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# Suspects in illegal slaughterhouse probe appear in court

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*From left to right: Ricardo Cabrera, Chico Allen Cabrera, Roberto Llorente (PBSO)*

LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, Fla. (CBS12) —

The three men who investigators say ran an [illegal slaughterhouse](#) in Loxahatchee Groves appeared in court Friday morning at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

According to the State, [Ricardo Cabrera](#) owns the operation. He faces 40 counts of cruelty to animals and killing animals inhumanely. His bond amount totals more than \$100,000.

His son Chico Cabrera, faces 28 counts of similar charges. The judge gave him a lesser bond totaling less than \$100,000.

The state says the third man, Roberto Llorente, is a butcher employed by the Loxahatchee Slaughterhouse. His attorney said he was likely just following orders from his superiors. He faces 28 counts.

The court ordered all three men to stay away from animals and birds, and the co-defendants are not allowed to speak to each other.

The “Animal Recovery Mission” says more arrests are likely.