

A kill buyer contacted horse advocates 2 weeks before vote that would make horse slaughter illegal in CA. Subsequent interviews were conducted by the Ventura District Attorney. The tapes were never used because they were late to the campaign and were not considered necessary to win the CA vote. The 3 interviews and information are not widely known.



Kill Buyer's initial comment was that **“our portrayal of the cruelty paled to reality.”**

His conclusion is that **the entire process and industry was cruel, inhumane, lacking in disclosure and of so little profit margin that it could never be regulated to be humane by anyone's standards.**



Links to parts 2 and 3

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8ZNiRV5-Mw&feature=relmfu>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmzsiUoP_58&feature=relmfu

0:00-2:20 Verifies he is unpaid, truthful, voluntary

2:21-3:32 He bought horses via Nickel Ads, traps wild horses

3:33-5:06 Horses get no care of any kind, open wound, cripple, “wrecked with pain.” Shipped nonstop 1700 miles, no water/food, horse goes down “kicking for his life”, being trampled, “domino effect.”

5:07-6:33 Unknown to him, kill buyer's helper buys a horse telling owner “for a church camp.” Horse's previous owner sees her horse in the pens, “crying and begging to buy her horse back for a profit,” the speaker sends her away. Later he asks why his men are laughing & they say his assistant bought her horse they were now driving to slaughter.

6:34-8:50 Horses “scalped” loading, stallions not sorted, “one stud lost his mind,” in transit knocked down draft, foot went thru deck. On arrival all horses badly beat up, one with jaw broken, mouth bleeding, can't close, no medical. Days later hauled him to slaughter. “I've got a million of these stories.”

8:50-11:05 Mare kicks him down, he's heard of bb gun to eye for a 'kicker,' intense, long lasting pain, so he “ties her head to a pole and jabs out her eye I don't know how many times” with a rod. Also wiring mouths shut.

11:05-12:42 Market so weak do “anything to make a buck.” Bronc he put in rigged pen to see if it would buck for rodeo stock, rips off skin “like a sock pulled down...stood there not telling how many days before shipped to slaughter.” “I don't know how many of these stories you want, they go on & on.”

12:43ff “Truck drivers told me...common place.” Upper deck fell down on the horses below, not fastened right. “He just kept driving... with all those horses on top you know, of the horses below.” “About ½ the time end up with dead horses on the truck.”