Fourth man arrested in connection with illegal slaughterhouse in South Miami-Dade

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Henry Gustavo Parra Oporta MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

A fourth man believed to be involved in a slaughterhouse that was closed earlier this month after a five-month-long investigation turned himself in Tuesday, Miami-Dade Police said.

Henry Gustavo Parra Oporta, 37, has been charged with 10 counts of animal cruelty with intent to kill, five counts of cruelty to animals and one count of illegally confining them without food or water. He is being held on a $185,000 bond.

On March 12, Miami-Dade police announced the culmination of the investigation into Coco Farm, 11800 NW 41st St. At the time, police said, the operators were running an illegal slaughterhouse and animals were malnourished and killed in vicious ways.

The bust, a collaboration among the department's organized crime section, Animal Recovery Mission and the State Attorney's Office, led to the recovery of over 3,000 animals, about 100 of which had to be euthanized.

Cops arrest two and seek a third accused of illegally butchering animals in a farm in South Miami-Dade.

Two men were immediately arrested: Gregorio Santa Ana, 69, and Jose Armando Solis, 35. Santa Ana was charged with 21 counts of cruelty to animals, three counts of illegally confining them without food and water and two counts of illegally shackling them with intent to kill. As of Wednesday, he remained in jail on a $169,000 bond. Solis was charged with five counts of cruelty to animals and two counts of confining them without food or water. Solis had been released from jail on a $19,000 bond.

A third man, Ruben M. Rodriguez, another owner, turned himself in to police on March 14 and faces charges including 10 counts of animal cruelty with intent to kill, five counts cruelty to animals and one count of illegally confining them without food or water. He remains in jail on a $62,000 bond.