

Fourth Suspect Arrested In Illegal Slaughterhouse Case

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A goat resting at Kindred Spirits Sanctuary in Ocala.

Last week, *New Times* brought you the story of Doral's Coco Farm, an illegally operated slaughterhouse that was recently shut down by Miami-Dade law enforcement and Animal Recover Mission (ARM). The 70-acre "farm" was not nearly as idyllic as its name suggested.

Animals were bought and slaughtered in the presence of customers; stabbed with rusty blades and sometimes boiled or skinned while still alive.

Thankfully, the "farm" is no more. Last week, Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) and Miami-Dade law enforcement raided the location, arresting the owners and saving more than 9,500 badly abused animals. The operation was the largest rescue of its kind in the United States, ever, says Richard "Kudo" Couto, ARM founder.

At the time of initial raid, Miami-Dade police arrested two men: Gregorio Santa Ana, 69, and Jose Armando Solis, 35. Santa Ana was charged with multiple counts of cruelty to animals and illegally confining and shackling animals. Solis was charged with five counts of cruelty to animals and with illegal confinement.

After the raid, Miami-Dade police were still seeking two other men. One man, Ruben M. Rodriguez, turned himself in last week, he was also charged with cruelty and confinement. Now the police have arrested the last suspect.

Henry Gustavo Parra Oporta, 37, has been charged with 10 counts of animal cruelty with intent to kill, five counts of cruelty to animals and one count of illegally confining them without food or water. He is being held on a \$185,000 bond.