



March 17, 2021

The Honorable Ryan Arbon  
Sheriff  
Weber County Sheriff's Office

Via e-mail: [rarbon@co.weber.ut.us](mailto:rarbon@co.weber.ut.us)

Dear Sheriff Arbon:

Your attention is urgently and respectfully requested. PETA has received [this disturbing video footage](#) of two men violently abusing approximately 10 pigs on March 15, allegedly at Jensen-Fowers Farm, located at 6138 E. Hwy. 39 outside Huntsville.

The footage depicts the men repeatedly striking pigs on the face and body with a wooden board, kicking them in the face and on the body, and lifting them by their tails and legs and shoving them forwards on their forelimbs, at times seemingly causing them to collapse. We are in the process of gathering more information from the individual who captured the video, whose contact information is available upon request.

This conduct would appear to constitute clear violations of Utah's anti-cruelty provisions, specifically U.C.A. § 76-9-301(4), which prohibits torturing animals. "Torture" is defined as "intentionally or knowingly causing or inflicting extreme physical pain."<sup>1</sup> The conduct depicted in the video does not constitute the accepted animal husbandry or customary farming practices that would otherwise exempt pigs from the definition of "animal" and their abuse from prosecution.

**We respectfully ask that your agency investigate this abuse and file charges as you deem appropriate.**

In order to give your office the opportunity to address this matter swiftly, we have not yet shared the video publicly. Thank you in advance for your time. I can be reached at [ColinH@peta.org](mailto:ColinH@peta.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Colin Henstock  
Assistant Manager of Investigations

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<sup>1</sup>Utah Criminal Code § 76-9-301(1)(h) <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter9/76-9-S301.html> (Last accessed on Mar. 17, 2021).

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