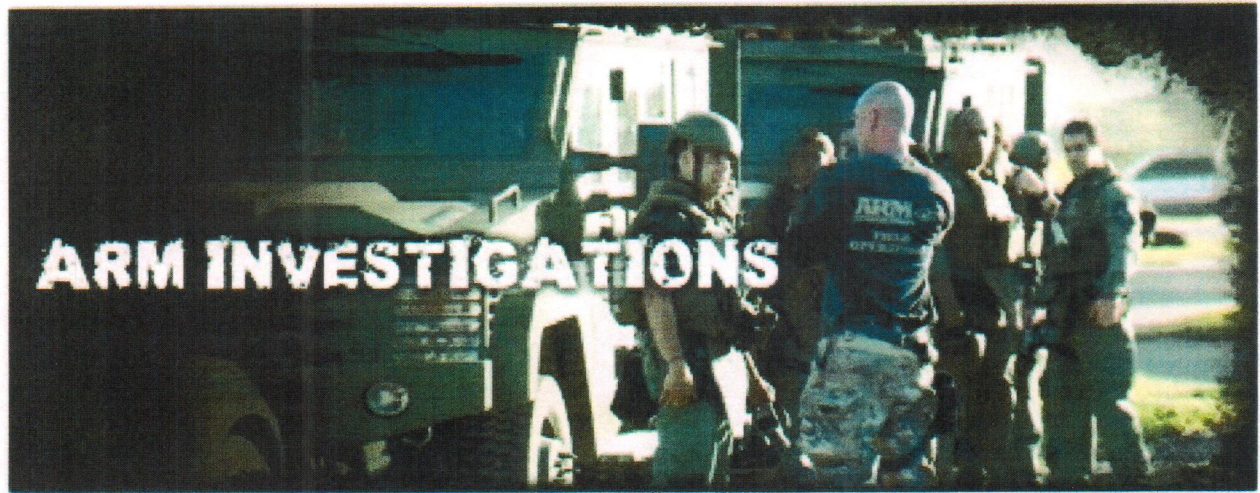

ANIMAL RECOVERY MISSION



Established in 2010, The Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), 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 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 the 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, but are not limited to; animal slaughter farms, animal sacrifice operations, illegal horse sales and slaughter, and animal fighting operations. In addition, ARM is focusing upon the pressing issues and concerns of animal welfare within the animal agriculture and factory farming sector.

Since 2010, ARM's undercover investigations have led to the closure of up to 138 illegal animal cruelty operations in the state of Florida alone. The following report provides detailed findings gathered during ARM's investigation of a dairy farm located in Ockeechobee Florida-known as Larson Dairy.

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I, (PRINT NAME) [REDACTED] present the foregoing statement/document, consisting of 2 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.

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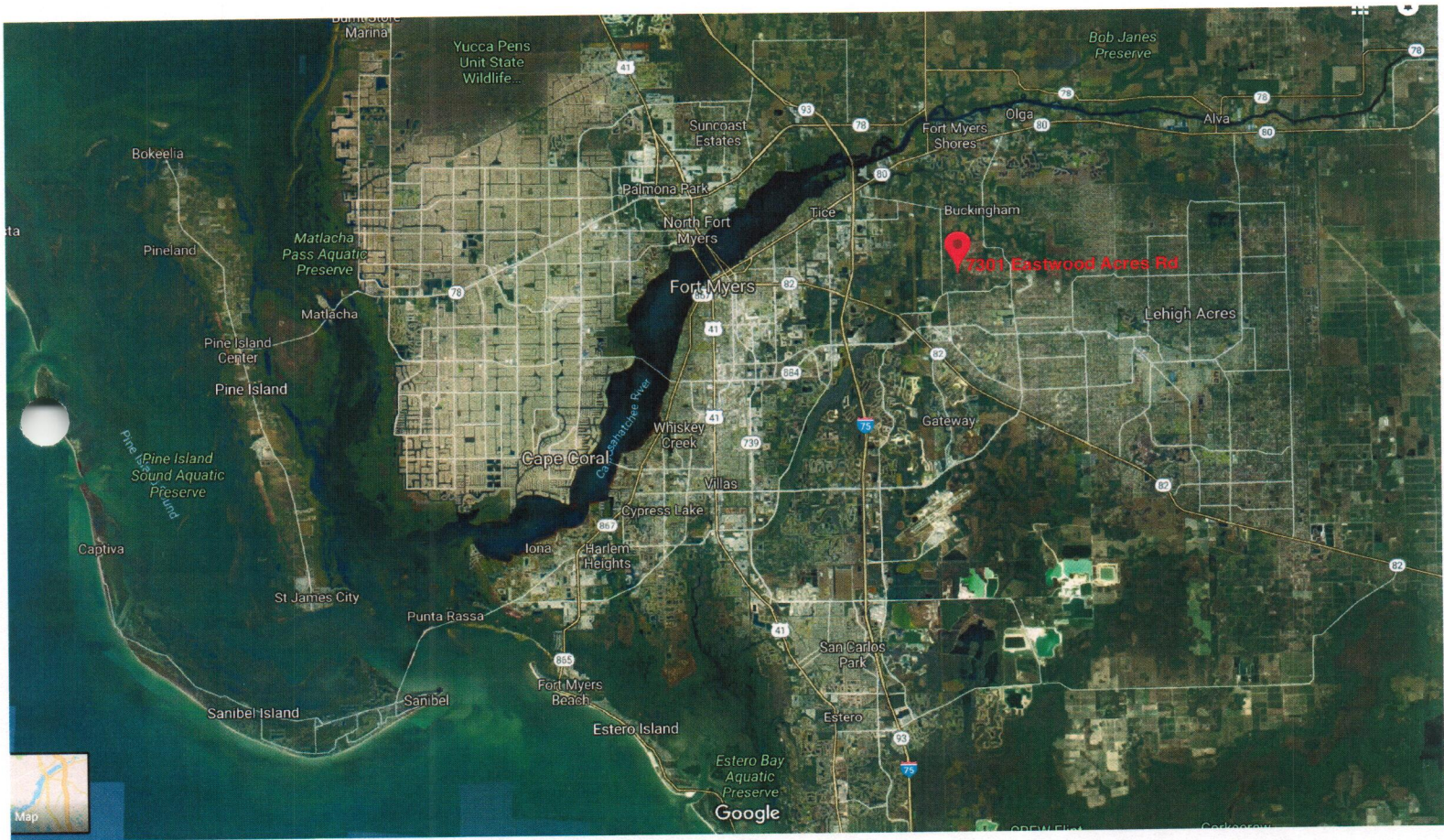
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LOCATION







Property Data

STRAP: 19-44-26-06-00033.0000 Folio ID: 10314909

Owner Of Record - Tenants by Entirety

RAMIREZ FRANCISCO CABRERA +
RAMIREZ MILAIDYS
7301 EASTWOOD ACRES RD
FORT MYERS FL 33905

Site Address

7301 EASTWOOD ACRES RD
FORT MYERS FL 33905

Property Description Do not use for legal documents!

EASTWOOD ACRES UNREC OR 596 PG 580 LOTS 33 + 34

Classification / DOR Code

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL / 01

[Tax Map Viewer] [View Comparables]



[Pictometry Aerial Viewer]

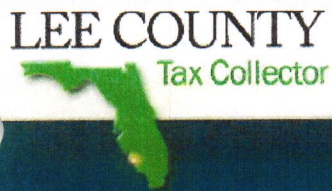
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Depth			0
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Total Bedrooms / Bathrooms			3 / 2.0
Total Living Area			1,202
1st Year Building on Tax Roll			2002
Historic District			No

Image of Structure



Photo Date August of 2016

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Account

1800649

Name/ O MACEDO SERVICES INC
Address O MACEDO SERVICES INC
6490 EASTWOOD ACRES
RD
FORT MYERS FL33905
Business MISCELLANEOUS
Description MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR
Outstanding
Balance

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1303516

Name/ GROOMING BY LORI
Address HITCHCOCK LORI L
6561 EASTWOOD ACRES
RD
FT MYERS FL33905
Business ANIMAL SERVICE
Description PROVIDER
Outstanding
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Name/ MATTHEW MURPHY
Address MURPHY MATTHEW
6680 EASTWOOD ACRES
RD
FT MYERS FL33905
Business MISCELLANEOUS
Description MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR
Outstanding \$57.50
Balance

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Options

1704585

Name/ EASTERN STATES PET
Address EXPRESS
EASTERN STATES
ENTERPRISES INC
7221 EASTWOOD ACRES
RD
FT MYERS FL33905
Business COURIER SERVICE
Description
Outstanding
Balance

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Options

No Business
Permit listed
for Lee County

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REFERENCES

The 2017 Florida Statutes

Title
XLVI
CRIMES

Chapter 828
ANIMALS: CRUELTY; SALES; ANIMAL ENTERPRISE
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Chapter

828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

(1) A person who unnecessarily overloads, overdrives, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance or shelter, or unnecessarily mutilates, or kills any animal, or causes the same to be done, or carries in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner, commits animal cruelty, a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.

(2) A person who intentionally commits an act to any animal, or a person who owns or has the custody or control of any animal and fails to act, which results in the cruel death, or excessive or repeated infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering, or causes the same to be done, commits aggravated animal cruelty, a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

(a) A person convicted of a violation of this subsection, where the finder of fact determines that the violation includes the knowing and intentional torture or torment of an animal that injures, mutilates, or kills the animal, shall be ordered to pay a minimum mandatory fine of \$2,500 and undergo psychological counseling or complete an anger management treatment program.

(b) A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this subsection shall be required to pay a minimum mandatory fine of \$5,000 and serve a minimum mandatory period of incarceration of 6 months. In addition, the person shall be released only upon expiration of sentence, is not eligible for parole, control release, or any form of early release, and must serve 100 percent of the court-imposed sentence. Any plea of nolo contendere shall be considered a conviction for purposes of this subsection.

(3) A person who commits multiple acts of animal cruelty or aggravated animal cruelty against an animal may be charged with a separate offense for each such act. A person who commits animal cruelty or aggravated animal cruelty against more than one animal may be charged with a separate offense for each animal such cruelty was committed upon.

(4) A veterinarian licensed to practice in the state shall be held harmless from either criminal or civil liability for any decisions made or services rendered under the provisions of this section. Such a veterinarian is, therefore, under this subsection, immune from a lawsuit for his or her part in an investigation of cruelty to animals.

(5) A person who intentionally trips, fells, ropes, or lassos the legs of a horse by any means for the purpose of entertainment or sport shall be guilty of a third degree felony, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#). As used in this subsection, "trip" means any act that consists of the use of any wire, pole, stick, rope, or other apparatus to cause a horse to fall or lose its balance, and "horse" means any animal of any registered breed of the genus *Equus*, or any recognized hybrid thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply when tripping is used:

828.13 Confinement of animals without sufficient food, water, or exercise; abandonment of animals.—

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) “Abandon” means to forsake an animal entirely or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner.
 - (b) “Owner” includes any owner, custodian, or other person in charge of an animal.
- (2) Whoever:
 - (a) Impounds or confines any animal in any place and fails to supply the animal during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water,
 - (b) Keeps any animals in any enclosure without wholesome exercise and change of air, or
 - (c) Abandons to die any animal that is maimed, sick, infirm, or diseased,

is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine.

(3) Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has charge or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road, or public place without providing for the care, sustenance, protection, and shelter of such animal is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine.

History.—ss. 2, 4, ch. 3921, 1889; RS 2510; GS 3396; RGS 5245; CGL 7364; s. 950, ch. 71-136; s. 1, ch. 81-17; s. 3, ch. 82-116; s. 203, ch. 91-224.

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.

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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.

PHOTOGRAPHS





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Pig continues to struggle
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
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Francisco Cabrera Ramirez's Photos

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**EMPLOYEE @ UNNAMED
SLAUGHTER FARM
7301 EASTWOOD ACRES RD**

**Introduced
himself as
Nelson**

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Francisco J Perez, who is personally known to me or who has produced
Florida ID as identification.

Witness Signature

Date

Time

Notary Public, State of Florida

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