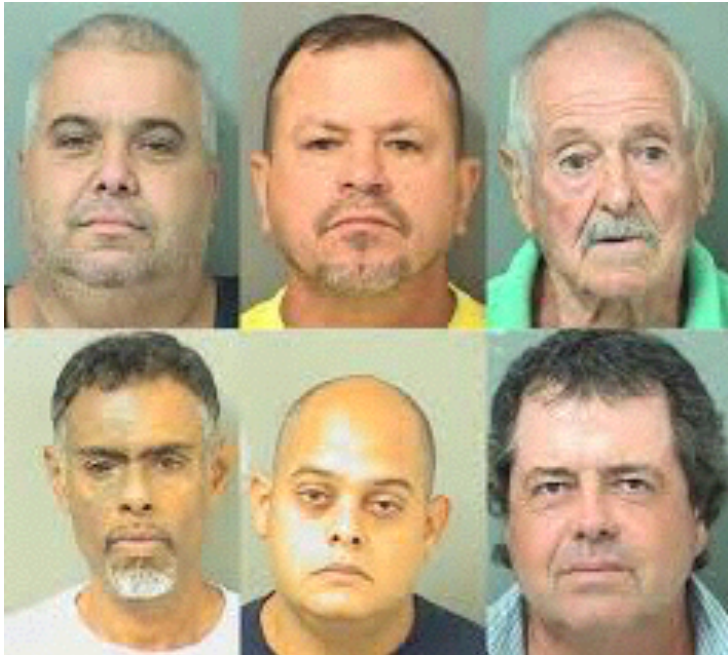




Animal Cruelty Suspects Charges Detailed

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LOXAHATCHEE (CBS12) - The allegations of animal cruelty and illegal slaughter taking place on Loxahatchee area farms, shocked neighbors and the community as a whole.

On Wednesday, three of the men arrested in Tuesday's raids on the three farms appeared before a judge.

The other three, including the two arrested at Rancho Garcia in The Acreage, had bonded out of jail already.

No one answered the door at Rancho Garcia.

Later, a man riding by on a bike appeared to be Rafael Ramirez, one of the accused.

A CBS12 crew ran after him, but he declined comment.

We also spotted Jorge Garcia, the other man arrested here. He told us to leave.

Among those appearing before a judge were Jose Reyes and farm owner Monieram Rathibhan, from Medina Farm in Loxahatchee Groves.

Edgar Bica, Junior, one of two arrested at GA Paso Fino Farm, also in Loxahatchee Groves, also faced the judge. Bica's 83-year-old father had earlier bonded out.

No one came to the door at the address listed on the Bica's arrest report. A private group Animal Recovery Mission said it went undercover at the three farms, shooting video, documenting illegal practices.

The arrest reports, obtained by CBS12, show the charges stem from specific acts of goats having their throats slit, or being skinned, while still alive. One arrest report said the animal was not "Stunned, sedated, shocked or shot with a firearm in the head in a humane way."

Ramirez was also charged with possession of horse meat for human consumption. His arrest report documents and alleged transaction.