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TOLEDO MAN CONVICTED, SENTENCED FOR UNLAWFUL KILLING OF 7X7 BULL ELK IN LINCOLN COUNTY (PHOTO)

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A Toledo-area man was sentenced last week after he was convicted on several charges following an investigation by Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division into the unlawful killing of a 7x7 bull elk on Plum Creek Timber Company property south of Toledo in Lincoln County.

According to Sergeant Todd Thompson, in August 2012 OSP Fish & Wildlife troopers at the Newport Area Command office received information that JOSH BURNHAM, age 30, from Toledo, killed a large 7x7 bull elk on Plum Creek Timber Company property at a time when public entry was closed. An ongoing investigation coordinated by Senior Trooper Ryan Kehr led to OSP receiving more information in December. Search warrants were authorized and served in connection with the investigation.

When OSP troopers served search warrants on December 21, 2012, evidence was seized and BURNHAM was arrested on several charges. Evidence seized included a 7x7 elk taxidermy mount, elk meat, archery equipment, digital images of the elk kill, timber property keys, and Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife signs.

On October 17, 2013, a Lincoln County jury found BURNHAM guilty of the following charges:

- * Two counts of Hunting on the Cultivated or Enclosed Lands of Another
- * Two counts of Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree
- * Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts
- * Two counts of Theft in the Third Degree

Following the guilty verdicts, BURNHAM was sentenced as follows:

- * 10 days in jail

- * \$15,000 restitution to ODFW for the elk
- * \$400 restitution to a local taxidermist
- * \$1,400 fines
- * 3-year hunting license suspension
- * 2 years' probation
- * Forfeiture of elk mount, elk meat and archery equipment

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