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Dairy Cows living in dismal Conditions at Florida Based Burnham Dairy Farm

Felony Charges Requested After Stunning Video Reveals The Hidden Secrets of Dairy



A press conference will be held on Thursday, Nov 16th, 2017 at the following address:

Start Time: 10:30 a.m.

**Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
Deerfield Beach - Boca Raton
Hillsboro Room**

100 Fairway Dr, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

BOCA RATON, FLA, November 16, 2017 - The Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) today released shocking footage from a surveillance video acquired by its undercover investigators at the Burnham Dairy Farm, located in Okeechobee, Florida. The video captures the secret realities of torment inflicted on dairy cows at those farms trusted to supply some of the largest brands and grocery stores, like Publix. Exclusive video of this investigation can be viewed by clicking on this link: <http://vimeo.com/242957151>

In August 2017, an undercover ARM Investigator successfully secured employment at Burnham Dairy. In the course of their employment, the individual captured and documented the extensive and widespread abuse and neglect of dairy cows on the farm. ARM is requesting immediate action to hold those documented during the investigation accountable for their crimes. This includes charging Randy Burnham, Burnham Dairy owner and location boss, with a third-degree felony for having control of the

dairy cows at the Burnham barn and failing to act upon his employees. Charges are also being sought against the dairy farm workers and their supervisors.

“The gaudily images of abuse recorded by the ARM undercover investigator and myself are horrific. The longterm torture to both mother and calf at the Burnham dairy will now resonate throughout the world. We at ARM are hopeful that justice will prevail.” said Richard Couto, Founder and Lead Investigator of ARM.

The Burnham Dairy is a small family owned dairy in the southeastern part of the United States. Randy Burnham sits on the Board of Directors for Florida Dairy Farmers and also leads the Florida Dairy Farmers Scientific Advisory Panel, which serves as a knowledge base for issues concerning the dairy industry in Florida. The dairy relies on Southeast Milk to distribute its raw milk daily. Within 24 to 48 hours the milk reaches the Publix dairy production plant where its branded milk is bottled and sold to consumers.

In order to produce milk at the Larson Dairy and keep up with demand, employees and cows alike are pushed to their limits. Employees are instructed by supervisors to use any means necessary to increase production. Dairy cows are repeatedly abused and tormented. As they make their way into the milking stations they are kicked and punched. Employees are filmed utilizing electric prods, long knotted lines, wet and knotted towels, belt like devices and metal clads to hit the cows.

The dairy cows and calves of Burnham Dairy are forced to live in unbearable conditions. They are filmed laying in mud and water. Their holding barns are covered in urine and feces. The calves are kept in enclosures with deceased calves. The milking barns’ walls and equipment are covered in feces. Deceased cows and calves are left decomposing by the hundreds in an open field near streams which run through the dumping site.

Portions of the video documenting the abuse are now publicly available at ARM’s website at www.animalrecoverymission.org and/or at www.secretsofdairy.org. ARM also has launched a series of outdoor billboards in the Miami and Palm Beach areas to further bring awareness to its investigation.

The Animal Recovery Mission is a non-profit animal cruelty investigative organization based in Miami Beach, Florida. The Animal Recovery Mission is dedicated to eliminating extreme animal cruelty operations world wide.

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For further comments and interviews with the founder and lead investigator of ARM, Richard “Kudo” Couto, contact Rachel Taylor at 305-807-6252 or taylor@arminvestigations.org More information about ARM also is available at animalrecoverymission.org.

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