

Man in ICE custody after arrest in alleged Fair Oaks Farms animal abuse

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(Photo: Newton County Sheriff)

NEWTON COUNTY, Ind. (WTHR) — A man arrested for alleged animal abuse at Fair Oaks Farms is now in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Gardoza-Vasquez and two other former employees are being charged with beating of a vertebrate animal. That's a Class A misdemeanor.

Those charges come after the Animal Recovery Mission released video that appears to show cows and calves being abused or neglected on the Indiana farm.

The office in Chicago tells Eyewitness News Gardoza-Vasquez had also been arrested by U.S. Border Patrol in 2005. He was granted voluntary return to Mexico.