

SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

Hawaii is one of just eight states without felony-level penalties for cockfighting, and the activity is widespread though largely clandestine on the islands. Fights occur on multiple islands, but particularly so on plantations in rural areas.

Hawaii has an anti-cockfighting provision, but it mainly applies to the organizers of fights. To have a more comprehensive and effective statute, the state should have a stronger prohibition on the fighting itself and should ban possessing fighting animals or attending a cockfight. The statute, as it exists, says that "(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly: (d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to, any place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used."

Hawaii is near the center of the Pacific Ocean, and it's both a destination and a stopover point for fighting birds. There is a brisk trade in fighting animals from the United States to the Philippines, Vietnam, and until recently, to Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands. Birds shipped to Hawaii from other states come in barren boxes, without food or water often on a multi-day journey, they are illegally transported through the U.S. mail. The animals are fraudulently described as "brood fowl," when in fact they are destined for fighting pits.

This recent AWA investigation reveals illegal shipments of fighting animals to Guam. A review of avian shipping records to Guam from U.S states found more than 500 probable illegal shipments of fighting birds during a five-year period ending in 2022. There were 137 Guamanians who imported over 11,500 fighting birds onto Guam, and 71 "exporters" who sent birds from U.S. states to Guam. Hawaii cockfighters accounted for the largest number of total shippers, even as a small number of exporters from Oklahoma and California sent more birds. Given that Guam has no commercial poultry production, or a show-bird circuit, there's no other logical explanation for this large volume of rooster shipments.

Cockfighters have long falsely claimed that "we are only gamefowl breeders," as if training, possessing, and selling birds for fighting purposes is a legally accepted business strategy. Based on our investigation, we have reason to believe that the individuals named in this report are engaged in prohibited activities and are at the center of world-wide trafficking of fighting animals. We examined satellite images of their farms, captured social media posts and images explicitly demonstrating involvement in illegal animal fighting ventures, and even obtained video providing tours of their farms and marketing their birds to the Philippines. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured U.S gamefowl farms showcasing

their fighting birds, and in 2020, AWA and AWF reviewed six separate broadcasts advertising gamefarms in Hawaii.

These individuals below are suspected of collectively raising tens of thousands of fighting animals and then selling the birds to other jurisdictions and profiting in the millions off those allegedly illegal sales. We list multiple individuals with farms and allege that they are involved in illegal cockfighting operations. We provided detailed evidence that supports our concerns about their activities.

While all states ban cockfighting, with 42 allowing for felony-level penalties for perpetrators, most states also ban possessing fighting birds and attending a cockfight. While Hawaii's law is one of the weakest in the nation, cockfighters there still face tremendous legal jeopardy because of U.S. law. The United States bans cockfighting itself everywhere in the country and it also makes a wide range of associated activities a felony.

A new federal provision went into effect on December 20, 2019 that makes a ban on cockfighting a felony offense in every part of the United States, including the Pacific-based territories of the United States. It has been illegal since 2002 to ship fighting animals from any state to any other jurisdiction, whether a state, territory, or other nation.

Under federal law, it is a crime to:

- Knowingly sponsoring or exhibiting in an animal fighting venture;
- Knowingly attending an animal fighting venture, or knowingly causing an individual who has not attained the age of 16 to attend an animal fighting venture;
- Knowingly buying, selling, possessing, training, transporting, delivering, or receiving any animal for purposes of having the animal participate in an animal fighting venture;
- Knowingly using the mail service of the U.S. Postal Service, or any "written, wire, radio televisions or other form of communications in, or using a facility of, interstate commerce," to advertise an animal for use in an animal fighting venture, or to advertise a knife, gaff, or other sharp instrument designed to be attached to the leg of a bird for us in an animal fighting venture, or to promote or in any other manner further an animal fighting venture except as performed outside the U.S.;
- Knowingly selling, buying, transporting, or delivering in interstate or foreign commerce "a knife, a gaff, or any other sharp instrument" designed or intended to be attached to the leg of a bird for us in an animal fighting venture.

Penalties for each violation of any one of these provisions allows for a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for perpetrators, except for an adult attending an animal fighting

venture. Penalties for adult attendance are 1 year in prison and a \$5,000 fine. An "animal fighting venture" involves "a fight conducted or to be conducted between at least 2 animals for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment, except that the term animal fighting venture

shall not be deemed to include any activity the primary purpose of which involves the use or one or more animals in hunting another animal."

This table lists all exporters per the records received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture. The largest exporters and most well-known gamefarms are summarized in this report.

Rank Exporter Last, First # of Roosters Exported Address, City, State, Zip										
8	Kagimoto	Erwin/Sam	340	910 Kulaloa Rd	Hilo	НІ	96720			
10	Staszkow	Christian	227	151644 Poha Avenue	Keaau	НІ	96749			
12	Torres	Richard	166	PO Box 2638	Kamuela	HI	96743			
13	Hashimoto	Donovan	162	21B Kalanianaole Avenue	Hilo	HI	96720			
16	Mandawe	Joseph	130	66 Anuenue Street	Hilo	HI	96720			
28	Galiza	Eddie	51	PO Box 877	Haleiwa	HI	96712			
30	Sato	Sanford	48	41-1641A Kalanianaole Hwy	Waimanalo	HI	96765			
31	Botelho	Jason	45	55-780 Hawi Road	Hawi	HI	96719			
32	Jarneski	Kelvin	38	64-5208 Alanui Ohana Place	Kamuela	HI	96743			
33	Inn	Edward	35	4778 Likni Street	Honolulu	НІ	96818			
38	Lapina	Eugene	25	PO Box 1515	Pahoa	НІ	96778			
39	Llanes	Bernie	24	PO Box 2269	Kealakekua	HI	96750			
40	Patao	James	24	18-8197 North Kulani Road	Mt. View	HI	96771			
44	Jugas	Randy	20	350 Ward Avenue #106	Honolulu	HI	96814			
47	Torres	Romeo	20	92-267 Hoalii Place	Kapolei	HI	96743			
48	Saniatan	Dennis	15	21B Kalanianaole Ave	Hilo	HI	96720			
52	Kaohu	Ryan	12	816 Ihi Ihi Avenue	Wahiwa	НІ	96786			
53	Lupina	Eugene	12	87-1665 Paakea Road	Waianae	HI	96705			
56	Tanaka	Randal	10	66-947 Kuewa Drive	Waialua	НІ	96791			
58	Uchima	Roger	8	PO Box 251	Honolulu	HI	96728			
59	Etrata	Sid Jr.	2	PO Box 1515	Pahoa	НІ	96778			
60	Cambra	John	1	47-929 Kamakoi Road	Kaneohe	НІ	96744			

While researching the above exporters, several additional larger gamefarms were uncovered in Hawaii who are also involved in the cockfighting trafficking industry. Hawaiian authorities should investigate their locations further.

Au	Bryson			HI	
Ibanez	Chris		Waianae	HI	
Joseph	Gino		Oahu	HI	
Pocock	Stoney		Waimanalo	HI	
Lowry	Vernon	85-1256 D Waianae Valley Rd	Waianae	HI	

PROFILES

ERWIN AND SON SAM KAGIMOTO

910 Kulaloa Rd., Hilo, HI 96720

Erwin and Sam Kagimoto have shipped over 300 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

One tell-tale sign that birds are used for fighting are the prices they're sold for, and their worth This is an article about a lawsuit Kagimoto filed when neighbor's dogs killed their roosters, 2017: https://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/2017/02/19/hawaii-news/gamecock-breeders-cry-foul-lawsuit-over-dead-chickens-seeks-almost-200k/

- The dogs killed 23 roosters and 3 hens
- The suit pegs the estimated cost for replacing the roosters at \$9,775 and the breeder hens at \$4,380. In addition, the Kagimotos estimate the production loss of the hens within a five-year period to be \$140,250, and the projected revenue loss during the three years needed to raise the breeder hens to productivity at \$14,038.

Satellite picture of his property



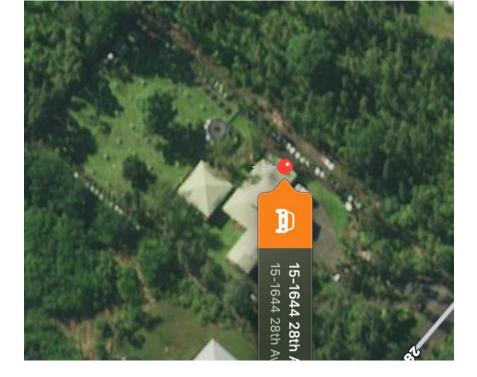
CHRISTIAN STASZKOWO 15-1644 28TH Ave, Keaau, HI 96749

Christian Staszkow has shipped over 200 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

This is an article regarding a possible arrest of Staszkow during a cockfighting raid: https://www.hawaiipolice.com/11-arrested-in-cockfight-raid-02-01-01

• Officers recovered 20 dead or injured gamecocks and 20 other gamecocks that had leg bands identifying matching birds to be fought.

Satellite picture of his property



RICHARD TORRES

Triple T Gamefarm
PO Box 2638, Kamuela, HI 96743
808.990.0651

Richard Torres has shipped over 150 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/richard.torres.75

Video of an interview he did for Tukaan in 2014: https://vimeo.com/789900409 (awaroosters)

- When asked what he likes about them he stated, "Just the beauty, their courage, the
 way they, you know, no matter what they'll continue fighting even if they're chopped
 up, you know, chopped up to pieces and they just keep coming, you know,
 determination."
- "...bred over a thousand chicks so over a thousand stags."
- "The thing that gives me the most pride is when my customers call and they tell me that they won a derby."
- "Don't screw around with sickly chickens, get rid of them...you're not running a hospital. It'll cost you more money to try and heal chickens...don't waste your time with them."
- "People around the world know my name because of my chickens."



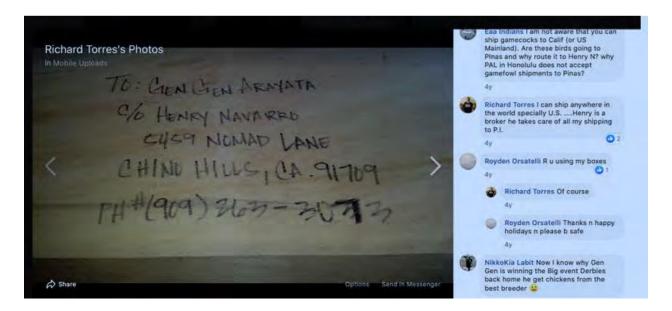
Using the USPS to ship birds.



"If your chickens don't win, nobody going to buy em'...we world wide" – Shipping birds for the purpose of cockfighting.



Describing shipping birds worldwide and using a broker to ship to the Philippines



EDDIE GALIZA

Pipeline Gamefarm 59-432 Kamehameha Hwy, Haleiwa, HI

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/edward.galiza.7

Eddie Galiza has shipped over 50 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.



Pipeline Gamefarm Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pipelinegamefowlfarm/

In an interview hosted by BNTV, he describes his fighting birds. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience. https://vimeo.com/789902878 (awaroosters)

- "...when I was working for lumbar shipyard we had just hack fighting."
- Host asks: "And you don't miss sabong, because you have sabong here." (sabong means cockfighting in Filipino) Galiza answers, "yes we do...".

Article from 2003 describes the federal law making it illegal to ship birds for the purpose of cockfighting. Galiza is interviewed:

http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2003/Apr/28/ln/ln05a.html.

- "The demand for fighting birds and the need to constantly fortify bloodlines with stock from diverse gene pools has made Hawai'i a unique and important gamecock breeding crossroads between Asia and Latin America, according to breeders here."
- "Galiza and his counterparts say that since more than half their sales come from birds shipped out of state, the law could drive a spur through their financial hearts. They also don't feel it's fair that they should be held responsible for what buyers do with their product."

SANFORD SATO

41-1641A Kalanianaole Hwy, Waimanalo, HI 96765

Sanford Sato has shipped almost 50 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

Satellite picture of his property



Jason Botelho

OER Farm 55-780 Hawi Rd, Hawi, HI 96719

Jason Botelho has shipped almost 50 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

OER Farm Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/oerfarms1

Using USPS to ship birds – the "671" is the area code for Guam.



KELVIN JARNESKI

64-5208 Alanui Ohana Place, Kamuela, HI 96743

Kelvin Jarnesky has shipped almost 40 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.





BERNIE LLANES

Aggressive Gamefarm 75-5437 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa, HI 96725-8621 808.936.8165 Bernie Llanes has shipped over 20 roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

Aggressive Gamefarm Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/AggressiveGamefarm-341992399329921/

Instagram page: @aggressivegamefarm

Shipping birds to the Philippines



His birds are bred and used for fighting



JAMES PATAO

18-8197 North Kulani Road, Mt. View, HI 96771

James Patao has shipped almost 30 roosters via U.S. mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057789645396

"training my sparring partner" – a child putting on the muffs used for sparring/training."



EUGENE LUPINA

87-1665 Paakea Road, Waianae, HI 96705

Eugene Lupina has shipped roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.



SID ETRATA

One Nation Gamefarm

PO Box 1515 Pahoa, HI (cannot locate physical address)

Sid Etrata has shipped roosters via U.S mail to Guam according to records we've received from the Guamanian Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sid Etrata Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089086894739



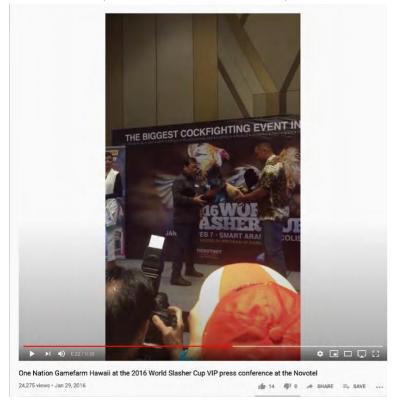
Participating in a cockfight in the Philippines. "Not much people can say they show in the pi. I'm very fortunate to say that I'm with Gerry Ramos fighting under "Hawaiian Sid"



Spectator at a fighting derby in Guam



Video of One Nation at the "World Slasher's Cup" cockfight in the Philippines, looks like they were winners (video has been taken down)



JOHN CAMBRA AKA BUTCH

Cambra Gamefowl Farm 47-929 Kamakoi Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744

Cambra Gamefowl Farm Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054351186355

Article from 2021 detailing the family's participation in cockfighting, family ties to local police departments, cover up and investigations.

https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/08/cockfights-and-corruption-how-police-arbitration-kept-this-cop-on-the-job/

- Cambra's case stems from a 2005 federal investigation into illegal gambling, cockfighting and drug trafficking on Oahu that involved nearly a dozen wiretaps and more than 80 search warrants.
- "This is a dark day for the Honolulu Police Department, obviously," Correa said. "The indictment of five Honolulu police officers is extremely disheartening and disappointing."
- According to court records, federal investigators believed Cambra's father, John Cambra
 III, was raising chickens for illegal cockfighting.
- He led an agent into the jungle about 20 to 30 yards away from his home and pointed to a bush where, according to the FBI, he'd tried to cover up the evidence with small branches and clumps of leaves.
- When Cambra was asked to explain himself, the records show he told one of the agents that he knew what he did was wrong, but that he was simply trying to protect his father.

Article from 2005 describing his participation in breeding and selling "fighting roosters": http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2005/Apr/02/ln/ln01p.html

- John Cambra, 53, a longtime state employee who lives on his family's 30-acre compound in Kahalu'u, grew up around gamebirds.
- Today he runs Cambra Game Fowl Farm/Onipa'a and sells fighting roosters to cockfighters in Guam, Latin America, Micronesia, Louisiana, Oklahoma, California and New Mexico.
- He made \$21,000 selling birds last year and he said the side business has helped him put two sons and a daughter through college. A 2003 federal law prohibits the interstate transportation of chickens for fighting purposes, so he has buyers sign affidavits saying they won't use the bird for fighting.
- He currently has about 500 chickens of various ages at his Kahalu'u farm, as well as ducks and pheasants. He also rents a two-acre farm in Louisiana, where fighting birds still is legal. Cambra

does all his fighting in Louisiana these days because he doesn't want to risk his legitimate business of selling birds, nor does he want to get his family in trouble.

• "My son's a policeman; my brother is a policeman; I don't want to jepordize them," he said.

Article from 2006 regarding an FBI investigation into cockfighting that lead to indictments: http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2006/Apr/07/In/FP604070357.html

• The second indictment alleges officer John Edwin Cambra IV and his father, John Edwin Cambra III, tried to prevent the FBI on June 21, 2005, from recovering cockfight gaffs from the family's farm during a search.

Winning a cockfight in 2019



At the 2019 World Slasher Cup in the Philippines



Participating in the 2020 World Slashers Cup.



In addition to the gamefarms listed previously in this report, the following breeders were identified as major players in the industry.

PROFILES

BRYSON AU

Red Raiders Gamefarm 808.600.1344

Bryson talks about shipping roosters from Hawaii to the Philippines in this interview with BNTV, and it sounds like they are openly fighting in derbies in Hawaii.

BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience. Bryson describes his fighting birds and shipping them. https://vimeo.com/789905486 (awaroosters)

- Host says, "So you been winning a lot on this side of town?" Au responds, "yes".
- "I spar everyday."
- "If I pick one on entry, I go spar them all the way until the day I fight...no rest."
- "I'm more of an aggressive fighter."
- "5 derbies this year so far."
- Host says, "...you still have a regular job?" Au responds, "Not right now. No, because I'm winning."
- "My kids walk with me in the pit."
- Host states, "taking about Hawaii and the Philippines. I heard that, number one, you have a five-minute limit...in the Philippines it's ten minutes, draw. Here, only five minutes, it's a draw." Au responds, "Yes".
- Host states, "...and then if you send gamecocks from Hawaii to the Philippines it's going
 to cost you a lot of money...so you send them by post office to California and then send
 it through Willy Dunca, or Henry Navarro, or Dom Corpus to the Philippines, it's a lot
 cheaper." Au responds, "Yes". (Note Domi Corpus is included in this report and is
 located in CA)



CHRIS IBANEZ

Ibanez Gamefarm Waianae, Hawaii 808-479-3398

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/mike.ibanez.9461

Interview he did on BNTV. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience. https://vimeo.com/809597676 (awaroosters)

- Host says, "...they like off season, off colored gamecocks...the blacks, the gold, the greys
 and of course a sprinkling of red." Ibanez says, "Just get different colors to spar the
 chickens to everything. Use it to fight in all different colors I guess."
- Host asks, "And which are good for the long knife?" Chris says, "I like the buliks and the greys...".
- Host asks, "Do you mean to say other than derbies you have hack fights here?" Chris says, "Yeah, we got hack fights here."
- Host asks, "But for the hack fights, is there any special prize?" Chris explains, "Just whatever you bet."





GINO JOSEPH

Oahu, HI

Interview he did on BNTV. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience.

https://vimeo.com/818163271 (awaroosters)

- Host says, "So you've been fighting gamefowl for a long time already?" Gino responds, "We call it elementary school, 9-10 years old."
- Host says, "So you breed them cousin to cousin mating?" Gino says, "I guess you could say that."
- "You know, there are some people here with really good roosters. There's a lot of people here, that are really good rooster men. What holds us down is the fact that we not supposed to be doing it here."
- "There is a lot of animal species that will fight but injured badly and maybe go off and die, you know, in an hour or two hours or what it may be so, it is a cycle of a lot of animals not just roosters, you know."
- Host asks, "You have a lot of neighbors that are in it small time." He says, "Yes, small time."



STONEY POCOCK

Stoney & Sons Gamefarm Waimanalo, HI 808-479-3149

Facebook page is private: https://www.facebook.com/stoneyandsons.gamefarm

In an interview hosted by BNTV, he describes his fighting birds and where he ships them. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience.

https://vimeo.com/789907139 (awaroosters)

Hosts describe this as the largest farm they've been to in Hawaii.

- "They do well here for as long as I can remember in the long knife." (talking about the pumpkin bloodline he has)
- Host asks, "What is your market?" He says, "Mostly local and Guam."
- "My brother he also breeds and fights also too...if he needs something then I give hm or vice versa. Just to help keep the birds just how we like them, you know, winning."

Stoney also calls John Cambra an uncle. (John Cambra is included in this report and is seen in this video) and he states that, "My brother he also breeds and fights also too...if he needs something then I give hm or vice versa. Just to help keep the birds just how we like them, you know, winning."



VERNON LOWRY

85-1256 D Waianae Valley Rd, Waianae, HI 808-258-8946

Interview he did on BNTV. BNTV is a cockfighting broadcaster in the Philippines whose hosts toured the U.S showcasing what they consider to be the best gamefowl farms, promoting their birds advertising them for their Filipino audience. https://vimeo.com/809599606 (awaroosters)

- "Far as their ability...high flying good cutting roosters, very game."
- "Very good for long knife."
- "Depends if I'm training roosters, then it takes longer." (discussing time spent on raising roosters)



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