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Neenach Man Pleads to Criminal Threats, Cruelty to Animals

A man who was discovered with multiple firearms and 12 starving Chihuahuas in his Neenach property pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ignacio Jesus Adame (dob 9/5/75) entered pleas to one count of criminal threats and three counts each of possession of firearm by a felon and cruelty to an animal.

Deputy District Attorney Amarilla Blondia said Adame was immediately sentenced to seven years in state prison as a result of the negotiated plea.

On Nov. 21, 2018, the defendant threatened to shoot water company employees who went to his property to disconnect the meter, according to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing.

When deputies executed a search warrant at the home as a result of the threat, they discovered the starving dogs, 23 firearms, large capacity magazines and thousands of rounds of ammunition, the prosecutor said.

Once the dogs were seized by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, they were nursed back to health and were eventually adopted.

Case PA091902 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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