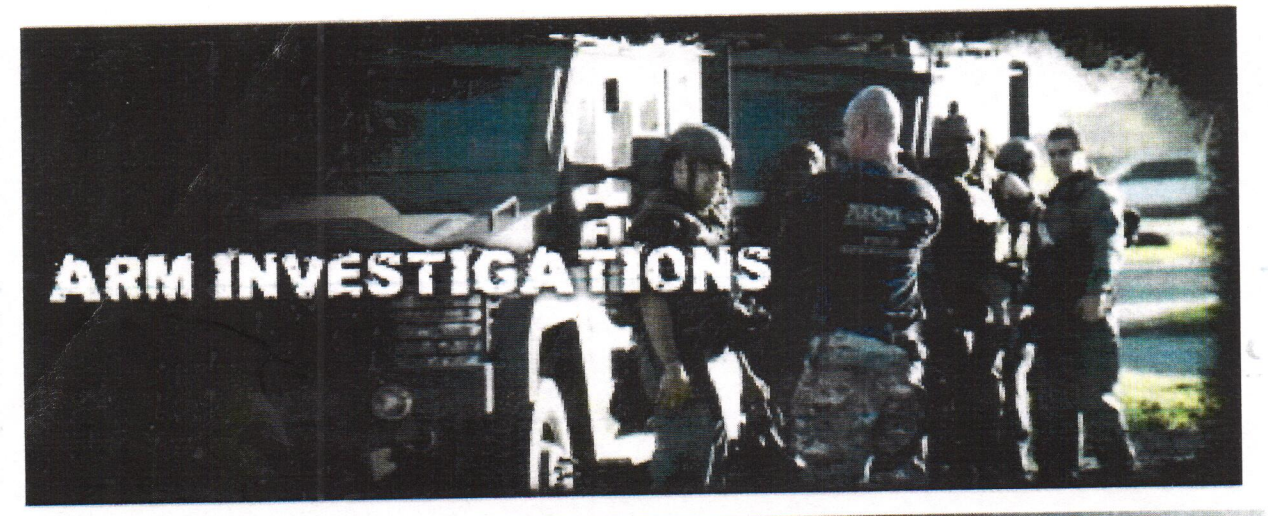
ANIMAL RECOVERY MISSION



Established in 2010, The Animal Recovery Mission is a non profit investigative organization dedicated to eliminating extreme animal cruelty operations worldwide. ARM stands out as a vanguard and uncompromising defending force for the welfare of animals. In addition, ARM strives to put an end to and preventing pain, suffering and torture inflicted as a result of inhumane practices.

The mission of the organization is to implement direct-action tactics to investigate, document and expose illegal activities of extreme animal cruelty. The organization's primary goals are to improve the quality of life for animals and to educate the public regarding animal cruelty, the practices that contribute to animal cruelty and illegal animal slaughter. Achieving these goals contribute to an increased awareness of the unforeseen ethical, social and environmental implications of animal abuse and produce effective changes in the treatment of defenseless animals.

Animal cruelty investigations taken on by ARM operatives include illegal animal slaughter farms, animal sacrifice operations, illegal horse sales and slaughter, and animal fighting operations. All of which are being conducted on the property explained in detail throughout this report. Since 2010, ARM's undercover investigations have led to the closure of up to 137 illegal animal cruelty operations in the state of Florida.

2015 ILLEGAL SLAUGHTER FARM RAIDS FLORIDA, USA

March 2015- COCO FARM

The first raid of 2015 was the largest illegal slaughter farm animal seizure in the history of the United States. Coco Farm was located in unincorporated Miami Dade County, Florida and the owner of the farm had claimed to be in operation for over 40 years.

On March 12, 2015, ARM, the Miami Dade County State Attorneys Office and the Miami Dade County Organized Crime Unit, raided the farm and the criminal offenders were immediately arrested. These employees were torturing and illegally killing goats, cows, pigs, and fowl. 10,000 animals were recovered on the day of the raid and rescued by ARM. All structures have since been destroyed and offenders are on house arrest awaiting trial.

October 2015- RANCHO GARCIA, G.A PASO FINO, MEDINA FARM

After investigating undercover in these farms for a 7 month period, ARM assisted in the raid of 3 farms in Palm Beach County, Florida on October 13, 2015. ARM delivered their undercover footage of extremely cruel and illegal animal treatment and slaughter to the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office and Palm Beach County Sheriffs office. A tactical strike force was assembled and the 3 farm raids were successfully executed simultaneously by ARM with the assistance of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, State Attorneys Office, and Animal Care and Control. Over 750 animals were rescued from the 3 farms and offenders are currently awaiting trial.

December 2015- OPERATON GAFFHOOK

To finish the year strong, ARM's undercover investigations led to the raiding of the fifth illegal animal slaughter farm of 2015. Operation Gaff Hook required ARM to conduct undercover investigations on the farm for 8 months. Brutal killings involving pigs and birds were executed regularly by a boyfriend and girlfriend operating team who were arrested on December 17, 2015. On this day ARM, the Miami Dade Police Department and the Miami Dade State Attorneys Office (Organized Crime Division) raided the property and all of the animals were seized. The couples operation has been shut down and the offenders are on home arrest and awaiting trial.

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Violations

Agriculture

Building and Zoning

Environmental

Inhumane animal handling

Inhumane animal slaughter

Inhumane animal transport

No food or water for animals

Operating a business without a license

Operation Roman



Status as of June 20, 2017:

On March 30th, 2017, two ARM Undercover (UC) Investigators arrived at 7300 Eastwood Acres Road, Fort Myers, FL 33905, posing as customers, to investigate complaints pertaining to the illegal slaughter of animals at the mentioned location. The farm at 7300 Eastwood Acres Road is being advertised as Rancho Antony & Roman and is associated with Rancho Las Delicias which is located at 7161 Eastwood Acres Road. Upon further research, the address 7300 Eastwood Acres Road does not appear on Sunbiz.org or other business websites as being an incorporation.

Property layout is as follows:

- Southeast corner of the property is the goat/sheep enclosure
- Northeast corner of the property is a bird enclosure
- Northwest corner of the property is the pig enclosure with a pond
- Southwest corner of the property is a small shack with the slaughter and butcher areas
- There is one large area at the corner of Buckingham Road and Eastwood Acres Road that contains one cow and one horse

The investigators approached the front of the house on the property because no one was present outside of the property. Before either of the investigators could knock on the front door, a Hispanic woman, approximately 60 years of age, 180lbs, and 5'6", answered the door. One of the investigators asked her if they sold ducks and she confirmed, but asked that the investigators wait as the people inside were finishing breakfast.

Within a few minutes, a gentleman (Hispanic, approx. 60 years of age, 5'8", and 182lbs) came out from the home and introduced himself as Romelio. Romelio led the investigators to the back of the property where they were allowed to choose two ducks for slaughter. Romelio grabbed the two ducks by their feet. The ducks could be seen in distress from how they were handling them. Romelio and the investigators took the two ducks to the front of the house where they were met by another gentleman Roman (whom is believed to be the owner of the farm). Romelio and Roman took a ride in a golf cart to the slaughter area, while the two investigators walked over to the area.

Romelio and Roman went to a large blue barrel, where Romelio held the first duck in place so that Roman could use a large kitchen knife to hack at the duck's neck (about four blows, leaving the head intact). The duck's neck was not completely severed and the duck was dropped into the barrel, where it could be seen thrashing as it bled out, clearly still alive. The same thing was done to the second duck. The ducks were left in the barrel while a large (approx. 5 gallon) pot was filled with water and heated. Romelio removed each of the ducks, one by one, and Roman finished severing their heads. The ducks were then placed into the pot of boiling water to soften their feathers before the de-feathering process. The ducks were then hand-plucked before being placed into a machine to finish de-feathering them. The ducks were then packaged and sold to the investigators for a total of $50.

A second visit was made to the farm on June 5th, 2017. Upon arrival, UC investigators could immediately notice maltreatment of the animals. The goats appeared malnourished and sick and there was no visible food or water. The feeding tables were turned upside down.

UC investigators made contact with a Hispanic male (approx. 6' tall, 200lbs, and between 40-50 years old) who identified himself as Osmany. He stated that he arrived from Cuba approximately seven months ago and works at the Rancho Las Delicias slaughter farm.

Osmany told UC investigators to pick out the goat the investigators wanted for slaughter. Osmany picked up the goat by its legs to bring to the slaughter area that was located at the rear of the property. The goat began to scream, visibly in discomfort and pain. Once in the slaughter area, using no method to stun the goat, Osmany sliced the goat's throat. The goat began to scream in pain and Osmany continued to slice across the goat's neck. Osmany then held the goat by the snout with his left hand, using his right hand to push down on the goat's head as though attempting to break off the goat's head. During this time, the goat continued to scream in pain. Osmany released the goat and let it lie in its own blood while thrashing in attempt to right itself. The goat showed clear signs of life and struggle for two minutes and 33 seconds. Osmany then slit the goat's hind legs and hung it vertically while it was still alive to begin the skinning process.

Once the goat was butchered, Osmany accepted a cash payment of $220, plus $20 tip ($240 total) for the slaughter and butcher of the goat. Investigators have audio and video record of the incident that took place on June 5th, 2017. The animal carcass, with exception of the head was disposed of by UC investigators after the incident on June 5th. The head of the goat was properly stored for evidence.

A third visit was made on June 12th, 2017, by two ARM undercover investigators (UI), who again posed as customers who wanted to purchase a lamb. They arrived around 3pm and were greeted by a new employee who introduced himself as Oscar. Oscar said that it was only his second day in the country and that he had come from Cuba. UI asked for Osmany and Oscar escorted the UIs to Rancho Las Delicias across the street where the UIs arranged with Osmany to meet at Roman's property.

Once they arrived at the property about twenty minutes later, they picked out a goat instead of a lamb. While picking the goat out, Osmany mentioned that male goats cost more than female goats because they are used for "witchery". A female goat was chosen and then dragged by the legs to the truck and transported to the slaughter area. As opposed to the method Osmany used for the slaughter of the first goat on June 5th (slashing its throat), this time, a .22 caliber rifle was chosen to kill the goat. Before shooting the goat in the head, the gun misfired four times, with the fifth fire finally striking the goat in the head. It should be noted that .22 caliber guns should not be used for animal slaughter as they generally do not kill the animal instantaneously. In the video, the goat's legs and tail can be seen still moving, suggesting that the goat was still alive. Osmany then slashed the goat's throat, stating to Oscar "This is not Cuba – you have to shoot the animal in the head before slaughtering." (It should also be noted that Osmany and Oscar only speak Spanish). During this time, the goat's legs and tail can be seen moving, suggesting that it is indeed still alive as meat hooks are inserted into its hind legs. The final movements of the goat can be seen once it's hoisted into a vertical position for skinning. The duration of movement from the goat after being shot, until the final movement, lasted almost two minutes.

After skinning, the goat was packaged and sold for $160.

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Electronic Articles of Incorporation For

PLACETA RANCH INC

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of the corporation is:

PLACETA RANCH INC

Article II

The principal place of business address:

1876 SE DESOTO LANDING
ARCADIA, FL. 34266

The mailing address of the corporation is:

1876 SE DESOTO LANDING
ALCADIA, FL. 34266

Article III

The purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

ANY AND ALL LAWFUL BUSINESS.

Article IV

The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is:

100

Article V

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

ALEXANDER BASTIDA
1876 SE DESOTO LANDING
ALCADIA, FL. 34266

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Registered Agent Signature: ALEXANDER BASTIDA

LOCATION

Property Data

STRAP: 19-44-26-06-00003.0000 Folio ID: 10314898

Owner Of Record

HERNANDEZ ROMAN
7161 EASTWOOD ACRES RD
FORT MYERS FL 33905

Site Address

7300 EASTWOOD ACRES RD
FORT MYERS FL 33905

Property Description

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EASTWOOD ACRES UNREC
OR 596 PG 580
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Classification / DOR Code

MOBILE HOME / 02

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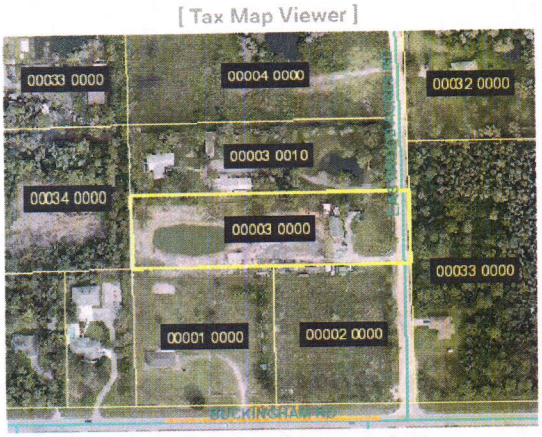

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Just	118,439	As Of	07/01/2016

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Land Units Of Measure	AC
Units	2.50
Frontage	0
Depth	0
Total Number of Buildings	1
Total Bedrooms / Bathrooms	3 / 3.0
Total Living Area	1,148
1st Year Building on Tax Roll	2004
Historic District	No

Image of Structure



Photo Date May of 2005

Exemptions

No existing exemptions found for this property.

Values (2016 Tax Roll)

Property Values		Attributes	
Just	119,725	Land Units Of Measure	AC
Assessed	119,725	Units	2.50
Portability Applied	0	Frontage	0
Cap Assessed	86,434	Depth	0
Taxable	86,434	Total Number of Buildings	1
Cap Difference	33,291	Total Bedrooms / Bathrooms	3 / 3.0
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		Historic District	No

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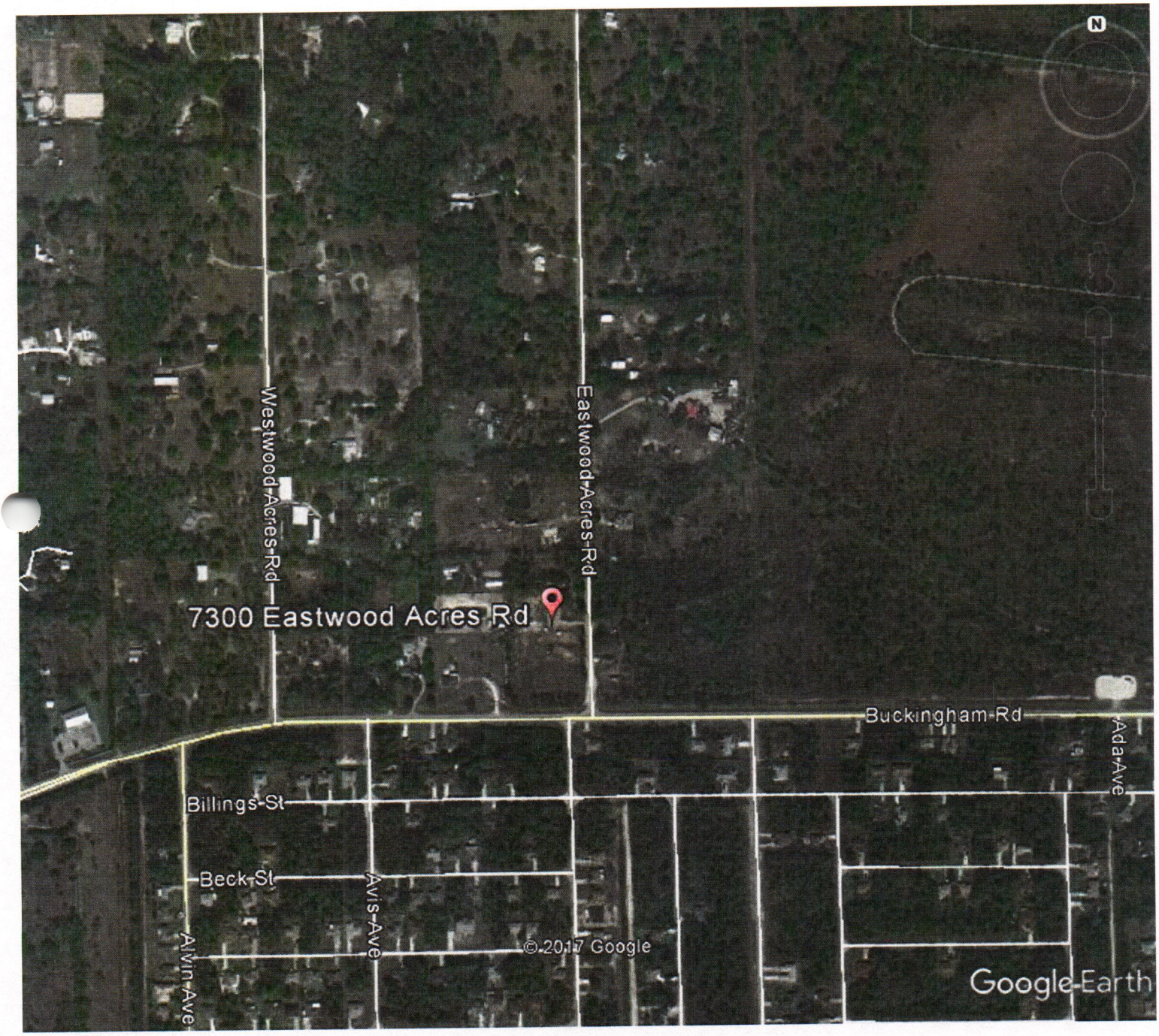
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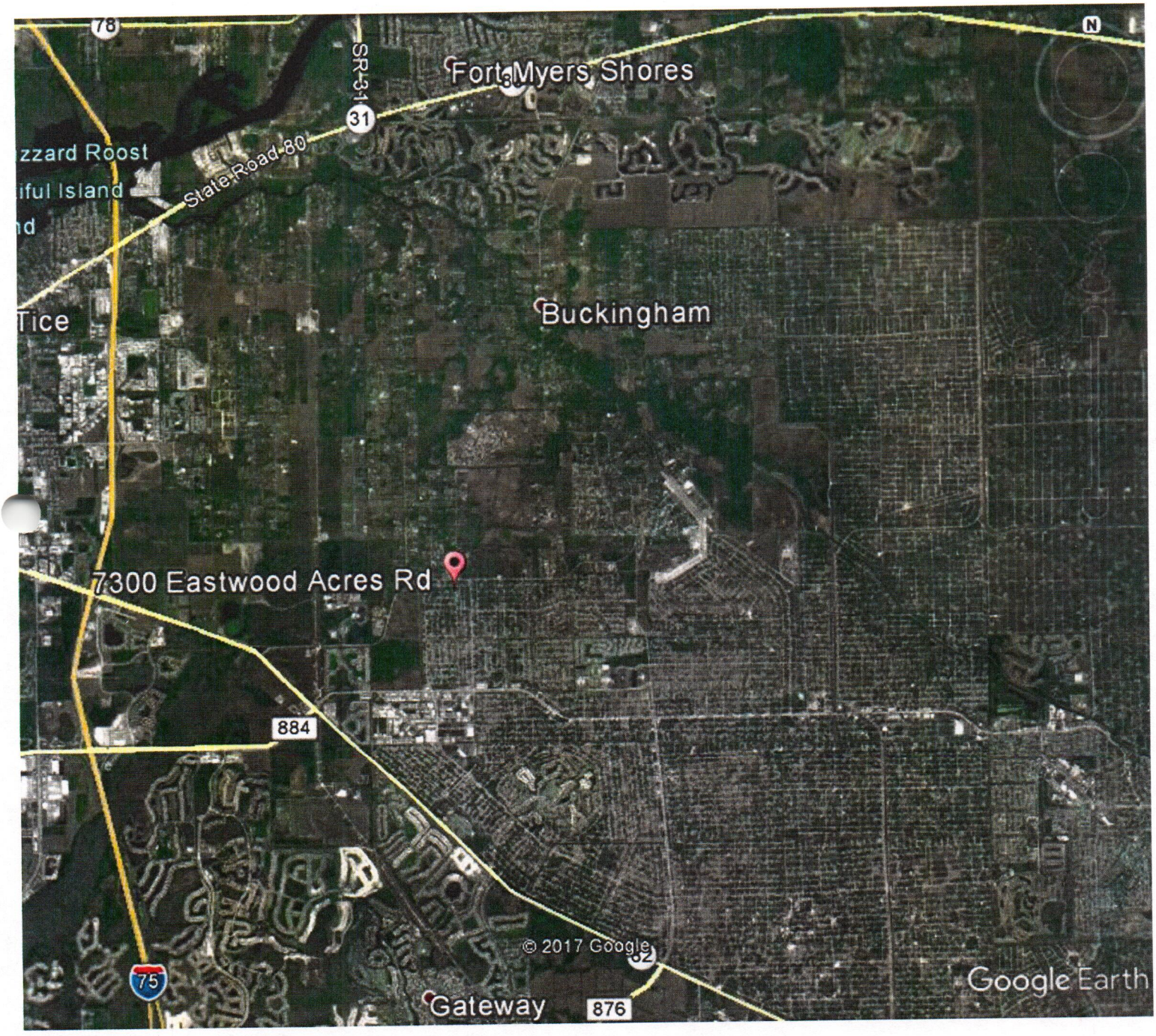
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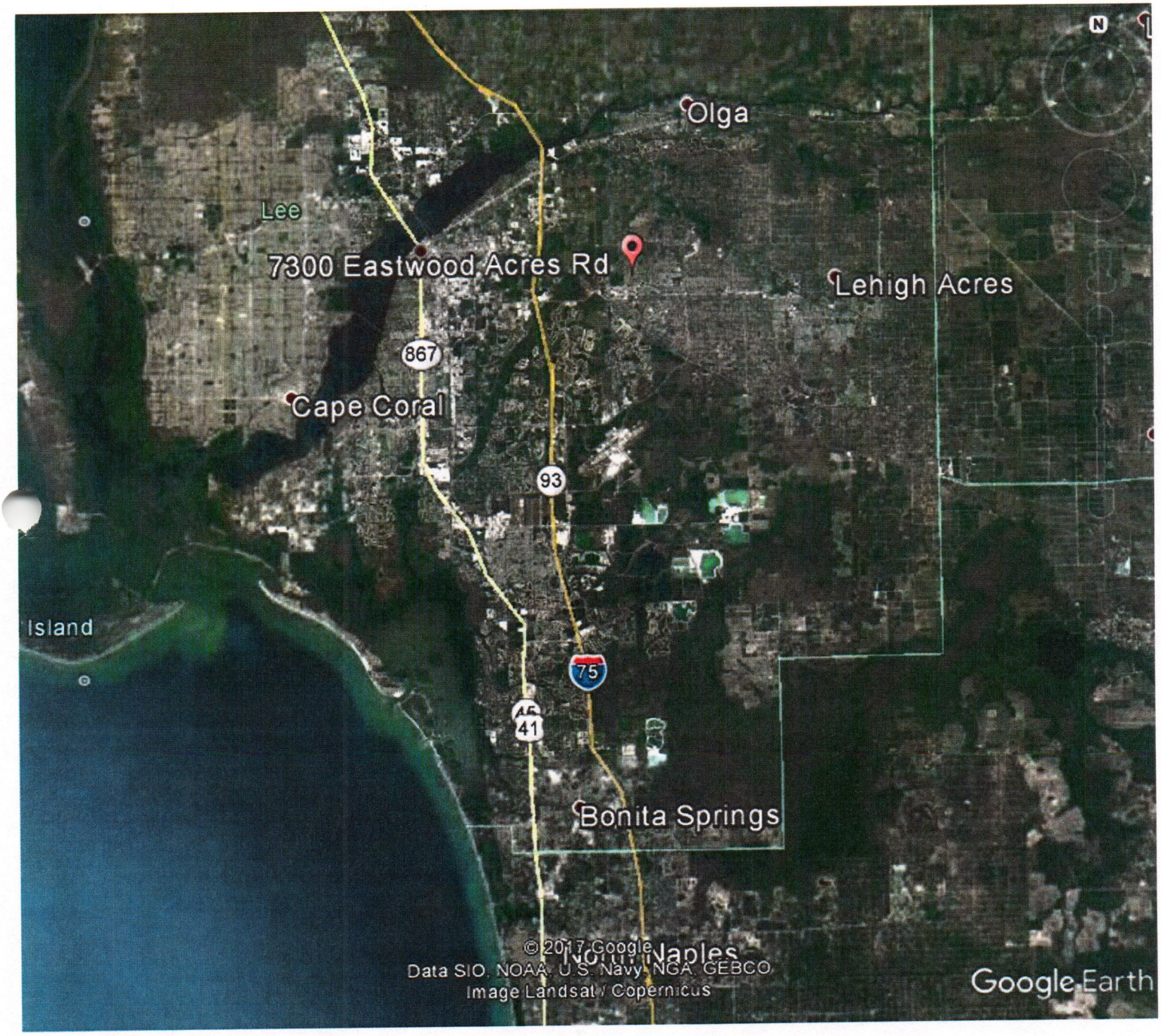
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HERNANDEZ ROMAN
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FORT MYERS FL 33905

Site Address

7161 EASTWOOD ACRES RD
FORT MYERS FL 33905

Legal Description

EASTWOOD ACRES UNREC
OR 596 PG 580
LOT 31

Classification / DOR Code

MOBILE HOME / 02

Property Values (2015 Tax Roll)

Just	85,298
Assessed	85,298
Portability Applied	0
Non-Assessed	82,645
Taxable	82,645
Cap Difference	2,653

Exemptions

Homestead / Additional	0 / 0
Widow / Widower	0 / 0
Disability	0
Wholly	0
Senior	0
Agriculture	0

Attributes

(See Appraisal Details below for current values)

Land Units Of Measure	AC
Units	5.00
Frontage	0
Depth	0
Total Number of Buildings	1
Total Bedrooms / Bathrooms	3 / 2.0
Total Living Area	1,008
1st Year Building on Tax Roll	1980
Historic District	No

+ Taxing Authorities

+ Sales / Transactions

+ Building / Construction Permit Data

+ Parcel Numbering History

+ Location Information

+ Solid Waste / Garbage Collection Data

+ Flood and Storm Information

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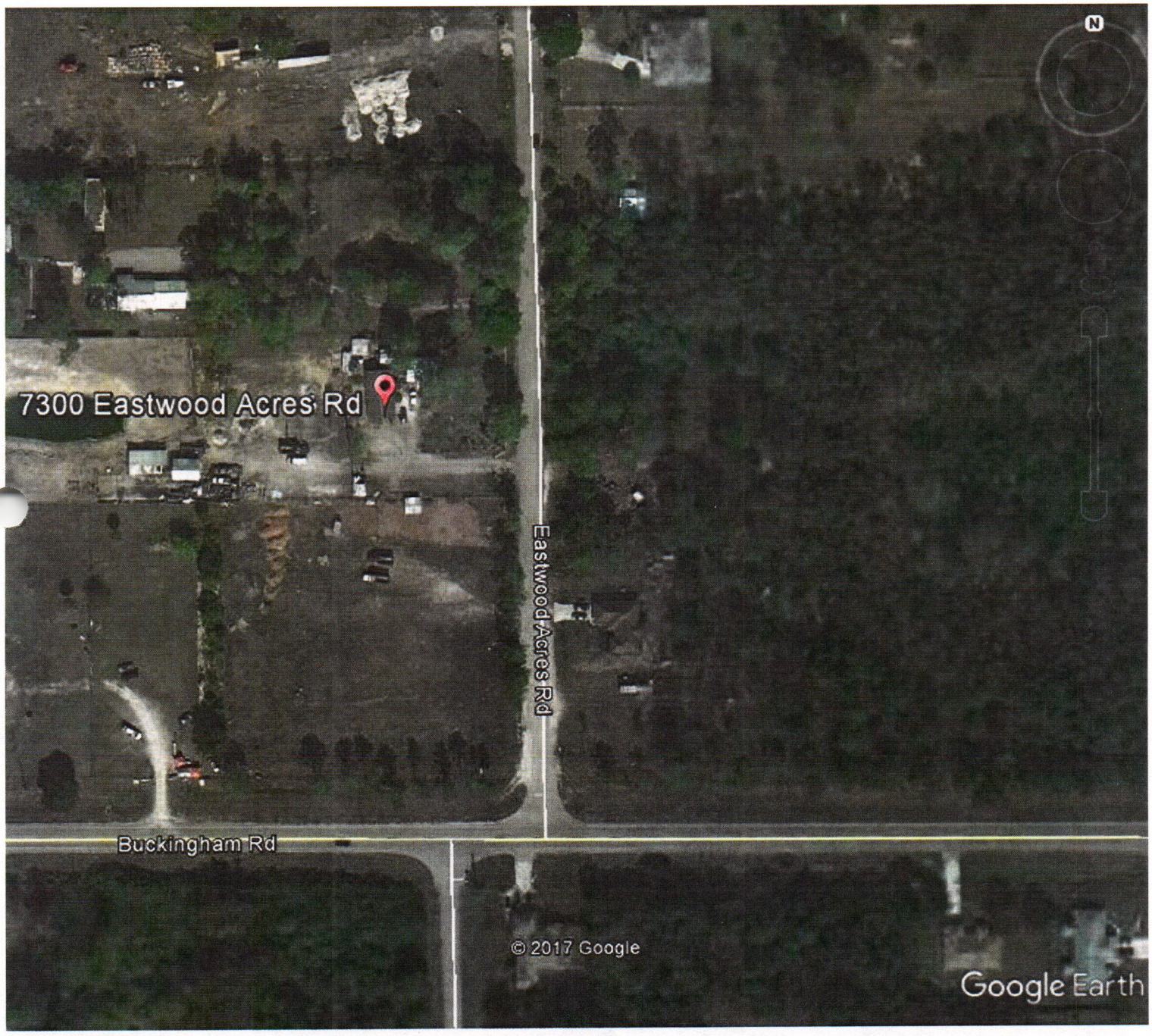
Owner "Boss" Roman

Roman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STATE-FEDERAL LAWS & REGULATIONS

828.22 Humane Slaughter Act; humane slaughter and livestock euthanasia; requirements.—

(1) Sections 828.22-828.26 may be cited as the "Humane Slaughter Act."

(2)(a) The Legislature of this state finds that the use of humane methods in the killing of livestock prevents needless suffering, results in safer and better working conditions for persons engaged in the slaughtering industry or other livestock operations, brings about improvement of products and economy in slaughtering or other livestock operations, and produces other benefits for producers, processors, and consumers which tend to expedite the orderly flow of livestock and their products.

(b) It is therefore declared to be the policy of this state to require that the slaughter of all livestock and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter shall be carried out only by humane methods and to provide that methods of slaughter shall conform generally to those employed in other states where humane slaughter is required by law and to those authorized by the federal Humane Slaughter Act of 1958, and regulations thereunder.

(3) Nothing in ss. 828.22-828.26 shall be construed to prohibit, abridge, or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group. Notwithstanding any other provision of ss. 828.22-828.26, in order to protect freedom of religion, ritual slaughter and the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter are exempted from the terms of ss. 828.22-828.26. For the purposes of this action the term "ritual slaughter" means slaughter in accordance with s. 828.23(3).

History.—s. 1, ch. 61-254; s. 37, ch. 2001-279.

828.23 Definitions; ss. 828.22-828.26.—As used in ss. 828.22-828.26, the following words shall have the meanings indicated:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association doing business in this state, in whole or in part.

(3) "Slaughter" means the act of killing one or more livestock animals for any purpose.

(4) "Slaughterer" means any person other than a licensed veterinarian, or an employee of a humane society or animal control agency, who kills livestock.

(5) "Livestock" means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, horses, mules, goats, ostriches, rheas, emus, and any other domestic animal that can or may be used in the preparation of animal products. For the purposes of ss. 828.22-828.26, "livestock" does not include poultry and aquatic species.

(6) "Humane method" means:

(a) A method whereby the animal is rapidly and effectively rendered insensitive to pain by electrical or chemical means or by a penetrating captive bolt or gunshot with appropriate caliber and placement; or

(b) A method in accordance with ritual requirements of any religious faith whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument.

History.—s. 1, ch. 61-254; ss. 14, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 282, ch. 71-377; s. 4, ch. 92-206; s. 38, ch. 2001-279.

828.24 Prohibited acts; exemption.—

(1) No person shall kill an animal in any way except by an approved humane method.

(2) No person shall shackle or hoist with intent to kill any animal prior to rendering the animal insensitive to pain.

(3) Nothing in this section precludes the enforcement of s. 828.12 relating to cruelty to animals.

History.—s. 1, ch. 61-254; ss. 14, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 241, ch. 77-104; s. 39, ch. 2001-279; s. 2, ch. 2002-51.

828.25 Administration; rules; inspection; fees.—

(1) The department shall administer the provisions of ss. 828.22-828.26. It shall adopt and may from time to time revise rules, which rules must conform substantially to and must not be less restrictive than the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States pursuant to the federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958, Pub. L. No. 85-765, 72 Stat. 862, and any amendments thereto.

(2) The department may appoint any member of its staff as an official inspector for the purposes of ss. 828.22-828.26. Such inspector shall have the power to enter the premises of any slaughterer for the purposes of verifying compliance or noncompliance with the provisions of ss. 828.22-828.26.

(3) The department has the authority to conduct inspections of the premises of slaughterers at random intervals.

History.—s. 1, ch. 61-254; ss. 14, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 40, ch. 2001-279; s. 92, ch. 2009-21.

828.251 Instruction.—The department, in conjunction with the State University System, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and humane animal groups, shall make available to slaughterers the most current technical information. Such information may be in video or manual format, or another widely accepted media format.

History.—s. 41, ch. 2001-279.

828.252 Nonambulatory animals.—This section acknowledges that natural emergencies may arise and that, even under recognized best management practices, injury may occur. In all cases, nonambulatory animals must be dealt with in a humane manner.

(1) As used in this section, the term "nonambulatory animal" means any livestock that is unable to stand and walk unassisted.

(2) A person may not buy, sell, give, receive, transfer, market, hold without providing proper care within 24 hours, or drag any nonambulatory animal unless the nonambulatory animal has been humanely euthanized, except in such cases where providing proper care requires that the animal be moved.

History.—s. 42, ch. 2001-279.

828.26 Penalties.—

(1) Any person who violates the provisions of ss. 828.22-828.26 and any rule associated with these sections shall be subject to an administrative fine of up to $10,000 for each violation.

(2) Unless otherwise provided, any person who violates any provision of ss. 828.22-828.26 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3) Nothing in this section precludes the enforcement of s. 828.12, relating to cruelty to animals.

History.—s. 1, ch. 61-254; ss. 14, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 958, ch. 71-136; s. 43, ch. 2001-279; s. 2, ch. 2002-51.

500.451 Horse meat; offenses.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Sell in the markets of this state horse meat for human consumption unless the horse meat is clearly stamped, marked, and described as horse meat for human consumption.

(b) Knowingly transport, distribute, sell, purchase, or possess horse meat for human consumption that is not clearly stamped, marked, and described as horse meat for human consumption or horse meat that is not acquired from a licensed slaughterhouse.

(2) A person that violates this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, except that any person who commits a violation of this section shall be sentenced to a minimum mandatory fine of $3,500 and a minimum mandatory period of incarceration of 1 year.

(3) In addition to any penalties provided in subsection (2), any license of any restaurant, store, or other business may be suspended as provided in the applicable licensing law upon conviction of an owner or employee of that business for a violation of this section in connection with that business.

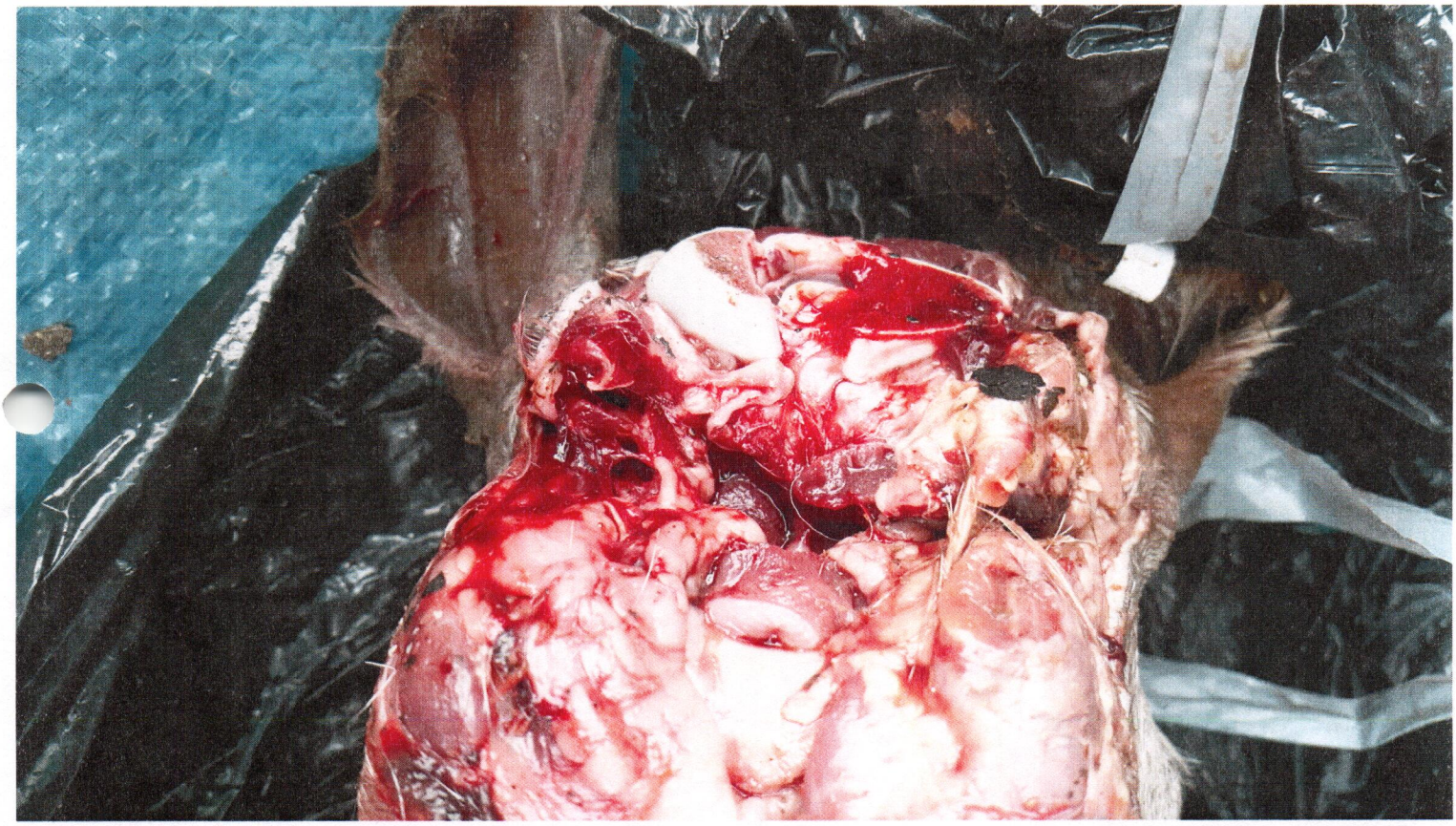
History.—ss. 1, 2, ch. 21986, 1943; s. 11, ch. 25035, 1949; s. 454, ch. 71-136; s. 19, ch. 82-225; s. 27, ch. 94-180; s. 3, ch. 2010-87.

Note.—Former s. 500.33.

INHUMANE ACTIVITIES/ HANDLING







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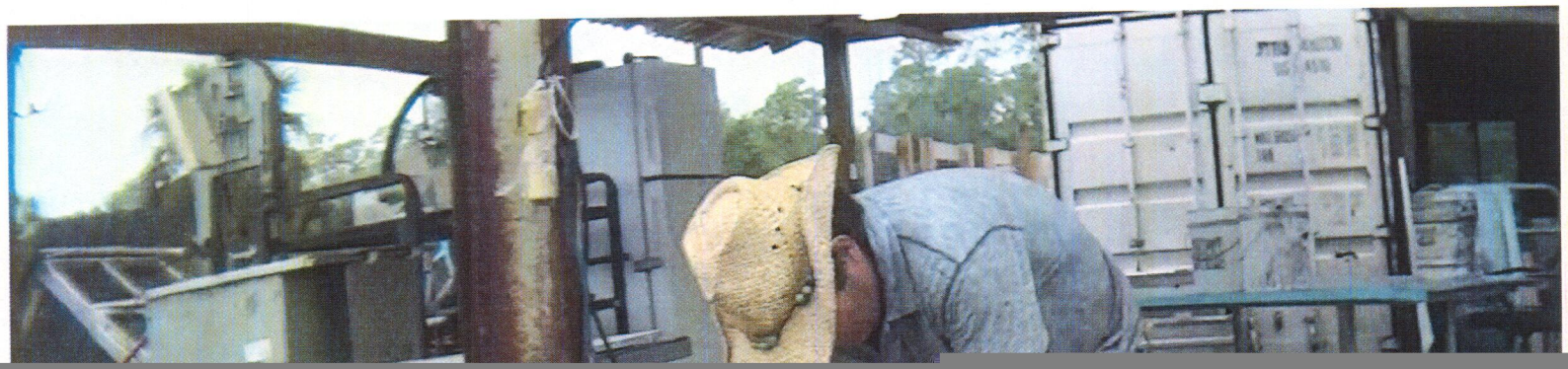






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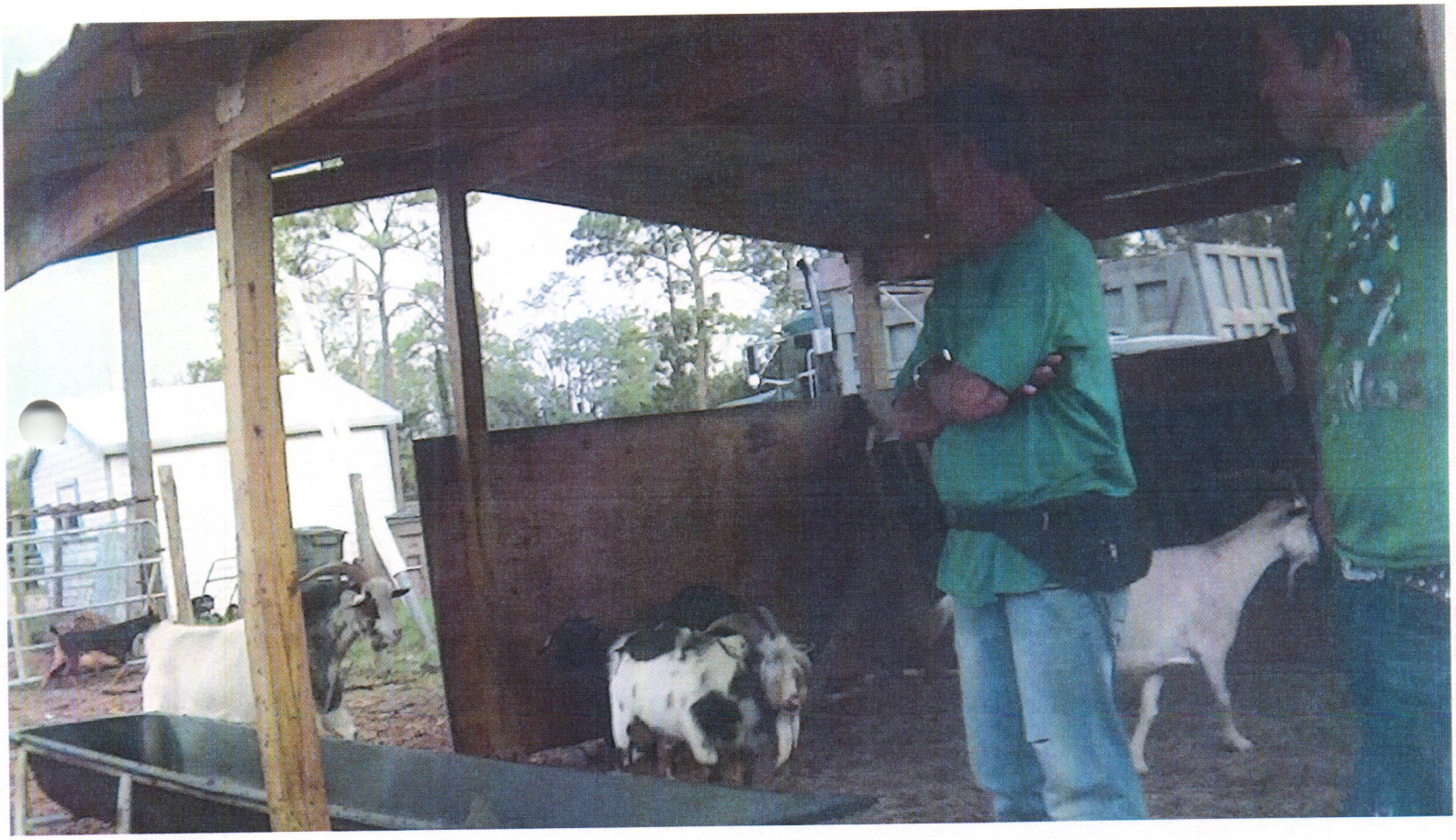

CUSTOMERS



MISCELLANEOUS


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SWORN STATEMENTS

ARM Investigator Sworn Statement

I, [redacted], on June 12, 2017, at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon, I entered Lee County Florida and drove to 7161 East Wood Acres Rd Fort Myers Florida 33905 to a farm titled Antony and Roman's Farm. There was a sign outside the property advertising for the business of Antony and Roman for the selling of animals and inviting in customers. We entered the property working in an undercover capacity for ARM, posing as a customer to purchase an animal for slaughter.

Upon entry, I approached multiple customers and a Cuban male possibly in his forties named Osmani. I told him I wanted a goat for slaughter. I picked out a white and brown goat and Osmani and another Cuban male chased and grabbed a goat in the front pasture. This area is very visible to oncoming traffic and pedestrians alike from the street side. The property is very exposed. After caught the goat was hogtied in a pickup truck and tied by the neck, one Cuban male held the rope while Osmani tried several times to shoot the goat with a .22 caliber rifle unsuccessfully (weapon misfired multiple times). The goat was finally shot, dragged and it's throat slashed after roughly fifty seconds with a foot long blade. Osmani cut holes into the back middle section of the goats legs while it was still showing clear signs of life. When this happened, the goat reacted by kicking and moving showing visible signs of life. While moving and showing signs of life meat hooks were placed in the holes of the thighs and with an electric winch hoisted upside down off the ground. As the animal moved its head was cut and twisted off by the worker Osmani. The animal was then gutted and sectioned for human consumption by both Osmani and the other assisting Cuban male. The goat was then bagged and I paid Osmani $170. I then videoed a Maples Daily Newspaper showing the date. The entire visit took roughly forty-five minutes.

Multiple hidden cameras were used to document this statement.

I, (PRINT NAME) [redacted] present the foregoing statement/document, consisting of 1 pages, each having been initialed by me, swear (or affirm) that the preceding statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 7 day of March, 2018, by [redacted], who is personally known to me or who has produced [redacted] identification.

[redacted]
Witness Signature

3-7-2018
Date

3:41
Time

COPY

[redacted]
Notary Public, State of Florida

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ARM Investigator Sworn Statement

On June 12, 2017 at or around 3:00pm, [redacted] and myself visited Rancho Anthony and Roman located 7300 Eastwood Acres Rd, Ft. Myers FL. The sign outside the property advertised a business for Rancho Anthony and Roman, and the sign also stated that there are animals for sale. We arrived at the property working in an undercover capacity for the Animal Recovery Mission posing as customers and attempting to purchase a lamb for slaughter.

Upon arriving at the property, we were greeted by a new employee who introduced himself as Oscar (I did not get a last name). Oscar went on to say that it was only his second day in the country, and that he came from Cuba. We asked Oscar for Mr. Osmani Toledo, and we were escorted by Oscar across the street to Rancho Las Delicias. We met Mr. Toledo as Rancho Las Delicias, and arranged for Mr. Toledo to meet back at Roman's property. Once Oscar and Mr. Toledo arrived at the property, they picked out a goat instead of lamb. While picking out the goat, Mr. Toledo mentioned that male goats cost most than female goats because they are used for "witchery." We picked a female goat and it was dragged to the truck and transported to the slaughter area, which was not enclosed and open to the elements. Mr. Toledo took a .22 caliber rifle and shot the goat in the head. The rifle misfired four times. The fifth attempt shot the goat in the head. The goat's legs and tail were still moving, and the goat was still screaming, showing obvious signs of life. Mr. Toledo then slashed the goat's throat, stating to Oscar "This is not Cuba – you have to shoot the animal in the head before slaughtering." (Oscar and Osmani only speak Spanish, in which I am fluent). The goat can still be seen thrashing and moving, suggesting signs of life while the meat hooks were put into its hind legs while still moving. The final movements of the goat were seen once it was lifted to the vertical position.

After skinning, the goat was packaged, and we paid Mr. Toledo $160 for the animals. The above described incident was recorded with several hidden surveillance cameras.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 7 day of March, 2018, by [redacted], who is personally known to me or who has produced [redacted] ification.

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ARM Investigator Sworn Statement

On March 30, 2017 at approximately 12:00pm, I, [redacted], visited Rancho Anthony Roman, located at 7300 Eastwood Acres Rd, Ft. Myers FL. The sign outside the property advertised a business for Rancho Anthony and Roman, and the sign also stated that there are animals for sale. I arrived at the property working in an undercover capacity for the Animal Recovery Mission posing as customers and attempting to purchase an animal for slaughter.

Upon arriving to the property, I could not see anyone present and went to the front house. Before knocking on the door, a Hispanic women answered the door. I asked if she sells ducks, which she confirmed but asked us to wait until they were done eating. A few minutes went by, and a Hispanic gentlemen introduced himself as Mr. Romelio (I do not know his last name). Mr. Romelio led me to the back of the property where I chose two ducks. He grabbed them by their feed, where the ducks screamed and showed obvious signs of distress and pain. Mr. Romelio was met by another Hispanic gentlemen, introducing himself as Mr. Roman Hernandez, and the two men took the ducks in a golf cart to the slaughter area. I walked behind them, keeping visual contact with Romelio and Roman through this process.

Upon entry to the slaughter area, Mr. Romelio held the first duck and Roman used a large knife to cut the duck at the neck (around four blows, but still leaving the head intact). The duck was dropped in a large blue barrel, where it was seen thrashing and screaming, clearly still alive. The same thing was done for the second duck. Both ducks were left in the barrel, and a large pot was filled with water and heated. Mr. Romelio then took each duck out of the blue barrel one by one, finished severing the heads, and placed them into the boiling water.

After the ducks were defeathered, they were packaged, and we paid Mr. Hernandez $40 for both animals. The above described incident was recorded with several hidden surveillance cameras.

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Notary Public, State of Florida

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ARM Investigator Sworn Statement

On June 5, 2017 at approximately 1:00pm, [redacted] and myself visited Rancho Anthony and Roman located at 7300 Eastwood Acres Rd, Ft. Myers FL. The sign outside the property advertised a business for Rancho Antony and Roman, and the sign also stated that there are animals for sale. We arrived at the property working in an undercover capacity for the Animal Recovery Mission posing as customers and attempting to purchase an animal for slaughter.

Upon arriving, I was approached by a Hispanic male who introduced himself as Mr. Osmani Toledo, and he asked me what I wanted. I replied that I wanted to buy a goat. I picked out a goat, and Mr. Toledo suggested that I pick out another animal that was approximately the same size and pointed to the goat that ended up being slaughtered. When I observed the goat that pointed out, it was walking in circles and bumping her head into the fence. I informed Mr. Toledo that the animal looked sick and I had concerns that I may get sick if we consume a sick goat, but Osmani state that as long as I did not eat the head that it would be fine. Mr. Toledo then picked the goat up by its hind legs and brought it to the slaughter area in the back of the property. The goat was screaming while being dragged, visibly in pain. Upon entering the slaughter area, it was not enclosed and open to the outside elements. Mr. Toledo did not do anything to stun the animal, or to render the animal insensible to pain. Mr. Toledo cut the throat of the goat and then pulled the head back, trying to snap her head. The goat was obviously conscious at this time, in pain, and thrashing in an attempt to right itself, and there were signs of life and discomfort up to the point when he then chopped her head off. I did not ask that the animal be religiously slaughtered.

While I was waiting for my animal to be slaughtered, I observed one other person waiting on their animal to be cut up and packaged that had been previously slaughtered. Additionally, I observed other customers waiting to purchase animals. Mr. Toledo helped load the butchered goat into my truck, and I paid $220 for the goat, plus a $20 tip and left the property.

The above described incident was recorded with several hidden surveillance cameras.

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Witness Signature

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Notary Public, State of Florida

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ARM Investigator Sworn Statement

On June 5th 2017, at approximately 1pm [redacted] and myself arrived at 7300 Eastwood Acres Rd, Ft. Myers FL. The sign outside the property states Rancho Anthony and Roman. The sign also stated that there are animals for sale. We arrived at the property working in an undercover capacity for the Animal Recovery Mission posing as customers and attempting to purchase an animal for slaughter.

On the above date and time we were invited onto the property and asked what type of animal we wanted to purchase. After speaking to a hispanic male who identified himself as Osmani, we selected a goat for slaughter. Osmani grabbed the goat from within the enclosed animal holding area and took him to the slaughter area which is located to the rear of the property.

I maintained visual contact of Osmani throughout the entire process described above. When he arrived in the slaughter area he immediately grabbed a knife. At no time did he attempt to make the goat insensible to pain. Osmani cut the throat of the goat with the knife he grabbed. He sliced into it's throat several times. As the goat bled out, it cried loudly and showed obvious signs of extreme pain. Osmani then held the goat by the snout with his left hand, using his right hand to push down on the goat's head as though attempting to break off the goat's head. The goat continued to show signs of life for several minutes. Osmani hung the goat from its back legs upside down while it was still alive.

After the goat was slaughtered, we payed Osmani $220. The above described incident was recorded with several hidden surveillance cameras.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 7th day of March, 2018, by [redacted], who is personally known to me or who has produced [redacted]tification.

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