

ARM TO HOLD EVIDENCE PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC ON FT MYERS / LEE COUNTY ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE INVESTIGATION



**Evidence Presentation: Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at 1:00PM
Lakes Regional Library
15920 Bass Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33908, United States**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEE COUNTY, FL, May 2, 2018 – Following the debate that has arisen from the lack of enforcement around the illegal slaughterhouses in Lee County, FL, ARM is seeking to clarify and answer questions from officials, the public and the media regarding our extensive undercover investigation into four illegal animal slaughter houses in Ft. Myers/Lee County.

ARM will present the evidence of their investigation in Ft Myers, Lee County at Lakes Regional Library in their large meeting room. All are invited to attend this informational presentation. Please come see details of what evidence was presented by ARM to the State Attorney's Office of the 20th Judicial Circuit.

Former Assistant State Attorney for Miami-Dade and one of the best defenders of animal rights in our country, Jason Pizzo, will be presenting on the audio law and legality behind ARM's evidence used in this case. A newly retired Sheriff's Deputy Detective will also speak on the evidence of the case that was presented to the State Attorney's Office and Lee County Sheriff's Office . An invitation was sent to the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office to join this open presentation.

ARM began the Ft. Myers/Lee County, FL, investigation after receiving citizen complaints of illegal animal and horse slaughter in Lee County. ARM set out to investigate the Rancho Las Delicias and Rancho Santa Barbara farms, in 2015. Investigation of a third farm, Rancho Antony & Roman, began in March 2017, and a fourth farm, Rancho Cabrera, in December 2017. Following ARM's undercover investigation revealing extreme acts of animal cruelty, reports were given to the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County State Attorney's Office – with nothing done by either offices, and prosecution was denied. The four Lee County Illegal slaughter farms at this time are still in operation. See ARM's reports and videos here: <https://www.animalrecoverymission.org/operations/illegal-slaughter-farms/operation-lee-county/>

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The Animal Recovery Mission is a Non-Profit animal cruelty investigative organization based in Miami Beach, Florida. The Animal Recovery Mission is dedicated to raising awareness while fighting to stop illegal horse slaughter, shutdown of any and all illegal slaughter and animal fighting farms.