

## Second arrest made in St. Lucie Co. illegal slaughter farm investigation

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FORT PIERCE, Fla. (CBS12) — A second arrest was made in an animal cruelty coming out of Fort Pierce last month.

According to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO), Ysairis Gonzalez, 50, was arrested following a search warrant in connection to [violent crimes committed against animals](#).

Her arrest comes after that of Miguel Cabrera, who faces charges of animal cruelty.

Gonzalez faces two felony counts of animal cruelty. Her bail is set at \$30,000, deputies said.



On Valentine's Day, SLCSO with the assistance of the nonprofit Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), raided a farm after there were reports of animals being illegally slaughtered.

The nonprofit conducted a six-month-long undercover investigation where they were able to obtain footage of illegal and allegedly inhumane acts against animals that violated the Humane Slaughter Act.

Footage collected by ARM showed conscious goats hanging upside down, throats slashed and skinned alive. There were also pigs pinned down and stabbed in the heart multiple times, ARM reported.



ARM recovered over 100 animals, which included pigs, goats, sheep, cows and birds, deputies said.