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On May 12th, 2022, Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) received an anonymous tip pertaining to farm animals living in deplorable conditions at an illegal animal slaughter operation after discovering a Facebook ad of pigs and meat for sale.

After receiving the tip, an ARM investigator, posing as a customer, contacted a man who identified himself as Luis through the number posted in the ad - (208) 520-2950. The ARM investigator enquired about having an animal butchered for human consumption, and 'Luis' invited the ARM investigator to the Zamora Illegal slaughter farm located at Kathleen Street, Idaho, 83402. Property I.D #RP03N38E294957.

The ARM investigator entered the property and immediately confirmed the nature of the business as an animal slaughter farm. Animals observed and documented included cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and geese, all in poor condition and emaciated. Many animals are housed in small inhumane pens and are being deprived of any water altogether. Animals are eating and being fed the remains of freshly slaughtered animals.

The property is in a state of disarray, with years' worth of trash and waste building up across the property, including inside the animal's living areas.

During ARM's investigation, the animals on the property were all purchased and butchered for human consumption. This was acknowledged when the crimes were committed and documented through ARM's audio and video devices.

At the time, no animals were sold to ARM for ritualistic purposes. However, this is a service that the Zamora animal slaughter farm provides, partakes in, and was confirmed by the owners.

Meat procured from the animals on-site is illegally sold to the public. Meat is entering small markets, butcher shops, and catering events. Due to the unsanitary state of the entire operation, there is a serious public health and safety risk from the potentially diseased and contaminated meat that is entering the community's food supply.

This illegal animal slaughter business has been selling live animals for sacrifice and slaughter, and butchering animals for human consumption, for 25 years.

The Zamora slaughter farm operation is owned and operated by four brothers who all operate their business on the property. They all have their own sections and individual animal slaughter areas on the property where they trade and share all animals on site. The brothers also grow wheat and barley in an adjoining 30-acre field that the family harvests.

During this investigation, ARM witnessed, documented, and obtained evidence of animals being inhumanely handled and slaughtered in gross violation of the Humane Slaughter Act of the United States.

The Zamora animal slaughter farm is not only engaged in egregious animal cruelty crimes. There is also an extensive list of public health, safety, building/zoning, and environmental violations being committed. These include, but are not limited to:

- Animals are not stunned by an appropriate device or rendered unconscious and insensible to pain, prior to the slaughter process, per the Humane Slaughter Act.
- Animals are inhumanely handled, dragged, and butchered in front of other animals.
- Animals are bludgeoned to the skull and hammered to death.
- Animals are choked to death.
- Goats, sheep, and pigs are stabbed repeatedly in the throat and chest with foot-long blades while screaming and thrusting, displaying clear signs of life.
- Animals are conscious and aware as they are hoisted, skinned, and butchered.
- Animals live in deplorable conditions and are standing in up to 6 ft of excrement with no dry areas to lie down.

- Calves are contained in inadequately sized pens of 20 x 10 ft areas trapped in their own waste.
- Animals are forced to live with rotting week-to-month-old animal carcasses.
- Animals have no clean or drinkable water.
- Animals are in poor health, emaciated, suffering from debilitating parasites, untreated wounds, and are exposed to septic breeding grounds for infectious diseases.
- Animals are butchered on the ground on top of week-old decaying animal carcasses.
- Meat from slaughtered animals onsite is sold illegally to off-the-street customers with no licenses or permits.
- Sale of unadulterated meat.
- Animals are butchered in unsanitary, illegal, open-air butcher areas allowing the meat to be exposed to flies and insects.
- Contaminated meat from animals living in unsanitary conditions is entering the public food supply - a serious human health violation and risk of contagious disease.
- Animal carcasses are illegally disposed of in piles all over the property as vultures feed and possibly spread infectious diseases to surrounding areas of the county and state.
- Animal skins, body parts, dead animals, and trash are strewn throughout the property.
- The burn that surrounds the animal area contains hundreds of deceased animal bodies.
- Blood from slaughtered animals, excessive animal excrement, and dead carcasses are threatening public's health and safety. Body fluids from the animals are pooling into the ground and a nearby canal, potentially contaminating public groundwater.
- Zoning and building codes are being grossly violated.
- Animals are sold for ritualistic practices.

ARM witnessed and documented three felony acts of animal cruelty resulting in death and countless misdemeanor crimes during its investigation executed by the Zamora brothers and their two sons who also took part in the crimes.

All four brothers and animal butcherers are present and active during the killing of the animals and were present and active during ARM's visit.

No one agency, county, state, or federal are or has been monitoring activities on-site for its 25-year duration. The owners do not have a proper business license and hold no insurance.

All brothers work day jobs, although they are at the farm after 5 pm, on weekends and holidays and will come to sell and kill an animal/s with an appointment.

Vehicles documented during the investigation included a white Dodge Ram pickup 1500 truck with an Idaho tag number: 8B EY577, driven by Luis Zamora. A blue Dodge Ram pickup truck,

Idaho tag # 8B MR740 is driven by Luis's brother, a heavy-set Mexican Male. His wife drives a silver Nissan, Idaho tag # 8B KN065.

ARM is requesting that all owners be arrested, the slaughterhouse closed down, torn down, and investigated by county, state, and federal agencies. Under the state of Idaho statutes, any and all animals living in such conditions must be rescued and brought to safety or sanctuary.

This report, and all of its evidence obtained by ARM investigators, has been submitted to the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department and relevant regulatory agencies.



The Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), is a vanguard investigative animal welfare organization that was developed in 2010 by Richard Couto, shortly after he was exposed to one of Miami's darkest and most brutal animal cruelty operations. Upon this discovery of illegal animal slaughter farms and the black market horse meat trade, Couto, also known as 'Kudo,' invoked his vision of exposing and implementing solutions for extreme criminal acts towards animals into reality and created an unstoppable team who are dedicated to our organizations cause.

ARM Investigations has been carefully constructed as a direct-action organization. We conduct innovative investigative tactics to gather compelling evidence. ARM collaborates with local law enforcement, State attorneys, environmental protection agencies and The Animal Legal Defense Fund to produce concrete evidence to put an end to criminal acts involving animal torture.

ARM has since become the foremost expert organization in illegal horse slaughter. We specialize in condemning illegal animal slaughter farms in the United States. Our investigations, however, are not limited to slaughter farms as we are also actively investigating the black market horse meat trade, bestiality, underground animal fighting rings, fox & coyote penning games, and bear bile farms, to name a few, as well as the preservation of Wild Mustangs.

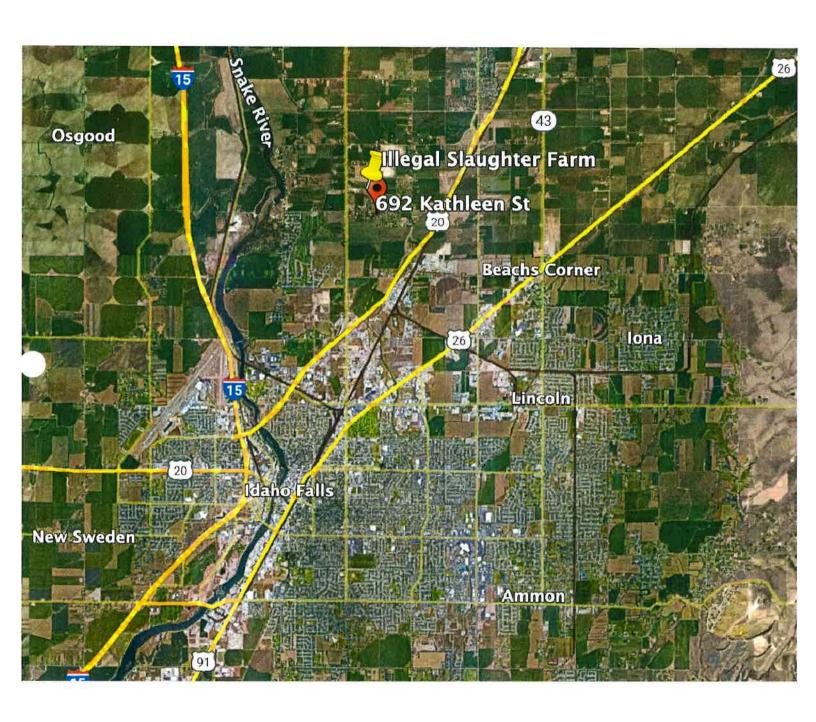
Succeeding in our investigations and exposing the truth as well as the eradication of these illegal practices have produced life changing results and permanent solutions. ARM's goals and vision is to constantly strive to raise the bar for the welfare of animals and to prevent and reduce their pain, fear and suffering.

As an organization we strive to be the defending force for destitute animals and to make significant improvements in how they are treated by exposing the truth, implementing laws to protect and educating the public on these illegal and barbaric practices. ARM prides it self on taking up the challenges that no one else will.

Our mission is to be an uncompromising defending force for the welfare of animals, in addition to putting an end to and preventing pain, suffering and torture inflicted as a result of inhumane practices.

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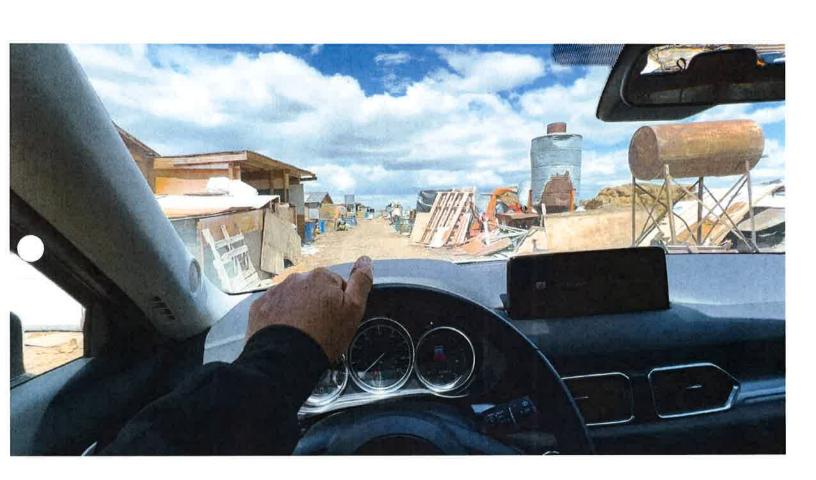




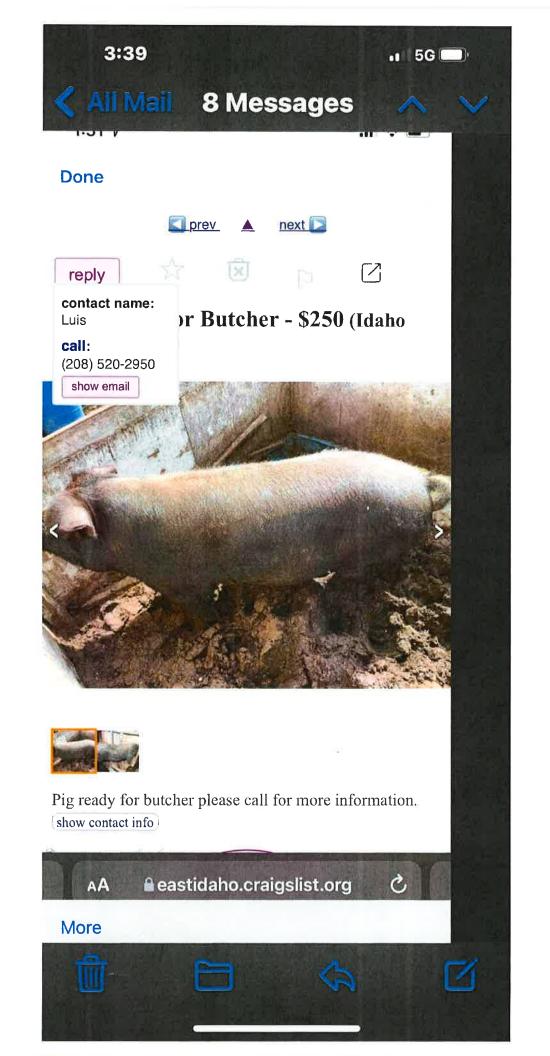












## **Statutes**

## **Humane Slaughter Act**

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The **Humane Slaughter Act**, or the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act, (P.L. 85-765; 7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) is a United States federal law designed to decrease suffering of livestock during slaughter. It was approved on August 27, 1958. [11] Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors at slaughtering plants are responsible for overseeing compliance, and have the authority to stop slaughter lines and order plant employees to take corrective actions. Although more than 168 million chickens (excluding broilers) and around 9 billion broiler chickens are killed for food in the United States yearly, [2] the Humane Slaughter Act specifically mentions only cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep and swine. [3]

Following news reports in early 2002<sup>[cltation needed]</sup> alleging significant non-compliance, FSIS assigned additional veterinarians to its district offices specifically to monitor humane slaughter and handling procedures and to report to headquarters on compliance. The 2002 farm bill requests an annual compliance report to Congress, and in the FY 2003 agricultural appropriations act, Congress designated \$5 million of FSIS funding for hiring 50 additional compliance inspectors. Language in the FY 2004 consolidated appropriations act directs FSIS to continue fulfilling that mandate, and the FY2005 budget request calls for another \$5 million to be allocated for enforcement activities. A January 2004 GAO report states that compliance problems persist (GAO-04-247). Earlier concerns about humane treatment of non-ambulatory (downer) cattle at slaughter houses became irrelevant when FSIS issued regulations in January 2004 (69 FR 1892) prohibiting them from being slaughtered and inspected for use as human food. [4]

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### Content of the Humane Slaughter Act

7 U.S.C.A. § 1902. Humane methods

No method of slaughtering or handling in connection with slaughtering shall be deemed to comply with the public policy of the United States unless it is humane. Either of the following two methods of slaughtering and handling are hereby found to be humane:

(a) in the case of cattle, calves, horses, mules, sheep, swine, and other livestock, all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut;

(b) by slaughtering in accordance with the ritual requirements of the Islamic and Jewish faith or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument and handling in connection with such slaughtering.

According to the law, animals should be stunned into unconsciousness prior to their slaughter to ensure a death with less suffering than in killing methods used earlier. The most common methods are electrocution and CO2 stunning for swine and captive bolt stunning for cattle, sheep, and goats. Frequent on-site monitoring is necessary, as is the employment of skilled and well-trained personnel. An animal is considered properly stunned when there is no "righting reflex"; that is, the animal must not try to stand up and right itself. Only then can it be considered fully unconscious. It can then proceed down the line, where slaughterhouse workers commence in cutting up its body.

The act contains a broad exemption for all animals slaughtered in accordance with religious law. This generally applies to animals killed for the kosher and Halal meat market. Jewish law (halakha) prescribes that the animal be fully sensible before slaughter, and while stunning debatable in Islamic law (sharia), the latter too requires that the animal be killed through ritual slaughter and not due to stunning. Proponents of these slaughter methods claim that the severing of the animal's carotid arteries, jugular veins and vagus nerve renders the animal unconscious more effectively than most other methods.

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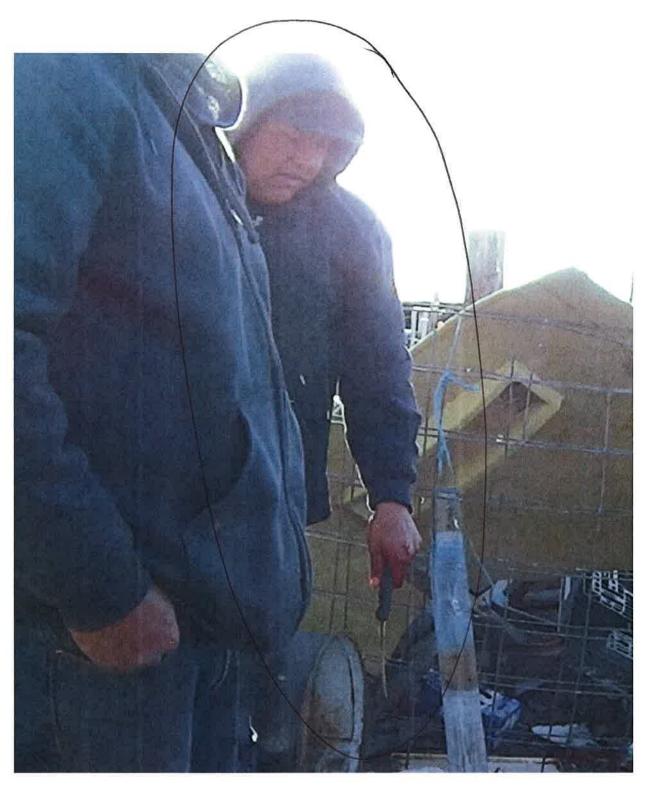
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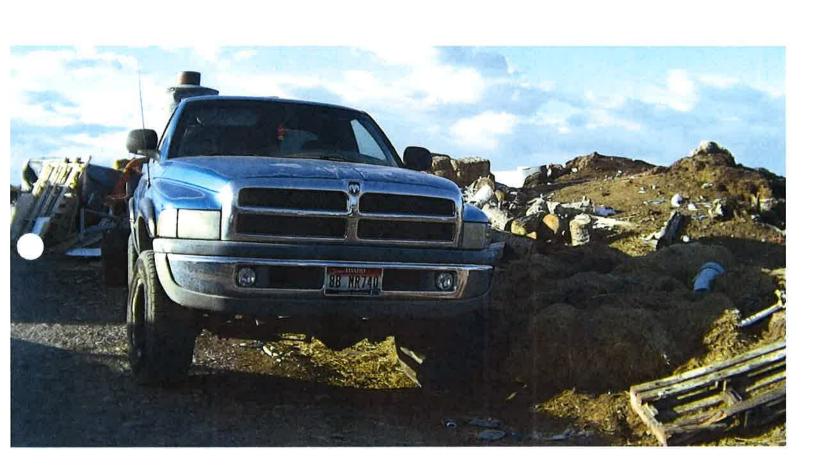
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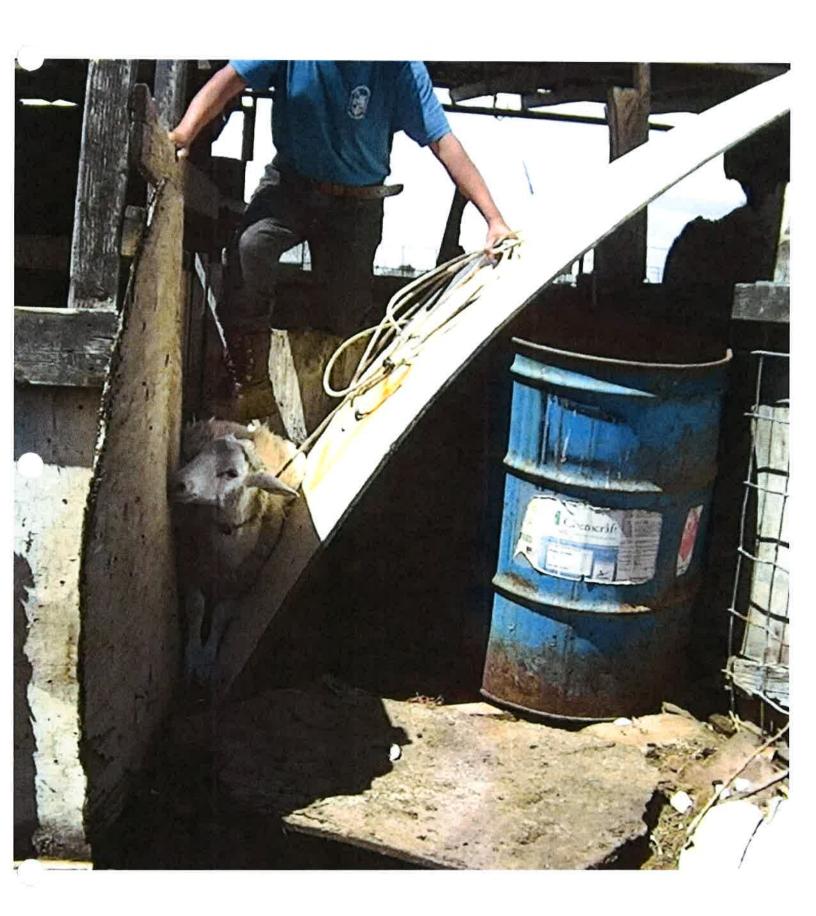




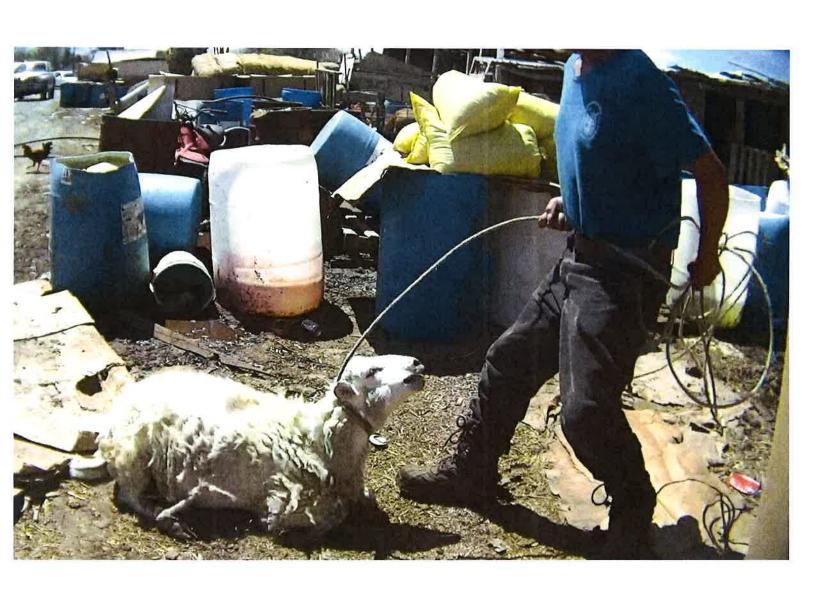


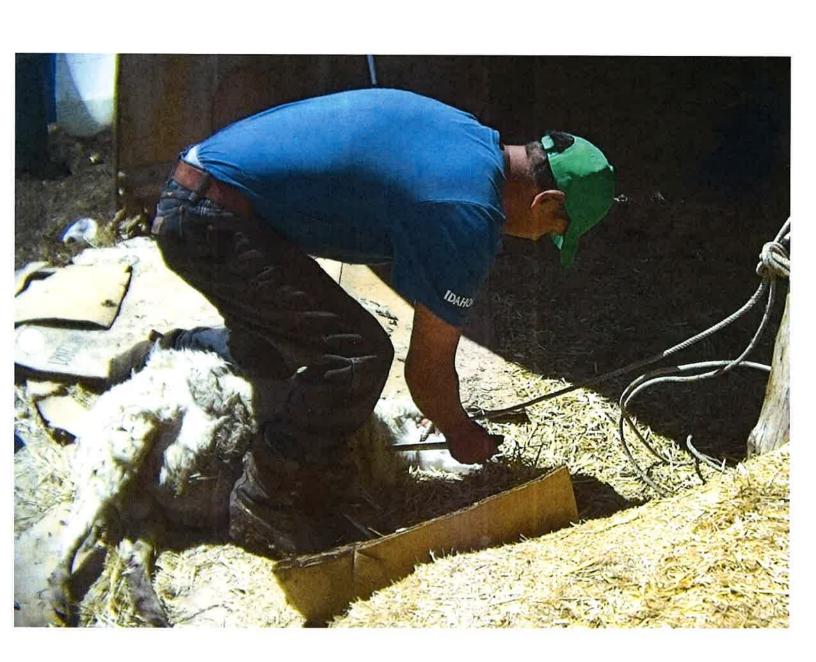


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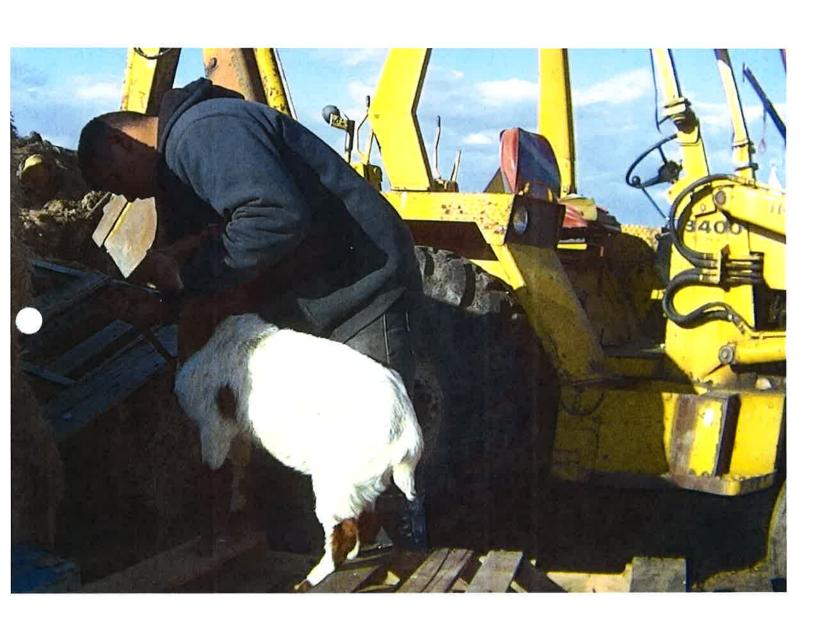






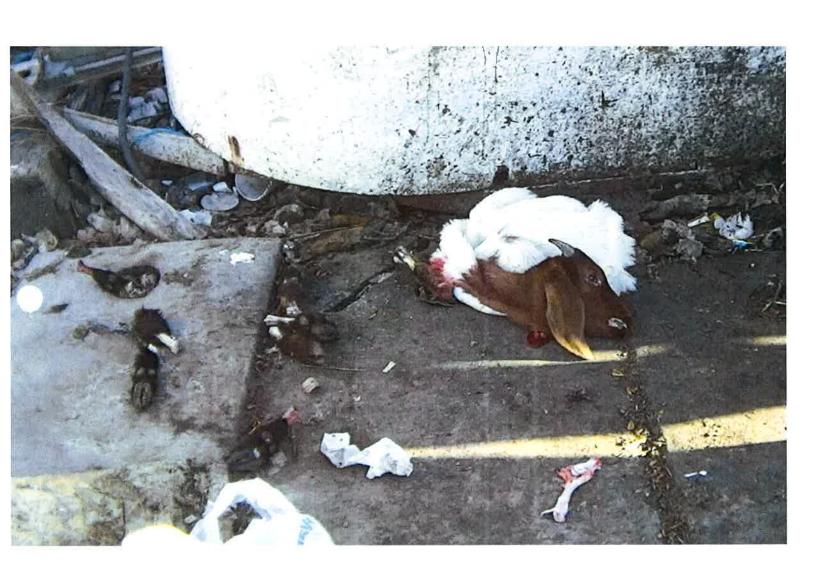












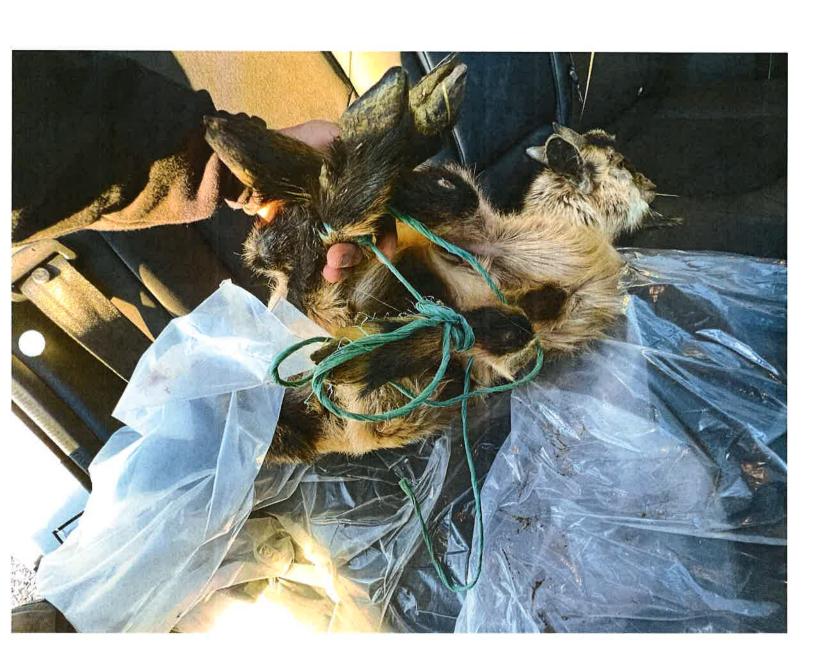






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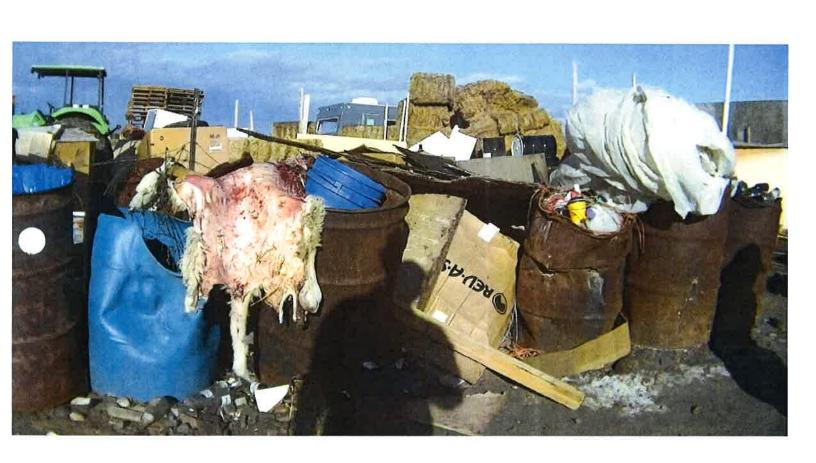




















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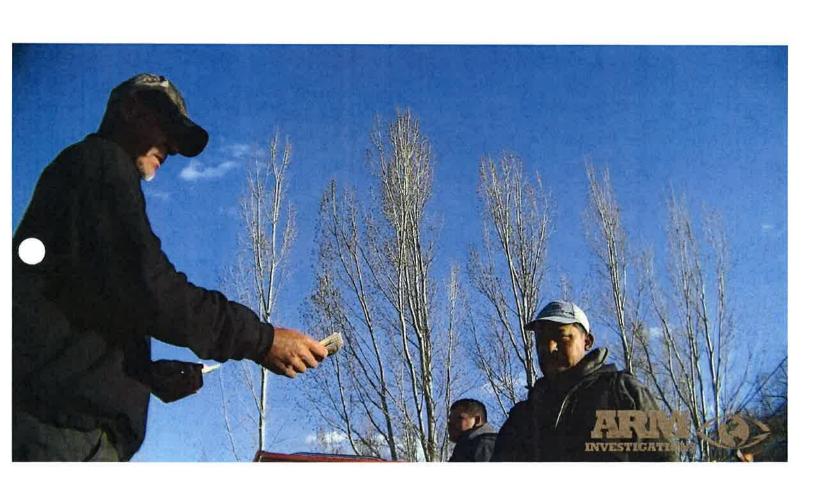


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