

Employee Arrested In Fair Oaks Farms Abuse Case Released

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Edgar Gardozo-Vazquez, the only arrested suspect in the Fair Oaks Farms animal abuse case was released from jail on Wednesday following his bond reduction hearing.

The 36-year old was arrested 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.

The suspect's bond had been set at \$20,000 cash and 10% permitted, but he bonded out at \$1,000 following testimony of his partner. According to WLF1 News 18, the judge agreed to reduce his bond after his partner testified for him through the translation of a family friend.

WLF1 reports his partner said, "He's not doing anything wrong. I know he's innocent."

According to the woman Gardozo-Vazquez is the only supporter for their family and has a factory job lined up in Illinois.

Last month, Animal Recovery Mission released several undercover videos of animal abuse at Fair Oaks Farms in Indiana.

According to an official at the Newton County Jail, Gardozo-Vazquez will be handed over to ICE officers upon his release.