

## BREAKING NEWS

# Man charged with animal abuse at Fair Oaks Farms released from jail

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KENTLAND — The only person arrested for the Fair Oaks animal abuse scandal was released from jail Wednesday after his bond was reduced.

Edgar Gardozo-Vazquez, 36, was arrested last month on a warrant for animal cruelty, a Class A misdemeanor, and torturing or mutilating a vertebrate animal, a Level 6 felony. Following his arrest, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) placed a hold on him.

Before Wednesday's hearing Gardozo-Vazquez needed to post \$2,000 in bail, but following testimony from his girlfriend, he was able to bond out with \$1,000.

The girlfriend testified that Gardozo-Vazquez is the only supporter for their family and that he has a factory job lined up in Illinois.

Gardozo-Vazquez was arrested following Animal Recovery Mission's release of several undercover videos that showed animal abuse at Fair Oaks Farms.

Gardoza-Vazquez is one of three former Fair Oaks Farms employees caught on video abusing animals. The other two men in the video, Santiago Ruvalcaba Contreros and Miguel Angel Navarro Serrano, are still at large.

Gardoza-Vazquez is due back in court Aug. 12.