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OSP Fish & Wildlife Troopers Receive Oregon Peace Officers Association "Life Saving Award"

Two Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife troopers and two Douglas County Sheriff's Office deputies will be honored Friday by the Oregon Peace Officers Association (OPOA) with the "Life Saving Award" for their response in saving a man last December in the dark on a free-floating dock in the fast-rising South Umpqua River. The Oregon Peace Officers Association holds the annual awards banquet to honor the men and women of Oregon's law enforcement community who have distinguished themselves through bravery, heroism, and exemplary service to the public.

The OPOA held the organization's annual Awards Banquet November 8, 2013 at Spirit Mountain Casino and announced the presentation of special awards to several individuals. One of the awards, the "Life Saving Award", may be presented to individuals who, while serving in an official capacity with their law enforcement agency, perform an active, distinct and successful lifesaving of another human being. Recipients of the OPOA "Life Saving Award" included OSP Senior Trooper Jason Stone and Trooper Aaron Baimbridge, and Douglas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Don Martin and Deputy Pete Wood.

According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, on December 2, 2012, heavy rains raised the Umpqua River well above its high water mark. As a result, water was moving very fast and loaded with debris, conditions described as very dangerous for anyone on or near the water.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., a report came in of a man on a small dock with four attached boats that had broken free and was floating uncontrolled downstream. A local swift water rescue team responded but was unable to remove the man from the fast-floating dock. As darkness came, the attempted rescue was pulled back because of the dangerous conditions.

The two deputies and OSP troopers risked their lives as they launched a Sheriff's Office boat in the river and maneuvered through debris piles, estimated up to five times the size of their boat, to find the man floating on the dock at the mercy of the river. They spent nearly 20 minutes trying to reach the man who was intoxicated and refusing their rescue efforts. Through their determination, the officers talked the man off the dock and into their boat in conditions that, without their efforts, the man would not have survived.

Senior Trooper Stone, age 32, has worked for OSP for nine years. Trooper Baimbridge, age 35, has worked for OSP for six years. Both are assigned to the Roseburg Area Command office.



Sr. Tpr. Jason Stone (left) & Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge (right). Photo credit: Oregon Peace Officers Association

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Group Carrying Rifles, Only One Had Elk Tag

Tpr. Jewett contacted three subjects on horseback in the Murderer's Creek Unit. The first subject and the third subject were carrying rifles on their horses. When asked about hunting, the first subject said he wasn't hunting and only had a shotgun strapped to his saddle. The third subject was the only one in the group who had an elk tag. Tpr. Jewett asked the first subject to see the shotgun, since it looked like a rifle. The subject then told him "Alright, it's a .284 Remington. I can pack it for protection". Tpr. Jewett issued the subject a citation for **Hunting - No Big Game Tag with Centerfire Rifle**.

Brothers Cited for Waste of Elk

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Coggins worked a case in Tillamook involving two bull elk that were shot during the first coast bull elk season and left to waste. Investigation revealed that a subject was hunting in a steep canyon when he located two bull elk in a clear-cut. The subject shot both bulls then got his brother so he could tag one of them. The subjects, two brothers, decided to drag the animals through the timber to the Wilson River Highway instead of packing them out on an old cat road. After the brothers started to drag the animals a short distance down the hillside, they realized it got steeper and darkness was setting in. They decided to leave the elk with their hides on in the timber to waste and never returned for them. Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Deputy Seaholm with Tillamook County SO, located the elk and retrieved bullets from them. The brothers were contacted by Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Coggins, they both admitted to their involvement and were charged with **Exceeding Bag Limit Elk, Waste of Game Animal**, and **Aiding in a Game Violation**.



Road Struck Elk Salvaged by Trooper

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher responded to a reported road struck cow elk on Highway 58 at MP 66.5 near Willamette Pass. The elk was recovered and a portion of the meat was salvaged.

Cow elk. Photo credit: File

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	Lt.	Lieutenant	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Transporting Parts from CWD State

Sr. Tpr. Rzegocki stopped a CA plated vehicle for minor traffic violations. He discovered parts of five big game animals harvested in Montana. Sr. Tpr. Rzegocki recognized Montana as being a chronic wasting disease (CWD) state and noticed the carcasses contained prohibited portions (spine and skull plate with brain matter attached). The subjects voluntarily drove to the Bend Patrol Office where ODFW and Tpr. Sogge assisted in the removal of the prohibited parts. ODFW took possession of the parts and the subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Importation of Restricted Cervid Parts From a CWD State**.

17 Year Old River Otter from Louisiana Held



River otter. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Dmitry Azovtsev

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received a complaint from ODFW of a subject that was possibly in possession of a river otter without a wildlife holding permit. An investigation revealed that the subject had relocated to Junction City where Sr. Tpr. Hayes located the 17 year old river otter from Louisiana.

The subject stated that he was aware of the permit requirement and was working with ODFW in Salem in an attempt to get a permit. ODFW was notified as well as OSP Springfield for future enforcement action.

AK Resident Shows OR Hunting License

Tpr. Van Meter contacted an elk hunter who was driving a vehicle registered to him out of Alaska. The hunter provided her with an Alaskan driver license, but presented her with a resident Oregon hunting license and elk tag. The hunter claimed to have only been in Alaska for two years and never actually became a resident of Alaska. The hunter told Tpr. Van Meter he had hunted and fished in Alaska since 2011, but always bought Alaska non-resident licenses and tags. Tpr. Van Meter contacted the Alaska State Troopers out of Kenai and was provided with information that the hunter purchased a resident Alaska hunting license in the latter part of 2012 and in 2013 to include a hunting tag for moose. In the Alaskan applications, the hunter included information stating he was an Alaskan resident. Tpr. Van Meter contacted the hunter who maintained his story, saying he thought he had purchased a non-resident

Alaska license and there must have been a mistake. Tpr. Borchers assisted in the investigation by contacting the hunter at his residence where he seized the hunter's Oregon hunting license and tag and cited him criminally for **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tag**.

Citation for Lending Big Game Tag

Tpr. Cutsforth received an anonymous tip that a male subject had shot a large bull elk near Crow, Oregon without a tag and then asked a second subject to tag the elk with his first season coast elk tag. Tpr. Cutsforth contacted the subject who shot the elk at his residence. The subject admitted to shooting the 6x7 bull elk without a tag and led Tpr. Cutsforth to a residence nearby where the elk was hanging after it had been cut up. The elk was seized along with the subject's rifle. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk – No Tag**. Tpr. Cutsforth contacted the subject whose tag was on the elk, and that subject was cited for **Lending a Big Game Tag**.

Metolius Unit Poacher Cited

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg responded to the Metolius Unit to investigate a deer poaching complaint in the Green Ridge area. A bow hunter in the area had reported hearing a single rifle shot earlier in the day and soon thereafter encountered the subject's vehicle partially blocking the roadway. The driver of the vehicle reportedly had bloody hands, as though he'd been in the act of field dressing a deer prior to the witness' arrival at the scene. A short time later, the witness returned to the scene and located the fresh carcass of a small buck deer minus the antlers, the back straps and the front and rear quarters. The remainder of the meat carcass had been left to spoil and the witness noted a bullet wound in the animal's neck. The next day Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg eventually located the subject's vehicle parked in the driveway of a local Madras residence. The troopers noted fresh blood present in the bed of the truck as they walked up to the doorway of the residence to inquire within. The man who eventually greeted the troopers at the door also possessed the distinctive neck tattoo previously described by the witness.

During the interview that followed, Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg gained a confession from the subject and seized the meat from not just one illegal deer kill, but three. The buck the subject initially killed when encountered by the witness on the previous day was a forked horn buck. He admitted that shortly after his encounter with the eyewitness, he also shot and killed a three point buck, butchering and processing him in the same manner.

The meat from a third illegal deer (which the troopers found) was allegedly given to him from a tribal member whose identity

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he refused to provide. The subject opted to accept responsibility for that illegal deer kill as well, which he acknowledged was just as illegal as the first two. He claimed the deer meat was intended to be used during an upcoming funeral service on the reservation but admitted making no attempt to secure ceremonial harvest tags from the tribal authorities - something he knew was required. He acknowledged that his hunting activities were illegal and that he was aware of it at the time. The ceded lands buck deer season had previously ended in the area on Oct 31st.

The subject was cited for two counts of **Taking Deer Closed Season**, two counts of **Waste of a Game Mammal**, and one count of **Unlawful Possession of Deer** (Jefferson County Circuit Court).

Multiple Charges South of Astoria

Sr. Tpr. Klepp responded to a buck deer shot the last day of deer season in the Lewis & Clark area just south of Astoria. Investigation revealed a woman obtained permission to shoot the buck from her neighbor's yard. She shot twice using a slugged shotgun, missing the buck; then handed the gun to her brother, who shot once, killing the buck. The woman loaned her tag to her brother, who did not have a hunting license or deer tag. In addition, when aiming toward the deer, both individuals shot toward the heavily traveled roadway with at least one slug striking a garage door belonging to a neighbor across the road and in the direct line of fire. The slug narrowly missed the female homeowner, who was standing on her porch. One shotgun slug was recovered in the driveway. The female suspect was charged with **Loaning Big Game Tag, Reckless Endangering and Discharging a Weapon Across a Public Road**. The male fled the scene and a report will be sent to the D.A.'s office with recommended charges for him of **No Big Game Tag, No Hunting License, Reckless Endangering and Discharging a Weapon Across a Public Road**.

Shooter Put Turkey Tag on Bull Elk

Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Sgt. Thomas, and Tpr. Galusha responded to Sand Lake where a local farmer was reported to have shot three bull elk. Investigation revealed that hunters were on a clear-cut overlooking the farmland around Sand Lake when they observed one subject shoot three branch bulls near a residence. Upon arrival, troopers found two bulls had been tagged by hunters that were not present during the shooting and the subject who shot the elk had placed a turkey tag on one of the bulls. The subject who shot the bulls was cited for **Unlawful Taking Bull Elk x3** and the other subjects were cited for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**. All the elk were salvaged and released to the Tillamook County Jail.

Hunting Within City Limits, Newport Area

Tpr. Van Meter received a complaint of three subjects hauling elk parts out of closed private industrial timber property on motorcycles. Sgt. Thompson also responded and stopped the motorcycles as they were leaving the area. The investigation revealed that the hunters had permission to hunt on a section of private land that was bordered by the closed land to the north and Newport Airport property to the south (which is in the city limits of Newport). The hunters trespassed across the closed land and alleged that they had shot and wounded two elk while hunting on the private land. They stated that the two elk traveled onto Newport Airport property and went over 1/4 mile before dying within 200 yards of each other. The hunters decided to pursue the elk onto Newport Airport property to retrieve them. Both elk were seized and one subject was cited for **Hunting within City Limits**, while the other subject was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense - Hunting within City Limits**. Additional charges may follow.

Salvaged Elk Donated to Ukiah School Dist.



Elk. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

Sgt. Brown was dispatched to Alder Creek on the report of a branched antlered elk being shot and left to waste. Upon arriving at the location, Sgt. Brown met up with the reporting party (RP) and a USFS employee. They recovered the elk. The RP said he heard the shot that morning and when he found the elk, he saw where someone had walked up to it and walked away. The elk had a definite fork on one side and about a 3/4 inch point on the other, which would have made it a legal spike. The elk was salvaged and donated to the Ukiah School District.

Felon in Possession Poaches Blacktail Buck

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs responded to the Tenmile area to investigate a rifle shot from a vehicle in the area of a bus stop turnaround. He contacted a subject walking out of the wooded area who

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denied shooting or hunting. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs located a hunting rifle and skinning knife concealed under a plywood board at an adjacent residence. The subject stated that he had missed the deer and that he was out looking for it. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs located a fresh blood trail in the area and contacted Sgt. Withers for assistance. Both officers tracked the blood trail for quite some distance. The blood trail disappeared and after a lengthy search, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs located the dead three point blacktail buck deer. The subject was cited for the crimes of **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Buck Deer – Closed Season** and **Felon in Possession of Firearm**.

Troopers Rescue Stranded Deer on Ice Pond

Tpr. Galusha and Sr. Tpr. Reid responded to a stranded deer on ice in a pond. Upon arrival the troopers used a boat to slide out on the ice where they were able to rescue the deer and return it to shore. With the assistance of local farmers, the deer was taken to a barn where it was warmed and later released into the wild.

Headless Buck Found, OSP Seeking Suspect(s)



Headless buck deer. Photo credit File

Sgt. Hand responded to a complaint of a headless deer. A local area Merril resident had been seeing a large four-point buck mingling with approximately 30 does and fawns. The deer had been photographed several times before the landowner left for a few days. Upon his return, the landowner went to check on the deer and found a headless carcass in his field. A search of the carcass revealed that it had been shot with a rifle but no bullet was recovered. A press release has been made and there are no suspects at this time.

Elk Taken on Private Property Seized

Tpr. Jewett responded to a report of an ATV and an elk carcass located on private property in the Northside Unit. The landowner had called the day before with a concern over trespassing, as he had found an ATV on his property and wrote down the ATV permit number. Tpr. Jewett responded and found through his investigation that the subject had shot the elk on the neighbor's property and was in violation of trespassing on both pieces of property. The subject was located and admitted to the violations. Tpr. Jewett obtained signatures from both landowners and cited the suspect for two counts of **Criminal Trespass II** and the five point bull elk was seized.

Saddle Mtn Hunter Shoots at Spike WED

Tpr. Herman and Sr. Tpr. Stanton conducted a WED operation on a state logging road in the Clatsop State Forest off of Hwy 26. The troopers set a spike elk WED to target elk hunters with general coast elk tags coming into the Saddle Mountain controlled hunt area which is a three point or better unit. A vehicle stopped at the decoy and the passenger immediately got out and started firing multiple rounds out at the WED. Troopers contacted the subject, who had a Saddle Mountain tag, and stated that he knew the three point regulations but didn't bother to count the antler points on the WED before he fired. The subject was cited and released criminally for **Unlawful Taking Spike Elk Closed Season**.

Seven Party Hunters Cited



Antlers seized. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Andrews, while coaching Rct. Breen, began an investigation into the unlawful take of several bull elk. Tpr. Andrews was assisted by Tpr. Freitag, Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge. The troopers were able to determine multiple hunters trespassed on private property, both on foot and on ATV, to kill and retrieve a trophy class bull elk. In addition to the large bull, several smaller bulls were killed and either not tagged or tagged with other hunter's tags. Seven subjects were cited criminally in lieu of custody and one subject was lodged in jail on the following charges: **Unlawful Take/Posses Bull Elk** (three counts), **Criminal Trespass II** (four counts), and **Lend/Borrow Big Game Tag** (four counts). Four sets of antlers and two rifles were seized and additional warnings were issued.

Road Struck Buck Taken Home and Tagged

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher followed up on a deer case initiated by Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn where a subject picked up a road struck buck deer in the Fall Creek area and took it to his residence where he then placed another's muzzleloader deer tag on it. The subject was cited (criminally) for **Unlawful Possession of Deer** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. Another subject was identi-

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fied who assisted in the incident. This person was cited (criminally) for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. The person who lent their muzzleloader tag to the original suspect was cited (criminally) for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

Baiting Waterfowl on Private Property

Tpr. Andrews and Tpr. Freitag were made aware of a privately owned slough which was being baited for hunting waterfowl. The troopers gained access to the slough and documented the bait in addition to several motorized decoys. The troopers returned at a later date and observed two subjects actively hunting ducks over the baited area, and motorized decoys. Both subjects were interviewed and implicated two additional subjects. Through the course of the investigation, four subjects were cited criminally in lieu of custody. Two were cited for **Hunt Waterfowl over Baited Area** and **Hunt Waterfowl with Motorized Decoys**. Another two were cited for **Hunt Waterfowl over Baited Area**. Two shotguns, and several motorized decoys were seized. Additional warnings of No State Waterfowl Validation, No Federal Waterfowl Stamp, and Hunt Prohibited Method (shotgun hold more than three shells) were issued.

Bear Killed, Not Checked in with ODFW

Tpr. Ring received information from ODFW personnel in Bend about a hunter who had killed a bear in the Silvies Unit back in August and sent a tooth in, but never had the bear checked by ODFW. Tpr. Ring made contact with the hunter who explained he was unaware he had to check the bear with ODFW if he sent in a tooth. He told Tpr. Ring that the bear was a small male and he only salvaged the meat because the hide was rubbed out and the skull was small. Tpr. Ring warned the hunter for fail to check in bear with ODFW.

Buck Killed on Monument Drive



Monument Drive buck deer. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Bennett received a call of an illegal take of a large three point buck taken on Monument Drive, on a Friday night approximately 8:30 pm. The reporting party heard a suspicious noise, didn't think it was a gunshot, but some-

thing that "thumped" up against his house. He turned on his lights and looked but saw nothing. The next morning he found the dead buck in his yard. There are no suspects at this time.

Citations for Borrowing/Lending Big Game Tags

Sgt. Meyer responded to a report of someone shooting two elk in the Sam's Valley area. He arrived to find two young men with a cow elk they had just field dressed. The young men said that their two uncles each shot an elk and the uncles were out retrieving the other elk from the field. One of the young men had blood all over his hands and up to his elbows, and said he field dressed the cow elk that Sgt. Meyer had seen lying nearby. The second young man said he held a leg to assist the first young man in field dressing it. The two uncles arrived later with another dead cow elk in tow behind their Jeep. Sgt. Meyer had already talked to a neighbor who said that only one of the uncles had been there and shot both elk, the neighbor had called the second uncle who worked on the ranch. This uncle said he was en route to tag one of the elk himself and he offered to let the neighbor tag one and keep it, which the neighbor declined. Sgt. Meyer questioned the two uncles and they admitted only one of them shot both elk and that the second uncle arrived after the fact to tag one. One uncle had a controlled antlerless elk tag (landowner preference) and the other had a damage elk tag for the ranch. Sgt. Meyer then learned that the shooter had also shot and killed a calf elk at the same time. Sgt. Meyer had the men retrieve the calf elk as he and Tpr. Nugent prepared citations. Sgt. Meyer seized one cow elk and the calf elk to be salvaged. All four men involved were issued citations, one for **Exceeding the Bag Limit – Elk**, one for **Lending/Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and the two young men were each cited for **Aiding in a Fish & Wildlife Offense**.

Trophy Class Elk Poached on Heppner Ranch

OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers responded to a trespass complaint on a ranch in Heppner. The ongoing investigation identified two people, a 28 year old Prineville man and 22 year old Bend woman, as suspects. When witnesses confronted them after they unlawfully shot a trophy class bull elk, they fled the area leaving the elk. Information provided by the witnesses led OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers to apply for a search warrant that was served November 20th at a Prineville area residence. Evidence of additional and numerous wildlife offenses was seized in relation to the ongoing investigation including another trophy class elk head mount thought to be illegally harvested

Salvaged Elk Donated to Charity

Tpr. Glaser received a complaint during the second season coast bull elk hunt of a hunter who had shot a cow elk. He responded and contacted the complainants who had witnessed the hunter shoot offhand at a herd of elk that was approximately 400 to 700 yards away. Tpr. Glaser determined that the hunter had mortally wounded a cow elk but was unable to lo-

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cate the elk in the darkness. Tpr. Glaser, with the assistance of a local landowner, located the cow elk the following morning and was able to salvage it. The hunter was subsequently cited for **Take Cow Elk No Tag** and the elk was donated to charity.

Injured Owl Taken to Chintimini Wildlife Center



Northern Pygmy Owl. Photo credit: Chintimini Wildlife Center, Corvallis OR

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit responded to a residence in Yachats who rescued a vehicle struck owl, later identifying it as a Northern Pigmy Owl.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit brought the four inch tall injured owl to the Newport Aquarium to be stabilized before being transported to the Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis. According to the aviarist at the Newport Aquarium, the owl only suffered minor injuries and should make a full recovery. Chintimini Wildlife Center: <http://www.chintiminiwildlife.org/rehab-overview.htm>

With Arms Raised, "That Was a Good One"

Tpr. Cutsforth and Tpr. Imholt conducted a night time deer WED operation on the last night of general rifle deer season. A pickup approached the set up and stopped, illuminating the decoy with its headlights as it parked diagonally in the roadway. The subject got out and after a long time shot the decoy one time. When asked what took so long for him to shoot the decoy he said he thought it was illegal to drive a vehicle with a loaded gun so he always takes the bullets and bolt out of his rifle and puts them in the glove box. He said he saw the buck and quickly put the bolt back in the gun and attempted to shoot at the buck but his gun just went click because he forgot to load it, he then placed a round in and shot the decoy. On first contact he got out of the pickup with his arms raised high and said "That was a good one". He was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours – Shoot Decoy** and his rifle was seized.

OSP Trail Camera Captures Poacher

Sr. Tpr. Bean located an illegally killed buck deer off of Highway 31. The deer had been shot with a high powered rifle. All four quarters had been taken along with the antlers. Sr. Tpr. Bean then went to a trail camera that he had set on the roadway. The vehicle had been captured on film coming into the area the previous day about 1/2 hour before dark and leaving just after dark. Through follow-up, Tpr. Bean identified a logger who had been operating the vehicle for a logging company. Tpr. Bean made a trip to John Day and contacted the subject as he was returning to his hotel. After being told about the

camera that caught him on film, he admitted poaching the four point buck. His rifle was seized and he was cited for **Unlawful Taking Buck Deer - Closed Season**. Sr. Tpr. Bean had a Washington Fish and Game Officer respond to the suspect's house in Vancouver, Washington and recover the antlers. The deer meat was located at a friend's residence in Sisters, Oregon and the friend was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.

Five Point Bull Elk Poached

Sr. Tpr. Klepp responded to a hunting complaint near the Surf Pines area just west of Highway 101, north of Gearhart. At the time of his arrival, two elk had been removed from the scene. He remained in the area and identified a potential subject who he recognized had illegally taken elk in the past. Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted the subject and was taken to a gear shed where a search led to the discovery of several more bull elk carcasses. One of the carcasses was a five point bull and the subject of Sr. Tpr. Klepp's trespass complaint at the nearby Nature Conservancy four days earlier. That bull had an invalid coastal general season tag affixed to the carcass. Sr. Tpr. Klepp cited one subject for **No Valid Bull Elk Tag in Possession** and will follow-up on possible charges for that subject. A second subject was cited for separate incidents of **Criminal Trespass II** and a charge of **No Valid Saddle Mt. Bull Elk Tag**.

Elk Taken by Centerfire, Shotgun Only Zone

Sr. Tpr. Kehr received information of a potentially wasted elk carcass east of Lincoln City in the Shotgun only zone. Upon inspection of the carcass, Sr. Tpr. Kehr determined the elk was not wasted, and had been killed with a centerfire rifle. Sr. Tpr. Kehr located the shooter and issued a citation for **Taking Elk Prohibited Method - Centerfire Rifle in Shotgun Area**. The 5x6 elk and rifle were seized.

Sauvie Island Subjects Shot Geese, No Permits

Tpr. Shimer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Sauvie Island leaving the wildlife area. As the trooper approached the pickup, he observed several large fishing poles with sturgeon setups and two large coolers with blood on them. When asked if they had any luck that day the subjects in the vehicle stated "No". A consent search of one cooler revealed seven geese (two of which were still alive). Two of the four subjects had hunting licenses, but no goose permits. The subjects also stated they did not know anything about being required to check the geese in at the check station. Tpr. Shimer escorted the vehicle to the check station where it was found five of the seven geese were Dusky geese. It was determined the geese were all shot on ODFW land (closed to goose hunting). Two of the subjects were cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Geese** and are pending further charges. All geese were seized.

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Duck Hunter Cited for Unplugged Shotgun

Sr. Tpr. Collom worked Denman Wildlife area just before dark on Friday and checked one duck hunter walking back to his truck slowly, as he saw the trooper drive up to the parking area. The duck hunter said he just got there and was really just scouting for ducks. The hunter had no plug in his gun, no federal duck stamp, no day use permit and he did not have his state validations current. However, he did have steel shot. The hunter was cited for **Unplugged Shotgun**.

Criminal Living in Forest for Two Years

Sr. Tpr. Hayes with assistance from the OSP patrol division, USFS, Black Butte PD, and Jefferson County SO, responded to the Metolius Unit regarding an investigation into a possible unlawful take of deer which Sgt. Lea had received a complaint on the day prior. An investigation revealed that the subject had fled the area with what is believed to be a juvenile female and a juvenile male. Hanging in the remote camp was an unlawfully taken buck deer which had been shot with a .357 bullet. The subject is known to have a violent criminal history including murder and attempted murder of an Oregon State Police Officer. At the camp, evidence was collected including ammunition which had been concealed and fortified below ground. The area was searched for the subject who is operating a yellow and white 1979 Chevrolet Suburban with a basket rack on top. The subject has an arrest warrant for theft in Jefferson County and has been living in the forest for at least two years. The search for the subject continues with charges pending an arrest.

Deer Ran Hard into Truck, Broke Antlers

Sr. Tpr. Mayer responded to a report of a whitetail deer running into the side of a truck on private property. He responded to the location and contacted the reporting party, who was driving on a private road through the timber, when a forked horn deer ran into the side of his truck and caved in the right rear quarter panel. The deer appeared to be rutting along with several other deer in the area. It hit the truck so hard the antlers broke and it was mortally wounded. The deer meat was inspected and salvaged. No violations.



Poached buck deer. Photo credit: File

Traffic Infraction Uncovers Poacher

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs contacted a subject for a traffic infraction and discovered evidence of the driver taking a deer. The suspect had killed a large 3x4 buck deer that morning in the Tyee area west of Sutherlin, and was attempting to dispose of the evidence when he was observed by Sr. Tpr. Frerichs. The suspect was cited for the crime of **Unlawful Taking of Buck Deer Closed Season** and warned for Waste of Big Game Mammal and Littering within 100 Yards of Waters.

23 Packages Wrapped Deer Meat Seized

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher followed up on a suspicious activity complaint regarding the taking of a deer in the West Eugene area. Investigation revealed that the subject had killed and kept a deer which had been caught in a fence. Further follow up revealed that another individual had helped the suspect process the deer and both had meat in possession. Both subjects were issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**. Twenty three packages of wrapped deer meat were seized as evidence.

WED Operation on Weyerhaeuser Land

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn conducted an early morning deer WED operation on Weyerhaeuser land in the Little Fall Creek area. Prior to the start of legal hunting hours a vehicle approached the WED, stopped with its headlights illuminating the decoy, the passenger exited the vehicle and fired two arrows at it. The same subject then put down the bow, got a .22 rifle from the vehicle and fired several shots at the decoy. The subject was contacted and cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**. The compound bow and .22 rifle used during this incident were seized as evidence.

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Troopers Seize 22 Sets of Antlers



Antlers seized Photo credit: File

A tip was reported of a man in Portland who was hunting and reportedly exceeding the bag limit on deer. Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson did a knock and talk and seized 22 sets of antlers. The

subject said he had legally killed a few of the deer but said the other sets of antlers were from swap meets, other people, and sets he had picked up in the woods. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Antlers**.

Wickiup Reservoir Ducks Get Second Chance

Tpr. Ring responded to the area of Sheeps Bridge at Wickiup Reservoir on a report of a duck hunter shooting many times but not killing any ducks. Tpr. Ring arrived in the area and met with the reporting party who reported hearing a duck hunter shoot between 40 and 50 times over a short period of time and never witnessed retrieving any birds. It was determined that the duck hunter turned out to be four duck hunters that were just poor marksman.

Elk Shot on Highway

Sr. Tpr. Connell and Tpr. Jewett responded to a report of criminal trespass on SR 244 near MP 5. At the scene, Tpr. Jewett found that a hunter and his son had shot from the roadway and killed a spike bull on the highway. The elk was originally on private land, when it was first shot. As it was running down the highway towards Ukiah, the hunter told his son, who was standing on the centerline of the road, to finish him off. It was determined that the elk had been shot multiple times, one of which was as it was running straight away from the shooter. A shell casing was found on the centerline of the roadway. The elk was seized and the hunter who originally shot the elk when it was on private property was cited for **Criminal Trespass II**. The hunter and his son were both cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method**.

Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Multiple Citations

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher received a littering complaint where the reporting party (RP) witnessed a person dumping carcasses near the Fern Ridge Wildlife area. Using the license plate information provided by the RP, the suspect was contacted at a residence near Walton. During the interview, the suspect revealed that one of the deer carcasses dumped was killed by his brother who put his girlfriend's tag on it. Subsequent interviews resulted in the issuance of criminal citations for **Offensive Littering**, **Borrowing a Deer Tag**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. A four point black tailed buck deer head and packaged meat was seized along with six firearms (including the one used to kill the buck). Also during the investigation, it was learned that a bear was taken during the 2013 spring season and may not have been checked in with ODFW as required. Further investigation is pending.

Reporting Party Gets Citation



Bucks locked horns. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Niehus got a report of two bucks that had their antlers locked. One of the bucks was reported to be dead and the other was dragging it around. No ODFW personnel were available to dart the deer and darkness

forced Sr. Tpr. Niehus to wait until the next morning to respond. When he arrived at the coordinates provided by the reporting party (RP), he found one intact, but severely mauled dead deer and a separate gut pile. The antlers had been cut off the dead deer and were missing. Sr. Tpr. Niehus collected evidence and contacted the RP from the night before. The RP was evasive, nervous and had deer hair in the bed of his truck, which he had tried to wash away prior to Sr. Tpr. Niehus' arrival. The RP finally admitted to cutting the buck deer's throat to put it down because it was suffering. He cut the antlers off both deer, separating the two, gutting the deer he had put down, cutting its head off and taking the back straps. He got scared and dumped the body and head down the road, taking the back straps and antlers back to his camp. After Sr. Tpr. Niehus called him, he hid the back straps in the woods while a hunting partner hid the antlers. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer**. His hunting partner will be cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Deer Carcasses Found In Boat

Sr. Tpr. Niehus was called to assist the Klamath County SO after

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they discovered the carcasses of two deer in the back of a pickup. Sr. Tpr. Niehus responded and contacted the three subjects who had returned from hunting ducks and were in the process of finishing up a boat inspection by the SO. The boat's operator received citations for the very same boating safety violations he had been cited for the prior week. Sr. Tpr. Niehus inspected the deer carcasses and asked the visibly shaking boat operator about them. The subject stated that he and his brother had shot the deer during the late Keno bow season and that his deer was the more recent of the two. Sr. Tpr. Niehus located an entrance wound and then turned the carcass over to reveal a fist sized exit wound. When asked about the gunshot type wound, the subject admitted that he had shot the deer with a rifle because it was the end of the season and he had been unable to get one with his bow. The carcass was seized and the subject turned over the rest of the deer, some of which had been packaged and was in the freezer. He also turned over the 3x2 buck deer head and cape along with his rifle. He was cited and released for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer**.

Bobcat in Leg Hold Trap Shot by Trappers



Bobcat. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Craig O'Neal

An individual reported finding a bobcat in a leg hold trap near Carter Creek off of Succor Creek Road in the Owyhee Unit. The reporting party (RP) said there were no tracks in the snow to indicate the

trapper had checked on the trap since the last time it snowed, which was about six or seven days prior. Sr. Tpr. Duncan hiked to the area in question and located the bobcat in the trap, he could see the RP's footprints and his dog's footprints in the snow just as he described. Sr. Tpr. Duncan did not see any other footprints in the area. The next day, Sr. Tpr. Duncan hiked back into the area to check on the bobcat, as he neared the location of the trap, he saw two ATV's approaching. He watched as the trappers checked three traps and killed the bobcat found by the reporting party. Sr. Tpr. Duncan interviewed the trappers who admitted they last checked the traps six days prior. The owner of the traps was cited for **Failure to Inspect Traps Every 48 Hours**.

Convicted Felon Endangers his Kids

Tpr. Herman, Sr. Tpr. Stanton, and OSP Volunteer Corky Herman conducted a WED operation on a state logging road in the Clatsop State Forest off of Highway 26. The troopers set a

spike elk WED to target elk hunters with general coast elk tags coming into the Saddle Mountain controlled hunt area which is a three point or better unit. A vehicle stopped at the decoy and the driver immediately started firing multiple rounds out of the driver's side window at the WED. Then the passenger (the driver's 19 yo daughter), got out of the truck and started firing multiple rounds at the WED. Tpr. Herman contacted the subject's and immediately noticed blood on the driver's hands and a beer can sitting on the dashboard that had been used to smoke marijuana (which was still burning). Tpr. Herman also saw there were two 12 year old boys in the back seat of the truck, and the driver and passenger's rifle barrels were pointing at the boys' faces. When Tpr. Herman questioned the two subjects, an investigation revealed that neither the driver nor passenger had any elk tags. Tpr. Herman questioned the driver about the blood on his hands and gained consent to search the truck. In the back of the truck, he found a fresh four point buck deer head, and a backpack full of fresh deer meat. The daughter admitted to shooting the buck earlier that morning. The father cut off the back straps and part of the legs, the head, and left the rest to waste. Tpr. Herman then ran both of the subjects and found that the father was **DWS Misdemeanor**, a convicted felon and also possessed an open container of beer in the truck. The father was lodged at the Clatsop County Jail for **Unlawful Taking of Spike Elk, Aiding in a Wildlife Offense, Felon in Possession of Firearm, Hunting from a Motor Vehicle and Reckless Endangering**. The daughter was cited and released for **Unlawful Taking of Spike Elk, Unlawful Taking of Deer Closed Season and Shooting from a Roadway**. The father was also cited for **PCS Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The deer, marijuana and rifles were seized as evidence.

WED Operation on National Forest Land

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher conducted a cow elk WED operation on National Forest Land in the Young's Creek drainage South of Oakridge. The decoy operation took place on the opening day of the muzzleloader elk season. The decoy operation was conducted in support of the ongoing antlerless elk action plan which has been in place this fall to monitor the new regulations which now prohibit the taking of antlerless elk on National Forest Lands during most elk seasons in the McKenzie and Indigo Wildlife Management Units. During the operation, four vehicles passed by the decoy - all observed it. The operator of one vehicle shot at the cow elk decoy from inside the vehicle with a muzzleloading rifle. Upon contact with the subject, it was determined he was unaware of the new bag limit restrictions prohibiting the taking of antlerless elk on National Forest Lands, he was also hunting without a valid elk tag. Investigation revealed that the subject's wife had a muzzleloader elk tag and was still in camp. The subject was cited for **No**

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Elk Tag and Hunting from a Motor Vehicle. The muzzleloader used to shoot the decoy was seized as evidence.

Felon Jailed While Elk Hunting

Tpr. Galusha responded to a trespass complaint on private property along the Nehalem River where subjects had shot and killed a cow elk. Investigation revealed that two subjects were hunting elk on the Nehalem River when they located a cow elk on private property. One subject shot and killed the elk and did not see the no trespassing signs that were on the property. Both subjects went onto the property to drag the elk out when they were contacted by the landowner. The subject that shot the elk was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and the elk was seized. The subject assisting was on probation and a convicted felon who was in possession of multiple firearms. The felon was taken into custody and lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on charges of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Aiding, and Probation Violation - Detainer**.

The Case of the Dead Swan



Trumpeter swan. Photo credit: Wikipedia by Sasata

Sgt. Hand responded to a report of someone shooting at swans. The reporting party, who was quite some distance away, did not see anyone actually shooting at the swans but did notice that swans reacted as though they had been shot at. A possible suspect vehicle was reported as being associated with the activi-

ty. Though the complaint was two hours old, Sgt. Hand responded and found the suspect vehicle just as it was beginning to leave. Sgt. Hand interviewed the driver and learned they actually had a swan in their possession. Further questioning of all three subjects separately revealed they had jump shot an impoundment for ducks then, found the swan at water's edge – all three stories matched. The driver of the vehicle works for a local wildlife rehabilitator and collected the dead swan to turn into ODFW. The employees of this wildlife rehabilitator have a valid permit to pick up dead wildlife for feeding to raptors at the facility. Inspection of the swan revealed that it had a broken wing and although it looked to be recently deceased, it did not appear to be dead for only two hours. The swan was seized and the case was chalked up as a series of strange coincidences.

Father Assists Juvenile Daughter in Offense

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs responded to assist a landowner agent for a deer shot near ranch property east of Roseburg. Sr. Tpr. Fre-

richs determined that the juvenile female shot the forked horn buck from a paved highway with direction and assistance from her father. The father was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and the juvenile was warned for Unlawful Hunting from a Public Roadway. The deer was seized and will be released to charity after court disposition.

Orphaned Bear Cub Taken to ODFW Biologist

Tpr. Cutsforth received a report of an orphaned black bear cub living under the porch of a Florence residence. After a conversation with the homeowner and several days of observing the cub's behavior it was determined that the cub's mother was not around. The homeowner was able to capture the bear cub in a dog kennel. Tpr. Cutsforth transported the bear cub to an ODFW biologist who was going to take it to a rehabilitation center.



Bear cub. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Bob Tomasso

SPORT ANGLING

Trooper Revives Sturgeon

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo responded to assist the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office on the Willamette River. Deputies located a vehicle with an empty boat trailer during the hours of darkness that was illegally parked. When the boat arrived on the bank, a subject in the boat was found to have an undersized sturgeon, fishing during prohibited hours, and did not have an angling harvest card. Upon arrival, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo was able to revive the fish and subsequently cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Hours** and **Unlawful Possession Undersized Sturgeon**.

Applegate River Angler Cited

Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted a subject angling on the Applegate River. The subject was walking up the trail to his vehicle when Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted him with a small Chinook salmon that was still alive in his fishing net. Sr. Tpr. Bennett asked what the subject had in the net and the subject stated that he had just caught a steelhead. Sr. Tpr. Bennett told the subject it was a salmon and needed to be released so, the subject released it and it swam off. Sr. Tpr. Bennett asked to check the subject's angling license and tag which he presented. The subject hadn't validated his tag and stated that he was going to

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when he got to his vehicle. He was cited for **Angling for Salmon Closed Season** and warned for **Taking Salmon Closed Season, Fail to Validate, Angling for Steelhead Closed Season, Failure to Sign Years of Residency** (9 mos.) and for **No Valid Driver's License** (CA).

Failure to Allow ODFW Inspection

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett received a report from ODFW personnel that one angler on the Chetco River had refused to display his angling license and tag. Upon arrival, the uncooperative angler stated that he was a constitutionalist and refused to display his license and tag. After discussing the legal requirements with the angler, he eventually displayed his angling license and tag. The angler was issued a citation for **Failing to Allow ODFW Inspection of License and Tag**.

Trail of Salmon Eggs Leads to Door

Tpr. Canfield contacted a man on the Yachats River who unlawfully possessed a salmon. The man was located by Tpr. Canfield due to the trail of fresh salmon eggs that ran from the river to the front steps of his camper. The man was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Salmon**.

Man Caught Sneaking Sturgeon to Vehicle

Tpr. Borchers contacted an angler as he was attempting to sneak two sturgeon back to his vehicle at Swan Island located on the Willamette River. Tpr. Borchers subsequently issued the subject and his fishing partner criminal citations for **Taking Sturgeon Closed Season** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. Tpr. Borchers also seized all fishing poles and tackle from both subjects and the two sturgeon were revived and released into the water.

WA Resident Cited, No Non-Resident License

Tpr. Cutsforth contacted an individual angling on the Siuslaw River near Wildcat Creek. Tpr. Cutsforth determined the angler was from Washington and that he did not have a non-resident angling license. In addition, the angler had caught and retained seven native trout. Tpr. Cutsforth cited the angler for **No 2013 Non-Resident Angling License** and for **Angling Closed Season**.

New OR Resident Educated on Wild Steelhead

Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted a family of three on the Rogue River. Sr. Tpr. Bennett observed the adult male angling while a 12 year old went to the car. The boy stated he had caught a big fish and an even bigger fish had gotten away. Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted the family as the boy came back from the car. The male subject was angling when approached but gave the rod back to the boy as soon as he was near enough to do so. Sr.

Tpr. Bennett could see a fish still alive on a stringer so, he checked the fish and observed it to be a wild steelhead approximately 18 inches in length. He was able to revive the fish and release it. The adult male who had recently moved to Oregon from Washington was educated on the Rogue's regulations and was warned for **Unlawfully Taking a Non-Adipose Clipped Steelhead**. He was cited for **No Angling License**.

Angling for Sturgeon at Night

Tpr. Borchers observed three subjects angling for sturgeon from the bank of Swan Island on the Willamette River. Tpr. Borchers has received multiple complaints of subjects taking sturgeon at night from this area. All three anglers were issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours** and their fishing rods were seized.

Rogue River Angler Falsely Applied

Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted a steelhead angler on the Rogue River. Sr. Tpr. Bennett had observed the subject's vehicle parked in the area to have Idaho plates. He contacted the R/O of the vehicle and checked his Oregon Resident Angling License. Sr. Tpr. Bennett observed the subject to have a Grants Pass address listed and nothing listed for a driver's license (DL) or phone number. However, the license was signed and certified as living in Oregon for six months prior to the time of purchase in June. Sr. Tpr. Bennett asked for his identification and the subject produced an Idaho DL. The subject stated that he had moved to Oregon in June and started work in July for the County Parks. He stated that the license he had was the license they offered him when he went to buy the license. The subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of a Falsely Applied for Angling License**.

Unlawful Take of 50" Sturgeon

While patrolling Sauvie Island, Tpr. Shimer observed a man angling on the Gilbert River Boat Ramp. After half an hour of observation, the man hooked into a large sturgeon. After a 15 min fight with the fish, the man retained the fish on the dock and also threw several cigarette butts into the water. When Tpr. Shimer contacted the man as he was walking to his vehicle, the man claimed he was not fishing and did not catch any sturgeon. When the man was presented with the sturgeon he had caught, he stated he "Forgot to put it back." The 50"+ sturgeon was released alive back into the water and the man was cited criminally for **Unlawful Taking of Sturgeon and Littering within a Waterway**.

Multiple Citations N. Fork Nehalem River

This week while checking steelhead anglers on the North Fork Nehalem River, Tpr. Herman issued two citations for **Angle On**

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Private Land Without Permission, one citation for **Continue to Angle After Retaining Bag Limit of Steelhead**, one citation for **No Harvest Card**, and one citation for **PCS Marijuana Less than One Ounce**.

Snaggers Cited, Rods Seized as Evidence

Tpr. Baimbridge received a tip of subjects snagging spawning salmon in the South Umpqua River. Tpr. Baimbridge responded and videoed two subjects angling in the South Umpqua, which is closed. The subjects hid their rods in the brush and started walking out. Tpr. Baimbridge contacted the subjects who were later cited and released for **Angling in a Closed Stream** and **Unlawful Possession of Salmon**. Their rods were seized as evidence.

Subject Kept Multiple Wild Coho

Tpr. Galusha just completed an investigation into a subject who had been fishing on the Nehalem River and was retaining multiple wild Coho salmon unlawfully and not validating fish. Investigation revealed that the subject was carrying his son's combined angling tag, was placing fish he harvested on this tag, and not tagging multiple fish. The investigation led to a search warrant on a cellular phone which resulted in the subject being cited for **Borrowing Another's Combined Angling Tag** and **Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Card**.

COMMERCIAL / SHELLFISH

Crab Boat Cited, Undersized Dungeness Crab

Tpr. Warwick contacted a lone crab boat at the Hammond Boat Basin. A consent search turned up seven short male crab hidden inside the boat. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersize Dungeness Crab** and all seven crab were returned to the river.

Commercial Fisherman Failed to turn in Logbooks

While conducting crab hold inspections at the Port of Brookings, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett contacted a commercial fisherman who had not turned in his crab logbooks from the previous crab season. The subject was issued a citation for **Fail to Submit Commercial Crab Logbooks**.

Selling Crab on Facebook like "Jay Walking"

Tpr. Smithers received a citizen tip regarding a subject who was selling sport caught Dungeness crab on Facebook. Tpr. Smithers called the female suspect and asked her if she was still selling crab, which she stated she was. Tpr. Smithers went to the subject's residence and interviewed her. She didn't believe that it was a big deal to sell crab, and she equated it to "Jay-walking". The subject was issued a citation for **Selling Sport**

Caught Crab.

Sport Crabbing Boat Cited

Tpr. Brandon observed a sport boat crabbing in the ocean outside of the Umpqua River. The boat's occupants were contacted upon their return to port. The two subjects stated they had caught 12 Dungeness crab "Outside". Both subjects were issued citations for **Unlawful Take of Dungeness Crab Closed Area-Pacific Ocean**. The 12 crab were released unharmed.

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

Chetco River Boat Patrols Issue Citations

Over a two day period, Tpr. Smithers and a Curry County deputy conducted boat patrols on the Chetco River. A total of 25 boats and 81 anglers were contacted during this time. One citation was issued for **PCS Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and six citations were issued for **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** violations. Five miscellaneous warnings were issued for registration and licensing violations.



ATV

No Class II ATV Permit, No ATV Flag

Sr. Tpr. Harris observed two juvenile hunters who were hunting waterfowl at Tenmile Lagoon. Sr. Tpr. Harris recognized one of the hunters, and he knew that the subject's hunting privileges were currently suspended. While videotaping the two hunters, the suspended juvenile threw a Western Grebe (which had been shot) back into the lagoon. Sr. Tpr. Harris also captured both subjects shooting at waterfowl. The suspended juvenile's shotgun was seized and he was cited for **Hunting While Suspended** and **Unlawful Taking Western Grebe**. The second juvenile was cited for **Unlawful Taking Western Grebe**, and was warned for **Unplugged Shotgun, Failure to Sign Federal Waterfowl Stamp, No ATV Flag** and **No Class II ATV Permit**.

Litter Left on Dunes, No ATV Permit

While patrolling the sand dunes, Sr. Tpr. Harris stopped a vehicle for ATV violations. Reasonable suspicion was developed during the stop that the two subjects contacted had driven into an area that was closed to motor vehicles. Additionally, the two subjects had left shot up targets and aluminum cans on the sand dunes where they had been target practicing. The operator was ultimately cited for **No Class II ATV Permit** and warned for **No ATV Flag**. The passenger was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Environment / General Law

ATV's Trespass on Timber Property

Sgt. Thompson completed a trespass investigation from the 1st Coast Elk Season. Sgt. Thompson received a complaint that two ATV's had trespassed on private industrial timber property that was closed to motor vehicles. The ATV's accessed the property through a combination of old logging roads and illegal ATV trails. The investigation led to a residence adjacent to the Timber property. Two subjects were ultimately cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Illegal ATV, Trespass & Wildlife Violations

Sr. Tpr. Gardner, Sr. Tpr. Mayer, Sgt. Brown, and USFS LEO Thompson went into an elk camp on the breaks of Meacham Creek in the Mt. Emily Unit, on a report of trespassing and illegal ATV operation. There were four subjects contacted in the camp, two had controlled elk tags, and one had an landowner preference cow tag and said he wasn't hunting. The fourth subject was contacted coming back in to camp from hunting and admitted to hunting on a general second season tag. Sr. Tpr. Gardner cited the fourth hunter for **Hunting Elk No Valid Controlled Hunt Elk Tag**. All four subjects were issued citations for operating their ATVs in violation of forest rules (closed area) by USFS LEO Thompson. The landowners who were trespassed on were given the details of the subject's camp and are considering trespass charges.

ENVIRONMENT

DUII Driver in Creek, ODOT & HAZMAT Respond

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher responded to a motor vehicle crash on Highway 58 near MP 42.5. The crash involved a DUII driver. The vehicle landed in Sugar Creek which is a tributary of Salt Creek. Engine fluids leaked into the stream as a result of the crash. OERS notifications were made by the NCC, ODOT incident response came to the location and absorbent booms were placed in the stream to help contain any fluids under the car during its removal. Northwest HAZMAT Company was contacted by ODOT and responded to assist with containing any residual fluids. Tpr. Mathews investigated the crash.

GENERAL LAW

Jailed for Drugs and Use of Stolen Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was in the area of the North Umpqua River near Glide checking anglers when he noticed two males in a suspicious vehicle at the Narrows Wayside. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs conducted a LEADS/NCIC check on the vehicle and it returned stolen out of the Douglas County SO. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs detained the male driver and passenger for the crime of Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. The driver was charged with **Unauthor-**

ized Use of Motor Vehicle and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. The passenger was charged with **Unlawful Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana**. Both subjects were transported and lodged in the Douglas County Jail for the charges. The recovered vehicle was towed to Roseburg for release to the owner.

No DL, DUII (BAC 0.19%), Reckless Driving

Tpr. Van Meter conducted a traffic stop in Newport on a van that had pulled out in front of her, almost causing a collision. Upon contact, Tpr. Van Meter detected the odor of alcohol and observed several signs of impairment in the driver. The driver could not speak English so, Tpr. Van Meter contacted Tpr. Hansen (Patrol) and Rct. Severson (Patrol) to assist. Rct. Severson was able to speak Spanish and could communicate with the driver. The patrol troopers took over the investigation and the driver was eventually cited for **No Valid Operator's License, DUII (BAC .19%) and Reckless Driving**.

Astoria Subject Found with Heroin

Tpr. O'Connor observed a passenger holding a suspicious container in a vehicle stopped next to him at an intersection in Astoria. Tpr. O'Connor made contact with the passenger when they arrived at a gas station. The passenger told Tpr. O'Connor he had "user amounts" of something in the container that wasn't marijuana and it wasn't mushrooms. More conversation ensued regarding the contents of the container which led to Tpr. O'Connor seizing the container. Tpr. O'Connor obtained a search warrant for the container and inside were located user amounts of heroin, a digital scale, and packaging items. Charges will be forwarded to the DA for **Unlawful Possession of Heroin**.

Driver Arrested for DUII, BAC 0.14%

Sr. Tpr. Hayes was traveling on Hwy 97 in Sunriver and observed a vehicle driving erratically. The driver was found to be intoxicated and arrested for **DUII, BAC 0.14%** plus fourteen different medications.

Subject Jammed Locked Gate after OSP Entered

Tpr. Galusha saw two vehicles parked near a gate on Long View Fiber Property. Tpr. Galusha unlocked the gate and entered the property locking the gate behind him. Upon returning to the gate after less than five minutes, he found that someone had jammed sticks and debris in the lock to prevent him from being able to get out of the property. Tpr. Galusha also saw that one of the two vehicles parked there was leaving the area so he ran to the vehicle stopping it. The driver denied doing anything to the gate, but investigation and statements made by

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the driver led to the subject being cited for **Criminal Mischief III**, and **Obstructing Governmental or Judicial Administration**. The subject's Probation Officer also placed a detainer for him.

Albany Female in Custody, Methamphetamine

Tpr. Andrews was travelling on Highway 20 outside of Albany when he observed a female on the shoulder of the road so, he stopped and contacted the female. During contact, Tpr. Andrews searched the female and her belongings for evidence of illegal drugs. The search revealed multiple small baggies with methamphetamine residue and eighteen used hypodermic needles. Tpr. Andrews took the female into custody and charged her with **UPCS Methamphetamine**.

Waste of Game Mammal & Parole Violations

Tpr. Andrews responded to a complaint of a wasted deer at a mobile home park outside of Corvallis. Upon his arrival the trooper collected evidence, but was unable to make contact with the suspect. Several days later the trooper attempted to make contact with the suspect at his trailer but the suspect refused to exit the trailer. After calling for additional units, Tpr. Andrews was able to talk the suspect out of the trailer without further incident prior to the arrival of cover units. Tpr. Andrews assisted the suspect's parole officer with a search of the trailer. During the search marijuana and methamphetamine paraphernalia were located in addition to weapons restricted for possession by felons. The parole officer elected to handle the issues discovered during the search. The suspect was arrested and transported to Benton County Jail where he was charged with **Waste of a Game Mammal**.

Vehicle Occupants 'Party' at View Point

Tpr. Jubitz observed a suspicious vehicle parked at The Dalles Dam overlook view point and contacted the occupants of the vehicle. The driver opened the door as he approached and Tpr. Jubitz could see a jar of marijuana between his legs. Seized out of the vehicle were two water bonges, some glass marijuana pipes, a six pack of Rolling Rock beer, and two bottles of liquor. The occupants gave Tpr. Jubitz the name of the person who purchased the alcohol. The four occupants of the vehicle were cited for **PCS Less Than 1 Ounce of Marijuana, MIP Alcohol**, and two occupants were cited for **MIP Tobacco**. Tpr. Jubitz later contacted the female that purchased the alcohol and cited and released her for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**.

Unlawfully Cutting Firewood, Closed Roads

Sr. Tpr. Hayes patrolled the Cabin Lake Travel Management Area (TMA) winter range closure and located three subjects unlawfully cutting firewood and traveling on closed roads. USFS LEO Reed responded and seized the firewood and cited all three for unlawfully cutting the firewood on the Deschutes Na-

tional Forest. The three subjects were also cited for traveling in violation of the TMA.

Vehicle Accidents Due to Snow and Ice

Sr. Tpr. Stone assisted the Patrol Division with the snow and icy conditions encountered this week. Sr. Tpr. Stone covered three injury crashes while also covering about a dozen slide-off minor damage vehicle incidents and numerous motorist assists. Between crashes several traffic stops were also made, two of which drivers were at or about 80mph on the icy roads.

Parole Subject Arrested and Cited

Tpr. Freitag contacted a subject seated in a vehicle in Keizer Rapids Park near Keizer. Upon contact, he observed the suspect scraping marijuana resin out of a bong/pipe with a bobby pin. The suspect told Tpr. Freitag he was on parole. A check revealed that the suspect had multiple conditions to his parole including no drugs/drug paraphernalia. A detainer warrant was placed on the suspect and he was lodged in jail and also cited for **PCS-Less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

Glock, Meth, Cash, Laptop, Stolen Plate in Car

Sr. Tpr's. Bennett and Marchand were checking the Illinois River near Cave Junction when a vehicle passed them on the river bar driving careless. As the troopers sped up to overtake the subject vehicle it sped up, crossed the centerline, and drove through a stop sign at the intersection of Highway 199. The subject vehicle cut through a hotel parking lot and stopped. All four subjects in the vehicle fled on foot. A Glock 9mm, methamphetamine, cash, a laptop and a license plate belonging to a stolen vehicle were found in the vehicle. The subjects have yet to be located.

Driving Too Fast on Icy Road

A two-vehicle crash was reported at MP 91 EB on Interstate 84. Sr. Tpr. Routson contacted the occupants of both vehicles who were not injured. The male driver of one of the vehicles said that he was going "pretty fast" when he crashed into the vehicle in front of him in the slow lane. The roadway was icy and traffic was going slow. The male driver said he hit his brakes, but it was too late and he hit the car in front of him. He was cited for **Careless Driving** and no operator's license (suspended in Washington). The male driver's car was towed for lack of a driver's license and the driver of the second vehicle made arrangements for her own tow.

Motorhome Rolls Over Embankment

Tpr. Smithers responded to a serious injury crash near milepost 317.5 on US Hwy 101. A motorhome with two occupants left the roadway while traveling north bound. The vehicle traveled down a steep embankment where it subsequently rolled over

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and came to rest in a pasture. The female passenger was asleep in the back of the motorhome when the crash occurred, and she was ejected from the motorhome and was found trapped under some of the motorhome debris. The driver was ejected from his seat, and he was located behind the driver's seat. The subjects were stabilized then transported from the pasture with a Department vehicle. Both subjects were ultimately transported to OHSU for medical treatment.

Excessive Speed, Erratic Driving, Alcohol & Heroin

Sr. Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge were set up along Interstate 5 near milepost 137 northbound regarding at least eight different driving complaints on a green Honda Accord heading northbound on Interstate 5 from the Roseburg area. The complaints included passing on the shoulder, tailgating and driving in excess of 100 mph. The vehicle passed the troopers at a high rate of speed veering from the fast lane across the center lane and into the slow truck lane headed up the hill. The troopers were initially not able to catch up with the vehicle as it continued in excess of 100 mph passing other vehicles using both shoulders of the freeway. The vehicle was blocked in by a semi truck and an RV which allowed the troopers to catch up and stop the vehicle at milepost 144 northbound. The driver was arrested, read her Miranda rights and consented to a search of her vehicle. Inside a purse, which the subject identified as hers, were four syringes with a brown liquid substance that field tested as Heroin. While she was being transported to the jail, she stated that she would be out before the next Heroin dealer made it to town. The subject's sister was a passenger in the vehicle. The driver was also issued citations for **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Refusing a Breath Test, Exceeding 100 mph, Open Container of Alcohol in Vehicle, and Driving While Suspended.**

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Transient Camp Assault Deschutes County

Tpr. Ring assisted Deschutes County Sheriffs Deputies with locating a transient camp in the middle of the woods where a subject with mental health problems was attempting to assault another individual. When Tpr. Ring arrived at the location he found that the suspect had been run over by the victim as the victim attempted to leave the area. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office took the lead on the case.

Tri-State Night Hunting Operation

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Tpr. Tague, along with Game Wardens from California and Nevada, teamed up to look for illegal night hunting in the tri-state area. The first night of the operation was canceled due to high winds that which grounded the aircraft. The second night of the operation revealed no suspicious activi-

ty. After working a WED operation the first night, Sr. Tpr. Niehus stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation near Twenty Mile Road. Sr. Tpr. Neihus observed signs of impairment and then turned the investigation over to Tpr. Tague. The driver consented and subsequently failed standard field sobriety tests (SFST). The driver was arrested and transported to Lakeview where he recorded a BAC of 0.13%. The vehicle was recovered by a sober party at the scene.

Subject Arrested by Umatilla Tribal Police

Sr. Tpr. Gardner and Sgt. Brown assisted Lt. Turner, Sgt. Cannon, and Umatilla Tribal Police in the apprehension of a subject who was wanted for **Menacing with a Firearm** and other threats two days in a row. The suspect was taken into custody after fleeing his residence by vehicle and relocating at a residence behind the Meacham Store. The suspect also had a warrant for his arrest from a **Theft of Minor Forest Products** case Sr. Tpr. Mayer cited him on. Umatilla Tribal PD took the lead on the case and transported the suspect to the Umatilla County Jail.

Man with Multiple Parole Violations Caught

Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Sgt. Plummer, and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo assisted the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office and Rockaway Beach Police Department on a pursuit that took officers into the timber above Bay City. Two subjects left their vehicle on a landing and fled into the timber as deputies chased them on foot. One subject was taken into custody, while the other stayed in the timber. The USCG provided a helicopter which flew over the timber where they located the second subject hiding in a canyon. The second subject made his way to Bay City where he was taken into custody by Sgt. Plummer on multiple probation violations.

OSP Assists Oregon City with Gunman

Tpr. Borchers and Sr. Tpr. Reel responded to the shooting that left an Oregon City Reserve Officer fatally injured. Both troopers were on scene for approximately two hours helping provide inner perimeter security until the Clackamas County SWAT Team responded and engaged the gunman.

Man Died while Turning Vehicle Around

Sr. Tpr. Davis responded to assist Union County Deputies with a reported deceased subject in the Catherine Creek Unit. Some elk hunters found a subject slumped over his steering wheel. After arriving on scene, a subject who had been cutting firewood appeared to have died of natural causes while turning his vehicle around.

Poacher Cited for Illegal Deer

Tpr. Baimbridge followed up at a residence on a report of an

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illegally harvested deer and several Coho salmon. Tpr. Baimbridge was assisted by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in the contact. No evidence was found for illegally harvested Coho. Meat was seized from an illegally harvested spike deer and the subjects were cited and released.

Search Warrant Uncovers Methamphetamine

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha assisted the Tillamook Narcotics Team on a large search warrant of a known poacher's residence. Upon serving the warrant, a subject came out of a trailer located on the property and was detained by Tpr. Galusha. The subject was found to be in possession of Methamphetamine and was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on **PCS Methamphetamine**.

OSP, ODFW and USFS Joint Effort

Sr. Tpr. Vaughn and Tpr. Ring returned to Rager for the start of 2nd season elk in the Ochoco Unit and had three ODFW biologists join the effort by staying out at the USFS cabin. Tpr. Ring and Sr. Tpr. Vaughn set a pre-season WED operation up on the east side of the unit with no violations occurring. The cabin again served well for a base of operations

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Trooper Finds Missing Treatment Facility Man

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett received an attempt to locate regarding a person who was missing from a treatment facility in Gold Beach. A citizen reported seeing someone matching the subject's description south of Humbug State Park. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett located the subject and positively identified him as the missing person. The subject was cold, wet and confused, but otherwise okay. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett transported the subject back to the treatment facility in Gold Beach.

After Discussions, Suicide Subject Transported

Sr. Tpr. Johnson and Tpr. Smithers responded to a report of a suicidal subject who was attempting to hang himself. After talking to the subject, he agreed to be transported to Curry General Hospital for a welfare evaluation.

Sergeant Allori Talks to OSU Enforcement Class

Sgt. Allori provided 15 hours of fish and wildlife lecture to 32 students at Oregon State University for the Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Class. This class has been given by the Oregon State Police for numerous years at OSU.

EE Wilson Field Day for Students

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher, Sr. Tpr. Reel, Tpr. Ferguson and Sgt. Allori conducted a field day portion for

this class at EE Wilson Wildlife Area. Students went through six separate fish and wildlife scenarios and additionally were led through a deer crime scene investigation. Students were shown various common fish and wildlife encounters (boat angler checks/ hunt camp check/ bird hunt check) as well as basic wildlife crime scene investigation.

Trooper Hears Screams, Teen Run Over by Tractor

Sgt. Hoodenpyl was outside of the Tillamook Office when he heard a child scream and then heard a child begging for someone to back up. Sgt. Hoodenpyl, concerned by the frantic scream, proceeded to a nearby farm and discovered that a 13 year old had been run over by a tractor. Sgt. Hoodenpyl requested medical help as the youth was removed by family and friends from under the front tractor tire. Investigation revealed that the youth was standing on a step between the front and rear tire of the tractor as it was backing up. The youth slipped from the step falling onto the ground where his leg was trapped under the front tire. The tractor operator heard the youth yell and used the tractor's bucket to lift the front of the tractor off the ground so the child could be pulled from danger.

WARRANTS

Four Warrants out of Klamath County

While patrolling in the eastern part of Klamath County for winter range deer and trapping related issues, Sr. Tpr. Niehus came upon a pickup that had slid off Gerber Road. He made contact with the two subjects standing around the vehicle and found that one of them had four warrants for **Failure to Appear** out of the Klamath County Jail. Because of the time it takes to get to this area, Sr. Tpr. Niehus cited and released the subject on the warrants.

DUI Warrant, Felon with Firearm

Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn stopped a passenger car on the Mohawk Mainline at night in the Wendling Travel Management Area which was found in the area after legal entry hours. The driver had a pellet rifle positioned between his seat and the drivers' seat. The female passenger had a 30.06 rifle on her side in the same position. The driver was found to have a Linn County DUI warrant for his arrest and the female was found to be a convicted felon. Sr. Tpr. Youngblood responded to the scene and took custody of the driver. The female passenger was cited for **Felon in Possession of Firearm** and released. The 30.06 rifle was seized as evidence.

Subject Jailed, Warrant for Forged Instruments

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs worked the Glendale area for night hunters and stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The male driver had a warrant out of the Douglas County SO for **Possession**

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of Forged Instruments. The subject was transported and lodged in the Douglas County Jail.

Subject Driving While Suspended, Felony Revoked

Tpr. Lindberg located a vehicle parked near the Middle Deschutes River and followed foot tracks in the snow going into a canyon. Tpr. Lindberg contacted the subject on foot with a fishing pole in his backpack who claimed that he hadn't been fishing. After checking the area, Tpr. Lindberg returned to the vehicle and found it had left the scene. Further investigation revealed that the subjects driving privileges were felony revoked out of Deschutes County for vehicular assault. An initial attempt to locate the subject vehicle was unsuccessful. The next day, Tpr. Lindberg observed the suspect operating the same vehicle and cited and released him for **DWS - Felony** - his vehicle was impounded.

Traffic Stop Results in Two Arrests

Sr. Tpr. Pearson stopped a vehicle near Knebal Springs Campground because the passenger was not wearing his seat belt. Sr. Tpr. Pearson located an open container in the vehicle and found both the female driver and male passenger had been consuming alcohol. The male passenger was arrested for a parole violation detainer and the female driver was initially arrested for driving while felony revoked for a prior conviction of criminally negligent homicide. The female driver was also arrested for **DUII** (refused breath test).

Reckless Driver Arrested, had 2 Felony Warrants

Tpr. Ring was investigating a game complaint near La Pine when he observed a vehicle, not related to his complaint, operating at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner. Tpr. Ring was able to follow the vehicle and observed it enter a driveway and go around a house where the operator abandoned the vehicle and ran into the residence. Sr. Tpr. Love and Tpr. Ring secured the residence. With the assistance of Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Tpr. Ring was able to identify the male subject who had two felony warrants for his arrest. SWAT was called in and took the subject into custody.

Angler Arrested for Parole Violation Warrant

Tpr. Cutsforth and Tpr. Imholt contacted an individual at his residence regarding a complaint that he was fishing for salmon in a closed area of Lake Creek. A records check revealed a parole violation warrant out for his arrest. He was arrested without incident and lodged at the Lane County Jail on the warrant. He was also issued a citation for Angling Closed Area.

Driver Arrested for Outstanding Warrant

Tpr. O'Connor stopped a vehicle operated by an individual who was on probation for previous hunting violations, and currently

suspended from hunting. The vehicle contained elk racks in the back, which the operator claimed belonged to his girlfriend. Investigation revealed that the operator had an outstanding warrant for his arrest and no tag and/or transport slip for the wildlife parts. Subsequently, the operator was lodged at the Clatsop County Jail on the warrant and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife Parts - No Transfer Record**.

Subject Arrested on Felony Warrant

Sr. Tpr. Merritt made contact with a subject in the Glendale area while conducting follow-up on a metal theft case. A felony warrant was located on the subject who was later lodged at the Douglas County Jail. It was also determined that the man had failed to register as a sex offender in Oregon which he was cited and released for.

Anglers with Warrants Taken to Jail

Tpr. Clement and Sgt. Thomas contacted a group of three anglers at a local pond and checked their 2013 angling licenses. A wants/warrant check confirmed that two of the three subjects had warrants. Tpr. Clement and Sgt. Thomas contacted the subjects at their vehicle in the parking lot and took them into custody without incident. Tpr. Hunter (Albany- Patrol) arrived on scene to assist with transporting one of the custodies. Both subjects were transported to the Linn County Jail and subsequently lodged.

DISPOSITIONS

Numerous Citations Issued to Bend Resident

Mr. Cronin witnessed a red ATV with two subjects and part of a small branch bull, leaving his property, driving around his locked gate, and over his barbed wire fence. Mr. Cronin's property is well marked with no trespassing signs. Mr. Cronin followed them to their camp at Lighting Springs and wrote down their vehicle information, not confronting them. The hunters left the area shortly after.

Troopers from the Bend Area Command served a search warrant on the residence of Bryan Martin of Bend Oregon, and found evidence of the following crimes: **Unlawful Take of Cougar, Unlawful Possession of Wildlife** (deer, antelope, cougar, bear, bobcat, and owl). Martin was issued numerous citations. He was recently convicted on four charges and received the following disposition:

4 days in Jail

48 month probation

5 year hunting license suspension

\$400 fine

\$4,000 restitution to ODFW

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