



Police arrest man accused of running illegal slaughterhouse in Sunrise

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SUNRISE, FLA. (WSVN) - Police have arrested a man accused of operating an illegal slaughter house in Sunrise.

Officers arrested 67-year-old Kalito Jones Sunday, charging him with 17 counts of animal cruelty and seven counts of confining animals without proper food and water.

Jones is a resident of Lee County but does stay at a farm in Sunrise from time to time.

According to investigators, Jones would illegally slaughter the animals before taking them to Lee County. Some of the animals were also sacrificed.

The Animal Recovery Mission conducted an undercover investigation where they said they discovered 300 animals, including goats, sheep, cows, dogs and birds, that were malnourished and had not received proper veterinary care.

“They’ve been receiving medical care 24 hours a day by our veterinarians,” said Richard Couto with ARM. “They are extremely sick.”

Investigators discovered various weapons at the farm, they said, which were being used on the animals.

“We found butcher areas,” said Couto. “They were basically right out in the open. They were killing the animals with axes — if you can believe it — with hatchets, with large sharp machetes.”

Several puppies were also rescued from the farm.

“This puppy, along with his brothers and sisters, would have already been tortured and sacrificed in ceremonies,” Couto said.

ARM investigators said it took days to retrieve all the animals due to the massive size of the farm.

“This was an illegal slaughterhouse. Animals were being butchered and meat was being distributed throughout the southern part of Florida,” said Couto. “Animals were also being dealt for animal sacrifice, black magic, voodoo, Palo Mayombe.”

Jones is currently being held on a \$255,000 bond.

He has also been ordered to stay away from the farm, and he is not allowed to possess or care for animals.

Officials said Jones had a boss, and they are actively searching for him. If you would like to adopt a rescued puppy, click [here](#). For more information on ARM, click [here](#).

If you have any information on his whereabouts, call Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS. Remember, you can always remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a \$3,000 reward.

August 29, 2018- Almost two months to the date, the second and final animal abuser of the Sunrise Illegal animal slaughter and sacrifice farm, was captured by US Customs as he re-entered the United States. The Sunrise Police Department had been searching for the owner of the animals since the June seizure of over 300 animals, which was conducted by ARM. After eluding police, Nour Albandakji (51) was arrested for 17 felony and 7 misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty.

The first arrest was served upon Kalito Jones Sunday (67), who was charged with 17 counts of animal cruelty and 7 counts of confining animals without proper food and water.

ARM recently obtained intel that in 2011, residents and then City Commissioner, Sheila Alu, exposed and intervened a large animal sacrifice event that was occurring on the Sunrise property. This was in preparation the most holiest of animal sacrifice events on the Muslim calendar, known as Eid-Al-Adha. Coincidentally, ARM recently returned from an international investigation in Bangladesh documenting this same festival.)click here to learn more).

Albandakji was subjecting countless animals to both religious sacrifice and slaughter for human consumption and had been keeping the animals in some of the most deplorable conditions that ARM investigators have witnessed before. The animals are now undergoing intensive medical treatments which are expected to endure a lengthy, and expensive 12 months of rehabilitation.

On Thursday 28th June, 2018, ARM responded to the critical rescue call of hundreds of animals, following an anonymous tip of animals ailing on an expansive, broken down property in Sunrise of Florida.

Immediately, ARM's animal transport units, Sanctuary staff and veterinarians headed to the site and began treating, rounding up and transporting emaciated, dehydrated and severely sick animals to our private sanctuary.

What was originally estimated as 75 animals, quickly escalated to over 300 animals and ARM has been working tirelessly around the clock to stabilize and accommodate the animals immediate needs.

Overnight, ARM's Sanctuary has doubled in it's residents and it will take over 12 months of care to save these animals from peril. Please consider a donation of any kind today by clicking on our donate button or contacting us at the details below.

ARM thanks everyone for their support in this heartbreaking and challenging case of animal abuse.

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