



Breaking! 3 Arrests Made After Raid Of Illegal Slaughterhouse In Palm Beach County, Florida!

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Photo by Palm Beach Post – From Left: Chico Allen Cabrera, Ricardo Cabrera, and Roberto Llorente

Horrific details have emerged following the arrest of 3 men after an investigation of a suspected illegal slaughterhouse in Loxahatchee Groves, Florida.

[Animal Recovery Mission](#) investigators conducted the six-month undercover operation called Operation Groves.

According to ARM's [Facebook](#) page, "The property was discovered while investigators were conducting an investigation in a nearby area and on February 8, 2018, ARM immediately launched an investigation. The undercover investigation revealed Operation Groves was running an illegal slaughterhouse where numerous animals were being tortured and slaughtered for human consumption violating the state animal cruelty and slaughter laws. The unsafe meat was also illegally distributed into Broward County, Miami Dade County, and Palm Beach County's food chain."

The video footage that was captured was enough to give you nightmares. The footage included goats being tortured by slashing their legs and throat while completely conscious and metal hooks being inserted into their bodies while hanging upside down. All this while the animals are attempting to breath.

The details continue with other animals including chickens and pigs that were also cut and tortured while suffering a slow and painful death in filthy butchering areas.

Thankfully, ARM was able to discover this horror of a slaughterhouse before anymore animals suffered under the hands of these heartless people.

Richard Couto, the leader of ARM, noted that the meat may have also been used for rituals like black magic; calling it "a very, extremely violent illegal slaughterhouse."

After the raid, Palm Beach Animal Control came on site to remove all animals including cows, pigs, pigeons, chickens.

The three men that were arrested were Ricardo Cabrera, 57, Chico Allen Cabrera, 29, and Roberto Llorente, 65. Their charges include

Felony Cruelty to Animals, Conspiracy to Commit Felony Cruelty to Animals, Kill Animals Inhumane Methods, Conspiracy to Commit Killing Animals Inhumane Methods and Cruelty to Animals.

According to [Palm Beach Post](#), Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Ted S. Booras ordered Richardo Cabrera on Friday to be held in lieu of \$139,000 bail on the 40 charges, six of them felonies, during a bond hearing. The other two men are also being held in lieu of bail.

The judge also made it clear that the defendants could not pay their bail with the money they received from their alleged crimes at the slaughterhouse. Prosecutors stated that the investigators seized \$120,000.00 during their raid.

WAN applauds ARM and their team for uncovering this terrible place and we are thankful that the rest of the animals will no longer suffer.