

The Michael Vick Dogfighting Case

Read about former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick and the dogfighting charges brought against him.

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Michael Vick Signs With Eagles

Quarterback served 20 months for bankrolling a dogfighting ring and killing eight dogs. (08-14-09)

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Group Honored for Working With Vick Dogs

Best Friends Animal Society receives award for helping rehabilitate dogs used for fighting. (07-29-09)

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Michael Vick Conditionally Reinstated to NFL

One of the conditions of reinstatement is to work with an anti-dogfighting campaign. (07-28-09)

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Michael Vick Completes Dogfighting Sentence

The former Atlanta Falcons star is released from custody after serving a 23-month sentence. (07-21-09)

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Michael Vick Released From Prison

Former NFL star to serve two months of home confinement for dogfighting sentence. (05-20-09)

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Pit-Bull Ambassadors

Rescued from Michael Vick's dogfighting operation, these five pit bulls show their unquestionable love for people by giving back to their communities.

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Maker of Michael Vick Dog Chew Toy Sued

Internet-run business allegedly misrepresented proceeds would benefit animal charities. (04-13-09)

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Michael Vick Returning Home Soon

Vick will serve the remainder of his dogfighting-related sentence in home confinement. (03-07-09)

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Michael Vick Pleads Guilty to Dogfighting in Virginia

After plea on state charges, Vick may be eligible for early release from jail. (11-26-08)

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New Series Features Vick Dogfighting Drama

Animal Planet's investigative report gives an in-depth look at the case, recovery of dogs. (08-23-08)

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Michael Vick's Former Dogs Recovering

The majority of the rescued dogs were deemed fit to be around people and are undergoing rehabilitation. (01-31-08)

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Michael Vick in Jail Early for Dogfighting

Disgraced former quarterback surrenders three weeks before formal sentencing on dogfighting charge. (11-21-07)

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Dog Lovers Celebrate Michael Vick Animal Awareness Day

Baseball fans and pet owners celebrated dogs and protested Michael Vick at a California minor league baseball game. (07-31-07)

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Investigation Continues in Michael Vick Dogfighting Case

Informant claims Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick attended several dogfights. (06-02-07)

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Other headlines from Michael Vick's dogfighting investigation, plea, and sentencing.

Vick Sentenced to 23 Months for Dogfighting

Michael Vick, once one of the highest paid players in the National Football League, was sentenced to 23 months in prison for financing a dogfighting ring and helping to kill pit bulls that did not fight aggressively, CNN reports.

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Michael Vick Tests Positive for Marijuana; Judge Imposes New Restrictions

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback tested positive for marijuana earlier this month, a violation of the conditions of his release. On Wednesday, the judge ordered him confined to his home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., USA Today reports.

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Vick Indicted by State Grand Jury in Dogfighting Case

A Virginia grand jury brought additional charges against Michael Vick on Tuesday for killing dogs and promoting dogfights based on the crimes committed in Surry County. He's scheduled for arraignment on the new charges Oct. 3, CNN reports.

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Big Dog Spanks Michael Vick

Big Dog Sportswear crafted a new line of T-shirts bearing designs that ridicule the former NFL quarterback, including an illustration of the company's mascot dog dressed in an Uncle Sam outfit spanking a squalling Vick, the Santa Barbara Independent reports.

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Chewed Up Vick Cards Sell for Thousands on eBay

The eBay auction for 22 Michael Vick football cards, chewed up and slobbered on by two Missouri dogs, ended Wednesday as the winning bidder dished out \$7,400, with the money expected to be donated to the Humane Society, USA Today reports.

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Dogs From Vick's Kennel Must Pass Behavior Test

The fates of the dogs seized from a property owned by Michael Vick hinge on the recommendations from certified animal behaviorists; prosecutors have asked the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to evaluate the 53 pit bulls taken from Vick's kennel, The New York Times reports

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Michael Vick Enters Guilty Plea

Vick formally pleaded guilty to federal dogfighting charges on Monday in Richmond, Va., where he apologized for his actions, the Washington Post reports.

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Woman Seeks to Save Vick's Dogs

A Georgia woman doesn't want to see the dogs seized from Michael Vick's property die; she wants them to be neutered and have their teeth pulled so they're no longer a threat, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Vick Pleads Guilty in Dogfighting Case

A judge accepted Michael Vick's guilty plea Monday to a federal dogfighting charge and scheduled a Dec. 10 sentencing date that could send the fallen NFL superstar to prison, the Associate Press reports.

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NFL Suspends Vick Indefinitely

Michael Vick is suspended indefinitely from the NFL after he admitted in federal court papers filed Friday that he and two others killed dogs that did not fight well, CNN reports.

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Vick Admits Dog Killing, Conspiracy

NFL Star Michael Vick has admitted that he and two co-conspirators killed dogs that did not fight well in papers filed Friday with a federal court in Virginia, CNN reports.

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Vick's Dad Traces Dogs To Son's Childhood

Michael Vick's estranged father tells how his son was fascinated with animals and would join other neighborhood kids in setting loose a dog every so often to watch it chase a cat around a nearby lumberyard, the Washington Post reports.

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Vick Likely Will Face More Charges in Virginia

A prosecutor in Virginia who is investigating dogfighting allegations against Michael Vick said he plans to seek additional state charges against the Atlanta Falcons quarterback and his three co-defendants, but is first awaiting the results of Vick's scheduled guilty plea in federal court, the Washington Post reports.

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NAACP Official: Vick Shouldn't Be Banned from NFL

The head of the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP said that the Atlanta Falcons quarterback has made mistakes, but they shouldn't cost him his football career, CNN reports.

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In the Doghouse: Will Michael Vick Ever Play Again?

Contrition, experts say, is the only way for Michael Vick to revive his career, ABC News reports.

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Atlanta Falcons Will 'Deal With' Loss of Vick

The football team's coach and players issue comments regarding Michael Vick's plea deal, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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At Atlanta Shelter, Vick Jerseys Are Going to the Dogs

About a dozen Atlanta Falcons football jerseys bearing Michael Vick's name have been put to use as animal bedding and as rags to clean up dogs' messes, USA Today reports.

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Seized Dogs Awaiting Claims

Anyone who has an ownership stake in one of the 53 pit bulls removed from Michael Vick's property this year has until Thursday to file a claim. So far, no one has stepped forward, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Vick Agrees to Plead Guilty

Michael Vick has agreed to plead guilty to the federal dogfighting charges against him under a deal reached Monday between his attorneys and prosecutors, The Washington Post reports.

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Vick's Dogs Facing Euthanization

The federal government is preparing to dispose of the dogs seized from Michael Vick's property during its investigation into a dogfighting operation, The Hartford Courant reports.

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Remaining Vick Co-Defendants Plead Guilty

Two co-defendants in the Michael Vick dogfighting case pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge Friday (Aug. 17) in federal court and agreed to "fully cooperate" with prosecutors building a case against Michael Vick, The Washington Post reports.

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NFL Commissioner Still Gathering Facts for Vick Decision

Commissioner Roger Goodell says the NFL has given Michael Vick no advance word on what league discipline he might face if he makes a deal with prosecutors, USA Today reports.

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Pressure on Vick to Make the Right Call

USA Today sports columnist Christine Brennan says it's time for Vick to decide whether or not to plead guilty to dogfighting charges.

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Legal Analyst Says Vick's Options Are Clear

Defense attorney says he should go to trial if he's innocent and plea bargain if he's guilty, USA Today reports.

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Michael Vick's Attorneys Negotiating Plea Deal Over Dogfighting Charges

Vick's attorneys are negotiating a plea deal with federal prosecutors ahead of new charges that are expected to come down next week after Vick's co-defendants prepare to enter guilty pleas, Fox News reports.

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NFL Denies Imminent Michael Vick Decision

The league office says the process will take several more weeks, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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NFL Turned Upside Down by Facets of Vick Case

The Michael Vick dogfighting case has ramifications on many levels, including the team, the fans and the commissioner, USA Today reports.

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Vick Dogfighting Case Might Be Teaching Tool

The charges could be used to teach children about behavior and consequences, the Daily Press (Virginia) reports.

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SCLC Ditches Michael Vick Tribute

Initially planning to honor Vick at its annual convention, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference decides against it, WXIA-TV (Atlanta) reports.

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Biting Wit Comes at Vick's Expense

A Florida company is marketing dog chew toys in Michael Vick's likeness, the Atlanta Journal Constitution reports.

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Letters to the Editor: Legal Strategy Doesn't Help Michael Vick's Defense

A reader comments on Vick's attorneys' decision to request a trial delay to prepare their case, USA Today reports.

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Why the NAACP Is Supporting Michael Vick

An NAACP official explains why the civil rights group cautions against a rush to judgment on the dogfighting charges, Newsweek reports.

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SCLC Makes Plans to Honor Michael Vick

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will recognize and honor Vick at its annual convention, amidst the dogfighting charges, The Atlanta-Journal Constitution reports.

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Pivotal Date for Michael Vick May Come Before Trial Begins

Vick could officially be cut from Atlanta Falcons on Oct. 1, the Atlanta Journal Constitution reports.

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Rawlings Sports Goods Ends Relationship with Michael Vick

Officials at Rawlings announced they will no longer use Vick's image for promotions or sales due to dogfighting allegations, USA Today reports.

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While Government Makes Case, Dogs Remain in Confinement

Dogs seized from Michael Vick's property are currently sheltered in kennels, their fate undecided, The New York Times reports.

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Co-Defendant Pleads Guilty and Backs Case Against Vick

Tony Taylor outlines his involvement, and says he scouted dogfighting property for Vick, according to the New York Times.

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NFL Network Intercepts Sanders' Attempts to Write About Vick

The NFL Network asks Deion Sanders to stop writing about Vick after his column drew criticism; the network has exclusive use of Sanders' image and opinions regarding NFL matters, USA Today reports.

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Vick Appears in Court and Unlikely to Play

The likelihood of Michael Vick playing football this season grows dimmer as he prepares for his November 26 dogfighting trial, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Vick's Co-Defendant Strikes Plea Deal, Agrees to Help Prosecutors

Tony Taylor pleads guilty today to dogfighting conspiracy charges, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Reebok, Nike Suspend Sales of Vick Products

Reebok allows retail outlets to return unsold products, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Without Contact, Vick Takes Hit in the Pocket

Nike suspends Vick's endorsement contract without pay, the New York Times reports.

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Vick Pleads Not Guilty to Dogfighting Charges

A trial has been set for November 26 in the case involving professional quarterback Michael Vick, CNN reports.

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Michael Vick Indicted on Dogfighting Charges

A Federal Grand Jury issued an 18-page indictment against Michael Vick and three others.

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Vick Arraignment to Attract Crowd

Animal activists planned to demonstrate outside Virginia courthouse where Michael Vick faced dogfighting charges, USA Today reports.

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Not Everybody Is Against Vick

While animal activists demonstrated at Michael Vick's hearing, supporters of the professional athlete also showed their support, USA Today reports.

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Racecar Driver Urges Prison for Vick

NASCAR driver Greg Biffle, founder of the Greg Biffle Foundation for Animals, hopes authorities make an example out of Michael Vick to deter others from dogfighting, USA Today reports.

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Prosecutors, Hometown Residents See Different Sides of Vick

Residents of the poor, crime-ridden neighborhood Michael Vick grew up in see the athlete as a generous benefactor, USA Today reports.

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Don't Be Too Quick To Judge Vick

Former football superstar Deion Sanders addresses the Vick controversy in his Southwest Florida News Press column.

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Vick Goes to Court While Falcons Go to Camp

As Michael Vick enters not-guilty plea and apologizes to his mother, his teammates open training camp amid circus of demonstrators, the New York Times reports.

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