resident illegally housing venomous snakes on a residential property. Recently, criminal charges have been filed by the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office, against Todd Kates, who owned the cobras and other venomous snakes seized last summer.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is thankful for the work done by the Ventura County District Attorney and Sheriff’s Department. DACC prioritizes public safety, and closely monitored the progress of this investigation due the significant threat to public safety. We will continue to do so as the case is brought to court. DACC strongly discourages any resident from owning or keeping dangerous reptiles that can cause harm to the community, and are kept against lawful regulations.

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