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UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION ENSURES A SECOND ARREST IS EXECUTED UPON ANIMAL ABUSER AND ILLEGAL ANIMAL SLAUGHTER FARM OPERATOR IN MIAMI, FLORIDA.

Following the recent arrest of Raul “Freaky” Fernandez’s, Yonisley Garcia “Pipe” was also arrested by the Miami Dade Police Department in conjunction with the State Attorney’s Office of Katherine Rundle and ASA prosecutor Jason Pizzo for being complicit in running an Illegal Slaughter Farm. The property is since closed down and was located at 17701 NW 137th Avenue/Folio # 30-2922-0020-0141, Miami-Dade County, Fl. ‘Pipe’ was charged with 7 counts of animal cruelty with the intent to injure/kill as well as for conducting a business without a license under county ordinance.

The Animal Recovery Mission (ARM) is a non-profit investigative Animal Welfare organization based in Miami Beach (FL). In September 2013, ARM field investigators had suspicions of an illegal animal slaughter farm located at the above address. After months of undercover work, ARM personnel entered onto the property posing as customers on December 24, 2013 (Operation “Noche Buena”) for the first time and ended operations in January of 2014. ARM operatives videoed the farms activities using hidden cameras worn upon their bodies. At the direction of the manager, over seven workers, including ‘Pipe’ who was one of the main offenders and took part in the illegal; stabbing, shooting, sawing, gutting, hammering, beating, drowning in boiling waters, dragging with steel hooks inserted into the animals mouth as well as the butchering of animals, while they were still alive.

ARM operatives documented children as young as eight years of age being forced to witness the brutal torture of these animals. Hundreds of animals, including pigs, sheep and goats were sold. Animals were extremely sick and distressed, and provided little to no food and water, and were extremely sick. All animals onsite were illegally and inhumanely sold for human consumption to the public.

This illegal business sits on an environmentally protected wetlands property. The runoff of animal blood, entrails and other waste has been seeping into open ground and drains. These activities have been proven to contaminate public water supplies and kill off native vegetation.

On November 28, 2013, Miami Dade County inspectors cited charges against the Casas family, as they had done in the past, for building and structure violations that are still pending.

Property History and property owners are repeat offenders.

In 2009 the founder of ARM, Richard “Kudo” Couto, investigated this same property, a wetland buffer zone to the protected Florida Everglades termed as the “C-9 Basin”, for illegal slaughter operations. ARM confirmed that animals were being tortured and killed with sledgehammers for human consumption. This operation was operated and controlled by Carlos Casas, the current property owner. The immediate Casas family members have had knowledge of the illegal activities including Carlos Casas’s daughter, Aleida Fuentes, who is a veteran Miami Dade County employee.

After ARM’s investigation, the property was raided during “Operation Restore” on January 19, 2010, for extreme animal cruelty, environmental, building and zoning offenses. This strike, spun off an ARM investigation of over 70 illegal slaughterhouses, was headed by the Miami Dade State Attorney’s Office of Katherine Rundle with the dedicated prosecution ASA Jason Pizzo. It was the largest extreme animal cruelty investigation in US history and one of the largest departmental task force strikes in the States history.

Richard “Kudo” Couto has rated this property as one of the most inhumane operations towards animals that has been investigated to date by his organization.

“Kudo quote “

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