

Undercover investigator describes scene at slaughterhouse raid site

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LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. (CBS12) — Only on CBS12 News.

An undercover investigator tells us about the conditions he experienced at the site of a suspected illegal slaughterhouse. The man you're about to hear from does undercover investigations.

He spoke with us, wearing a mask, to conceal his identity. “It’s not a pretty sight. But it’s my job, so I have to learn to cope with it,” Rob said.

Rob—not his real name—is an undercover investigator with Animal Recovery Mission, a non-profit group that investigates cases of alleged animal abuse.

For 6 months, Rob says he made repeated visits to what authorities say was an illegal slaughterhouse at 15729 43rd Road North in Loxahatchee Groves.

He went there posing as a customer who was looking to buy meat.

But his real goal was to get video of them treating animals inhumanely.

“Every animal that is slaughtered under the law has to be rendered insensible to pain and that’s not what’s happening at this place,” Rob said.

He says he watched as they allegedly inhumanely killed chickens.

“They were getting their throats slashed or punctured and then they were thrown in a barrel and just bled, to bleed out,” Rob said.

He says it bothered him to have to watch the chickens suffer that way.

He says they inhumanely killed chickens, pigs, goats and sheep.

“They stabbed the goat in the leg and they hung the goat from its legs while alive and cut the goat’s throat, again while it’s still alive,” he explained.

“Did they seem uncomfortable with what they were doing?” we asked.

“No. They never seemed uncomfortable with it,” Rob said.

“To them it was just no big deal?” we asked.

“Correct. Every time it’s disturbing and upsetting. But it’s for the job. You have to see past it,” Rob told CBS12.

Three men are facing charges of felony animal cruelty in connection with the Loxahatchee Groves slaughterhouse.

Rob said it’s satisfying to be able to get video that leads to an arrest, because as he put it, you get to help rescue animals and make a change.

He says he’s currently working on another investigation of an illegal slaughterhouse that is also in Palm Beach County.