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FIRST-EVER: GRUESOME ILLEGAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE EXPOSED IN IDAHO

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, MAY 23, 2022. Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), a Florida-based animal welfare organization, is releasing shocking footage of an illegal animal slaughter operation wreaking havoc on the health and safety of both the community and animals of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The property is located at 561 Kathleen St, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83402. Property I.D #RP03N38E294957.

The illegal ‘backyard butcher shop’ is owned and operated by four brothers, one identified as Luis Zamora, and has been operating without any business licenses or permits for over 25 years. The Zamora brothers are inhumanely slaughtering and illegally selling un-inspected, unadulterated, potentially tainted meat to the greater community of Idaho at small food markets, catering events, and directly from the property. The public’s health and safety are at grave risk with potentially diseased meat entering the food supply given the animals’ extremely poor health and unsanitary conditions of the meat processing areas.

Idaho Fall’s public waterways (canal system) are also being contaminated with animal waste, blood, and animal body parts that are both being dumped and running off from the nearby butcher area of the Zamora slaughter farm. This presents an urgent call to action for the public who access the water for agricultural purposes and leisure (i.e children swimming in the canals).

Animal cruelty that ARM captured on film after receiving an anonymous tip of extreme animal abuse includes, but is not limited to:

- **ANIMALS TORTURED**: dragged by ropes, violently choked, hammered to death, stabbed in the heart, and throats slashed while conscious. Animals are not being stunned, rendered unconscious, or insensible to pain, prior to slaughter, per the USDA’s Humane Slaughter Act.

- **LIVING IN SQUALOR**: animals are forced to live in small pens amongst dead, decaying animal carcasses. They are locked up with up to 6 feet of excrement and accumulated garbage. Animals are being deprived of clean drinking water or food and are fed the remains of slaughtered animals.

- **ANIMAL SACRIFICE**: animals are being sold for sacrificial ceremonies and practices of Voodoo and Black Magic.

ARM’s investigation has documented evidence of three gruesome felony animal cruelty crimes resulting in death and countless misdemeanor crimes. Evidence has been submitted to the Bonneville County Sheriff’s department and relevant regulatory agencies, who have initiated their investigations. Agencies in receipt of the evidence includes; the Eastern Idaho Public Health, USDA’s FSIS, Idaho Department of Environmental Affairs, and Bonneville Animal Services.

ARM requests 1) shut down the Zamora brothers’ slaughter operation, 2) arrest the owners and animal killers, and 3) seize and rescue animal victims.

Evidence video: [https://vimeo.com/712659327](https://vimeo.com/712659327)

Link to Operation page and report: [https://animalrecoverymission.org/operations/illegal-slaughter-farms/operation-idaho-falls/](https://animalrecoverymission.org/operations/illegal-slaughter-farms/operation-idaho-falls/)

“The torturous crimes that I witnessed in Idaho Falls proves that illegal slaughter is a national crisis. Law enforcement and regulators have to start paying attention and shut down these epicenters of disease, cruelty, and violence.”

Richard “Kudo” Couto - ARM Founder

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The Animal Recovery Mission is a Non-Profit animal cruelty investigative organization based in Miami Beach, Florida. ARM’s 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. For additional information, photos, and video footage, please visit: [www.animalrecoverymission.org](http://www.animalrecoverymission.org)