

The Field Review

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Unlawful Take of Buck Deer

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) responded to a stop Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) made on a pickup that had a warm 3x4 buck deer in the bed of the truck. The husband and wife were contacted and confessed that they had been hunting elk all day and while on their way back home they spotted a nice 3x4 buck standing in the roadway. The wife got out and shot from the roadway killing the buck. They loaded the buck up and drove it to a secluded area and gutted it. While driving the back roads home they stopped several



Buck Deer

times to make sure no blood was dripping from the tailgate to avoid detection of their illegal kill. They decided to take a shortcut on a gravel road to avoid police, but drove into the middle of an active search and rescue operation and stopped right in front of several LCSO deputies. The deer and rifle were seized and they were issued citations for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer, Aiding in a Wildlife Offense, UPCS Marijuana, and Open Container.**

Wildlife / Hunting

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Subject Was Cited for Shooting a Decoy

During a “WED” operation Tpr. Mathews and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) contacted a vehicle just after the driver shot the decoy with his 50 caliber muzzleloader. The driver was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours** and released. The muzzleloader was seized and entered into evidence.



Decoy

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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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WILDLIFE / HUNTING / SPORT ANGLING



Unlawful Shooting of Golden Eagle

Tpr. Tague (Lakeview) was informed of an unlawful take of a large predatory bird. Tpr. Tague responded to the scene and located a large adult Golden Eagle at the base of a power pole with a bullet hole. A witness confirmed that a suspect in a vehicle on Hwy 395 shot the bird with a rifle. After the shooter noticed the witness, he rapidly fled the area. Tpr. Tague was unable to locate the vehicle. The investigation is continuing.

Fish & Wildlife Aircraft Located Subject Using Unlawful Spotighting

On October 31, 2014 Fish and Wildlife Aviation Program conducted a 5 hour night enforcement flight with the Salem and Albany Fish and Wildlife Tprs. At approximately 11pm a spotlight was seen as it was cast from a vehicle. The vehicle extinguished all lights after a few minutes with only the occasional flash of what appeared to be a spotlight. Tpr. Andrews

(Albany) arrived in the area within five to ten minutes to find an empty pickup parked next to a clear cut where the pilot had observed the spotlight. After nearly an hour, with the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) they were able to locate a suspect and his 12 year old son. Upon further investigation they located a rifle and spotlight that the two had attempted to hide. The suspect, Nathan Rice was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of a Light and Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Mr. Rice has a prior arrest record that includes wildlife crimes and has a suspended hunting license.

SPORT ANGLING

Unlawful Angling on Swan Island

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) was patrolling the area of Swan Island when he located two subjects dressed in all black, fishing for sturgeon in the dark approximately 1 hour past sunset. Tpr. Borchers observed the two subjects angling for approximately one half hour before contacting them. Upon a gear inspection, it was discovered the subjects were also using barbed hooks. Both subjects were issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours and Angling Prohibited Method- Barbed Hooks**. Both subject's fishing poles were also seized as evidence.

Unlawful Take of a Wild Steelhead

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) contacted an angler who was cleaning a nice summer Steelhead at a local boat ramp. The Steelhead was observed to be wild. The angler, who admitted to catching the Steelhead, had tagged the fish as such. He stated that he did not know you could not keep wild Steelhead. He was cited for **Unlawful Take of a Non-Adipose Finclipped Steelhead** and the Steelhead was seized.

SHELLFISH / ATV / GENERAL LAW

SHELLFISH

Unlawful Digging of Clams

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Recruit Morgan (St. Helens) contacted two razor clam diggers on Clatsop Beach during a night time clam tide. The two diggers had their limits of 15 clams each, and the investigation revealed the subjects had 15 more fresh/live razor clams in the back of their vehicle. The subjects claimed that they had dug those 15 clams in Washington, and then drove to Oregon to dig their limits in Oregon. One of the subjects was cited for **Exceed the Possession Limit of Razor Clams**. 15 razor clams were seized.

GENERAL LAW

Unlawful Hunting of Grouse

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) contacted a subject in Mt. Hood National Forest while grouse hunting. The subject's drivers license was suspended. The subject was cited and released for **Driving While Suspended-misdemeanor** and warned for the violations of Hunting Upland Game Birds Prohibited Method; Unplugged Shotgun, and Insufficient Fender Flares on his vehicle.



Ruffed Grouse Photo by www.statesymbolsusa.com

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Unlawful Angling for Chinook Salmon

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) worked upper Drift Creek with Deputy Vertner from Lane County Sheriff's Office. Two subjects were found angling for Chinook salmon in an area well above the Chinook salmon angling deadline. Both anglers were cited for **Angling Closed Area/Stream**.

Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Patrol Services Working Together

Bend area Fish & Wildlife Tprs. assisted Patrol Services Division during extreme winter weather and road conditions during the week.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

WED Program was discussed in OHA Meeting

Sr. Tprs. Vaughn (Prineville) and Ring (Bend) were contacted by Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Redmond Chapter to be guest speakers. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 members and topics included the TIP program, recent case(s) and WED operations. The OHA meeting was positive and the Troopers were well received.

Tip Line Resulted In A Warning

Sr. Tpr. Vaughn (Prineville) conducted the follow-up of a TIP complaint regarding a possible Travel Management Area (TMA) violation that occurred during deer rifle season in early October. The suspect was identified and the follow-up investigation and contact with the driver of vehicle described, resulted in a warning being issued.

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