

OPERATION LEBO



May 2023, Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) came across a craigslist ad for animals and meat for sale. Pictures of the animals and a description was included in the ad. The owners email and phone number were listed for inquiries. The farm is advertising in the Fort Pierce, FL area for meat and animals for sale.

No animals were sold to ARM for ritualistic purposes. However, this is a service that the Gonzales slaughter farm caters too.

In May 2023, Arm investigators came across an ad placed in craigslist. The the arm investigator requested to purchase meat, an address was given, and an appointment made. after the Arm investigator made entry to the property it was apparent that this was a up and running illegal slaughterhouse where animals were purchased, and then slaughtered for their meat by the owners, and or farm workers. Miguel, one of the animal killers suggested we follow him to another , another property where there were more animals to choose from. The arm investigators were then led to 200 Godwin Rd., Fort Pierce, FL. Upon entry of this property it was apparent that this site also was an illegal slaughterhouse selling animals for human consumption. The two properties, owners and farm

workers work together in an organized criminal fashion. Arm investigators went to this property. Multiple times to purchase animals for human consumption. The animals on the property are as follows.: cows, sheep, goats, dogs, cats, birds of all sorts and pigs.

Rooster on site are for fighting purposes. They are also breed, raised and trained to fight for fighting purposes.

Arm witnessed goats pigs and birds slaughtered un stunned for human consumption. This violates both state and federal law. Blood from the killed animals is seeping into open ground throughout the slaughter and butcher areas. There is possibility this is affecting the local groundwater in the greater area. Entrails of newly slaughtered animals are fed to other animals and animals awaiting slaughter. Animals and body parts are being illegally buried, burned and disposed of in trash and throughout the property. Both properties mentioned above or operating illegal businesses with no government oversight. There are no business licenses registered to either property and proper business insurance has not been purchased.

Federal, State and County laws violated are as follows:

- 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, hoisted and butchered in front of other animals.
- Animals are choked and skinned alive.
- Dogs bite and torment restrained animals awaiting slaughter.
- 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.
- Water boarding live animals.
- Throwing and slamming live animals.
- Animals at times have no clean or drinkable water.
- Animals are in poor health, emaciated, suffering from debilitating parasites, untreated wounds
- 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, ducks and other flight birds 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
- Unsafe living conditions
- Breeding, training and fighting roosters.
- 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 potentially contaminating public groundwater.
- Zoning codes are being grossly violated.
- Animals are sold for ritualistic practices.
- No vet care is given to the sick, injured or dying animals

ARM witnessed and documented 3 felony acts of animal cruelty resulting in death and countless misdemeanor crimes during its investigation executed by Miguel and other ranch workers.

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

ARM is requesting that all whom took part in the crimes be arrested and prosecuted, the slaughterhouse closed down, torn down, and investigated by county, state, and federal agencies. Under the State of Florida statutes, any and all animals living in such dangerous conditions must be rescued and brought to safety or sanctuary. ARM is extending an offer to give a safe haven to all remaining animals at the slaughter farm. ARM has taken part in over 200 similar operation with government agencies and will gladly aid in this case.

