

The Field Review



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OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers Enforce Geese Regulations



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Sr. Tpr. Niehus received information about some hunters that were reported to be shooting at swans and shooting across a highway at white front geese. Sr. Tpr. Niehus responded and conducted surveillance on several hunters who had built blinds right next to the highway but was unable to get close enough to see if they were actually shooting over the highway. Early the next morning, Sr. Tpr. Niehus set up in a different location and conducted surveillance and videotaped four hunters as they shot across the highway. All were cited for **Shooting Across a Highway**. They had several opportunities to shoot at low flying swans, but did not do so.

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Sgt. Thomas responded to a report of an individual who had his girlfriend check in his geese in the NW Goose Permit Zone. Investigation revealed that the hunter had harvested three geese the day prior and did not get to the check station on time. The hunter admitted that he was late for several reasons and was hunting until one half hour after legal shoot time. The goose which was harvested after hours was seized as evidence, and the hunter was subsequently cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours** and warned for Fail to Check in Geese.

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Sr. Tpr's. Cushman, Thompson, and Tpr. Nugent responded to a complaint of two subjects hunting geese at Agate Lake. Both subjects were found hunting geese with goose decoys and goose season closed January 26th. No dead geese were observed by the troopers and they were both cited for **Hunting Geese Closed Season**. These subjects have been warned or cited for previous fish and wildlife offenses.

Wildlife / Hunting

Longtime Trapper Gets Multiple Citations

Sr. Tpr's. Hayes and Bean received complaints of trappers using unlawful sight bait, unbranded traps without jaw spacers (off-set jaws), and failing to check traps as required in the Paulina and Silver Lake Units. Sr. Tpr. Hayes located one of the suspects (who was on felony probation) just after he set eight leg-hold traps with rabbit meat as sight bait on the unbranded traps. The subject is a long time trapper and will be cited for **Trapping Prohibited Method; Unlawful Sight Bait, No Jaw Spacers** (off-set jaws), **Unbranded Traps**, and **Failure to Check Traps within 48 Hours**.

Northside Hunt Unit

Sr. Tpr. Ritter and Sr. Tpr. Mayer investigated two adult males who shot and killed a 6x6 bull elk and a 5x5 bull elk in the Northside Hunt Unit, northwest of Long Creek. Both bull elk were subsequently seized, one of which had gone to waste. One subject was cited and released for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another** and for **Taking Bull Elk No Valid Tag**. The other subject will be charged with **Hunting on The Enclosed Land of Another, Taking Bull Elk No Valid Tag**, and **Waste of Game Mammal**.

Bear Shot Prior to Reaching Freeway



Black bear. Photo credit: ODFW

Oregon State Police received a report of a bear on Suncrest Road heading west toward a populated area. The bear continued to be observed in the greenway and in Blue Herron Park in Phoenix. Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Phoenix Police Department observed the bear for about a mile monitoring its movement as it headed north along the greenway. Initially, it was not a threat to public safety but then got into the fenced Bear Lake RV Park, causing the bear to be confined in a densely populated area. The bear was not afraid of humans and once the people in the park became aware of the bear, they started to come out and look at it. Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Phoenix Police Department Officers were within 15 feet of it and it showed no fear - never spooking as a bear normally would. The bear got through the fence to the freeway right of way and was heading for the freeway. Sr. Tpr. Cushman was on the shoulder of the freeway with the bear and again, it did not spook as it should. It started to head toward the freeway, when it turned and faced Sr. Tpr. Cushman, he shot the bear at about 20 feet and about 20 feet from the south bound slow lane. At that point, the bear had gotten to where it was creating an immediate hazard to public safety. The only direction it could go was back to the trailer park, or to the freeway. Since it was heading to the freeway, it was shot just prior to getting to the lanes of traffic; had it gotten in the vehicle lanes, a crash was likely imminent. The bear was processed and salvaged as required by law; it was a 184 pound boar. During the skinning of the bear, Sr. Tpr. Cushman found four buckshot shotgun pellets in its hind quarters. The wounds were healed.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting / Sport Angling

Deer Shot Inside City Limits

Tpr. Clement and Tpr. Glaser were dispatched to an agency assist in the city of Dallas. The report was that a gunshot had been heard and a dead deer had been located within the city limits. When the troopers arrived, Dallas Police Department had already gained consent to look around the backyards of several of the nearby residences. In one of the backyards, evidence was found as to where the deer had been shot. When the troopers contacted the homeowner, during the interview, he confessed to shooting the deer stating that he was tired of the damage they did to his backyard. The subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take Deer, Hunting within City Limits** and **Reckless Endangering**. A .410 gauge shotgun and the deer were seized as evidence.

Bobcat Shot by Rescue Volunteer

Tpr. Peterson and Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) were dispatched to a report of an unlawfully taken bobcat. The troopers responded to the location of the incident, an animal rescue facility, and spoke with the witness. The investigation revealed that the bobcat had been seen in the area for almost a week, but had not been creating any problems. A volunteer, who worked at the animal rescue facility, shot the bobcat twice while it was in a field across the street. The subject grabbed the bobcat, walked down the road, and threw it in the ditch. The subject was interviewed and told the troopers he was just trying to protect the animals at the rescue facility. The male was cited for **Unlawful Taking Bobcat** and warned for multiple other offenses.

Trophy Black Tail Poacher Cited



Black tail deer racks.
Photo credit: File

Tpr. Imholt followed up on a suspicious 4x4 black tail deer rack in the back of a suspect's pickup that had been recently towed by a deputy. Tpr. Imholt located the suspect who not only confessed to poaching the 4x4 deer recently, but also presented two more 4x4 deer heads, confessed to poaching one and finding the other dead in the woods. All three heads were trophy 4x4 and were seized. He was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take and Unlawful Possession**.

CA Resident Poached Ducks in OR

Tpr. Imholt was checking duck hunters when a hunter said he

did not have a hunting license. He said he drove up from California to visit a friend the night before and wanted to go duck hunting but all the stores were closed so he could not buy a hunting license and he decided to risk hunting without a license. He had shot his limit of ducks which were seized and he was cited for **No Non-resident Hunting License, No Waterfowl Validation, and No Hunting Permit**. Additionally a three year hunting suspension and \$120 restitution for the seven ducks was requested.

Pronghorn Yearling Taken to Refuge

Sr. Tpr. Vaughn, Tpr. Sogge, and Sgt. Lea assisted ODFW with the removal of a pronghorn yearling from an unlicensed wildlife rehabber. The yearling was sedated and transported to a licensed wildlife refuge. Investigations are ongoing.

SPORT ANGLING

Anglers Refused to Present Licenses & Catch

Tpr. Shimer (SIWA), Tpr. Boeholt and Tpr. VanRenterghem conducted a boat patrol around Sauvie Island. During the patrol the troopers contacted 20 anglers and conducted three BERS as well as numerous Marine Board checks. They contacted two men who were angling for steelhead from a boat and when the men were asked by Tpr. Shimer to present their licenses, they refused. After explaining to the men that they were required by law to present their licenses, catch, and gear to law enforcement, the men reluctantly began reeling in their lines. One of the men reeled in his line and attempted to pinch down the barbs with his fingertips in front of the troopers. After realizing his efforts were futile the man handed the barbed hooks to Tpr. Shimer. Both men were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Steelhead**, and one man was cited for **No 2014 Angling License**.

Angler Never Read Regulations

Tpr. Peterson had received several complaints of subjects fishing a closed stream within the city of St. Helens. While on his way to one of the complainant's homes, Tpr. Peterson observed a male fishing in the stream. The subject was contacted and stated that he didn't bother reading the angling regulations. The angler was cited for **Angling Closed Stream** and **No 2014 Angling License**.

Angling License Requires Resident Info

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Tpr. Smithers contacted 21 anglers along the Chetco River on Sunday. Several angling license warnings were given to people who failed to write the number of consecutive years/months that they have lived in Oregon.

Commercial / Environment

Salmon Wasted after Eggs Removed

Tpr. Galusha completed an investigation into a subject that was catching salmon and then removing the eggs and discarding the rest of the fish. Tpr. Galusha contacted the subject who admitted to the incident and stated that he knew it was wrong. With the assistance of the Portland area troopers, the subject was cited for **Removing Salmon Eggs Without Retaining Carcass**.

False Application Resident License

Sr. Tpr. Harris contacted an angler at Lake Marie. His investigation revealed that the subject had falsely applied for a resident angling license. The angler had moved to Oregon from New York and purchased a resident angling license prior to meeting the residency requirements. The angler was cited for **False Application for an Angling License**.

Steelhead Attached to Bicycle Handlebars

Sr. Tprs. Merritt and Stone were contacted by a Douglas County Deputy regarding a possible fish & wildlife violation. The deputy advised that he had been on routine patrol when he came across a subject riding a bicycle with a large steelhead attached to the handlebars. When asked for his angling license and tag the subject said he did not have one. The deputy advised both troopers who arrived on scene and later cited and released the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Steelhead and No Angling License**. The Steelhead was later released to charity.

COMMERCIAL

Commercial Crab Catch, 13% Undersized

Sgt. Warwick and Tpr. VanRenterghem responded to a commercial crab complaint at a local seafood plant. After measuring the entire catch, it was found that the crew had brought in 1200 pounds of crab, of which 13% was undersized.



Crab boat patrol. Photo credit: File

The crab were seized and donated to the local food bank and Sgt. Warwick will be following up with a citation.

Crab Captain Cited for Incomplete Logbook

Tpr. O'Connor contacted a commercial crab boat as it made a landing of crab in Astoria. The vessel logbooks were inspected and the captain had not made a log entry since December.

Commercial crab vessels are required to make entries into their logbooks prior to each landing. The captain was cited for **Failure to Complete Crab Logbook as Required**.

ENVIRONMENT

Water Quality Complaint

Sr. Tpr. Stone responded to Quines Creek near Glendale to investigate a water quality complaint stemming from a one mile long section of the creek that was muddy while above and below was clear. With help from the reporting party, the source was located along with the person responsible. The turbid water resulted from the failure of a dike holding water from a large-scale gold mining effort which occurred well away from the creek. After the dike failed, water rushed down the gravel road for about a quarter of a mile and spilled into the creek. The responsible party was honest and cooperative assuring Sr. Tpr. Stone that this will not happen in the future. No toxic substances were reported in the water. There was no odor, sheen, or kill observed in or around Quines Creek. The person responsible was warned for Water Pollution Two. An informational report will be forwarded to DEQ and ODFW.

Sutherlin Sewage Spill

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was working at the Roseburg Sportsman Show when Sgt. Withers received a call regarding a sewage spill in Sutherlin. Due to the heavy rains, a storm drain overflow caused approximately 6,000 gallons of treated sewage to enter into Sutherlin Creek. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs responded to the scene while Oregon Emergency Response System and ODFW were contacted regarding the spill. The situation was corrected with cleanup handled by the Sutherlin City Works Department. Due to the large amount of water going through Sutherlin Creek at the time, no effects on the environment or wildlife were observed from the spill.

Unlawful Cutting of Firewood, USFS Land

While patrolling on USFS road 47, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell encountered three subjects cutting firewood on USFS land (one subject is known to Sr. Tpr. Caldwell as a commercial firewood cutter). The subjects had cut about one cord of pine and had a portion loaded in the vehicle. They admitted that they did not have a firewood permit or a commercial permit. One subject was cited to appear for **Unlawful Cutting/Transport of Special Forest Products - Firewood**. The two other subjects were warned for the same offense.

Cutting Firewood in Saddle MT State Park

Tpr. O'Connor contacted two subjects cutting firewood within the Saddle Mountain State Park. One of the subjects had an out-

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standing felony warrant out of Clatsop County and was taken into custody and lodged in Jail. Follow-up will be conducted regarding the taking of firewood from the State Park.

GENERAL LAW

Cadillac Stolen by Felon with Arrest Warrant

Tpr. Ring was working out China Hat Road when he observed a reported stolen Cadillac El Dorado pass his location. He attempted to stop the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. Tpr. Ring followed the vehicle as it attempted to elude down numerous rocky dirt roads. The Cadillac eventually gave out due to extensive undercarriage damage and the driver bailed and attempted to elude the trooper on foot. Tpr. Ring advised the subject to stop or he would be tased, then he simulated the noise of a taser deployment with his mouth. The subject promptly fell to the ground and surrendered. He was found to have a felony warrant for his arrest. Additional charges were **UUMV, Felony Elude in a Vehicle, Misdemeanor Elude on Foot, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, and PCS - Methamphetamine.**

Suspicious Activity at Summer Cabins

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher was stopped along Highway 58 near Dinks Market in Oakridge, checking an antler dealer, when he was contacted by a citizen who reported suspicious activity around summer cabins located along Salt Creek East of Oakridge. Sr. Tpr. Maher and Sr. Tpr. Schermerhorn responded to the area, found a parked vehicle, and began checking the cabins in an effort to determine if any had been broken into. While checking the last cabin, the troopers heard rustling in a detached storage shed which had a locked padlock on the door. A short time later, a male and female were apprehended as they exited out of the building by squeezing between the locked sliding doors. Based on investigation the two were charged with **Criminal Trespass II** and the male subject was additionally charged with **UPCS Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**. No property was stolen.

Man Arrested for Meth on Sauvie Island

Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) and Tpr. VanRenterghem were conducting a patrol on Sauvie Island when they noticed a vehicle parked approximately half a mile into the closed Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The vehicle had traveled down a grass road and was hidden behind brush. As the troopers approached, a man in the vehicle began frantically moving around as if he was hiding something. Tpr. Shimer contacted the man and immediately observed a glass pipe with white residue sitting at the man's feet. The man was detained and consented to his vehicle to be searched. The search yielded one glass

pipe with methamphetamine and the subject was arrested for **PCS - Methamphetamine.**

Reckless Driver Stopped

Sr. Tpr. Niehus was working safety corridor overtime when he came into contact with a female who had run out of fuel and had been getting very cold in her vehicle. While waiting for a tow truck to respond with fuel, Sr. Tpr. Niehus noted that the subject was possibly mentally unstable, yet she never made any statements or took any action that would necessitate a medical evaluation. After the fuel arrived, the subject headed east in her vehicle. Within a few miles, she started to drive recklessly and Sr. Tpr. Niehus attempted to stop her. She failed to yield and took off down a side road that eventually dead ended. With spike strips in hand, Sr. Tpr. Niehus convinced her to stop as she was backing down a driveway. She was placed into custody for **Reckless Driving** and **Felony Attempt to Elude** and lodged in the Klamath County Jail.

Stayton Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest

Tpr. Freitag was driving through Stayton when he noticed a vehicle with expired registration. Tpr. Freitag stopped the vehicle and during the contact with the 19 year old driver, developed probable cause to search the vehicle. The search revealed a bottle of alcohol, two marijuana pipes, a digital scale, and four ounces of green marijuana. The driver was cited for **Expired Registration** and **MIP - Alcohol** and was lodged in the Marion County Jail for **PCS/DCS Marijuana**

Suspicious Driver DWS & DUII Warrant

Sr. Tpr. Niehus stopped the driver of a pickup that had waited for him to be out of sight before pulling out of a parking lot and onto the roadway. Sr. Tpr. Niehus had earlier seen suspicious activity associated with this vehicle and pulled off the road and waited. When the driver saw Sr. Trooper Niehus, he pulled off the road again into another parking lot. At that point, Sr. Trooper Niehus stopped the vehicle for equipment violations and contacted the driver. The driver was found to be Driving While Suspended Misdemeanor and had a warrant for Fail to Appear - DUII. The driver was cited and released due to medical issues

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and his vehicle, which had no insurance and had its registration suspended in California for nonpayment, was impounded.

Mt. Hood Meadows Marijuana Citation

Tpr. Frazier and Tpr. Ocheskey contacted two subjects while they were sitting in their vehicle in the main parking lot at Mt. Hood Meadows. The troopers could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Upon contact, the driver placed his hands between his legs on his seat and when asked by the troopers, the driver showed that he had a glass pipe and lighter. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana, had less than an ounce in the vehicle, did not have a medical marijuana card and was cited for **Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Horse Hit by Semi Euthanized

Tpr. Smith responded to a report on Hwy 78 mph 10, where a horse was struck by what the witness described as a semi with a sleeper cab pulling a trailer. The semi was seen slowing down and appeared to have stopped for a short time, and then it continued eastbound on Hwy 78. The horse suffered two broken legs and had to be euthanized.

Vehicle Crashed onto Large Rocks in River

Sr. Tpr. Niehus found a vehicle that had partially crashed into the Klamath River at the Klamath Wildlife Area boat ramp. The engine was warm and the vehicle was sitting on several large rocks, but no one was around. Meanwhile, Tpr. Rice received a call of a man on Hwy 97 (1.5 miles away) yelling at passing motorists that he needed help. Tpr's. Rice and Niehus contacted the subject who was soaked and freezing cold. He admitted to getting into an argument with his girlfriend on the phone while he was driving. Then he found out what the sign meant by "NOT A THROUGH ROAD", he tried to turn too fast and wound up driving into the river. His girlfriend responded to the scene, then left him there telling him that he'll have to deal with it. He then walked down the dark road and tried to cut cross-country to the lights of Midland, OR. He found out that there were ponds and sloughs between him and the lights and got soaked from head to toe. He was given a ride home and the vehicle was tagged for removal as it was not leaking or a hazard.

Driver Arrested for DUII, BAC 0.24%

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Michaels responded to a report of a possible DUII driver headed east on Hwy 66 from Lincoln. They found the vehicle along the road and found the driver was passed out and slumped over the wheel. The driver was awakened and was asked to turn off the car. The driver failed SFST's and was arrested for **DUII**. He submitted to the breath

test which resulted in a 0.24% BAC. He was lodged in the Klamath County Jail.

Over Two Pounds Meth and Cocaine Seized

Tpr. Sogge assisted Sr. Tpr. Martin on a traffic stop on Hwy 97 near milepost 127. Sr. Tpr. Martin's K-9 alerted of a controlled substance in the vehicle and a hand search by Tpr. Sogge and Sr. Tpr. Martin was conducted. Over two pounds of methamphetamine and cocaine were located in hidden compartments under the rear passenger seat and rear door/quarter panel. The suspect was arrested for **PCS/MSC/DCS** without incident.

OSP Troopers Perform CPR

Tpr. Borchers and Tpr. Boeholt responded to a single vehicle fatal crash on I-84 near Rooster Rock State Park. A 1988 Ford Explorer was westbound on I-84 at milepost 25 when the operator lost control on the icy roadway, left the highway, and collided broadside into a tree. Tpr. Borchers and Tpr. Boeholt performed CPR on the female passenger until EMS arrived and pronounced her deceased. The operator was transported by ground ambulance to Emmanuel Hospital with serious injuries. Both occupants were wearing safety belts at the time of the crash.



CPR training. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Rama

Traffic Stop Turns up Drugs, \$39,000 Cash

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell was riding with Sgt. Williams (while his pickup was being serviced) when they conducted a traffic stop on Highway 20 east of Burns. The subjects in the vehicle were returning to California from Idaho in a rental car and made some suspicious statements regarding their trip. After consent to search was denied, a drug detection K-9 alerted on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle found \$38,000 vacuum sealed and wrapped in a sweatshirt in the trunk of the vehicle. Also found were about two ounces of marijuana product, four marijuana cigarettes, several tablets of oxycodone, a schedule II drug and a little over \$1000 more cash. One subject was arrested and lodged in the Harney County jail for **Money Laundering, Unlawful Possession of a Schedule II Drug and Delivery of Marijuana**.

Drunk Mother Driving Children, BAC 0.24%

Sr. Tpr's. Niehus and Smith finished up a possible illegal wildlife holding call when they came across a pickup parked with three children in it. A short time later, the pickup's owner drove up in

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another vehicle with two highly intoxicated subjects, including the children's mother. An investigation revealed that the mother drove the children and the other intoxicated subject to the current location, while her boyfriend followed them. She passed out at the wheel and he had to use his pickup to stop her vehicle. The boyfriend moved the kids to his pickup, put her in the back seat and drove to the nearby residence. Sr. Tpr. Smith arrested the female for **DUII** and **Reckless Endangering x3**. She submitted to a breath test which resulted in a **0.24% BAC**.

Stolen Motorcycle at Geocache Location

Tpr. Ring assisted Deschutes County with the recovery of a stolen motorcycle that was located at a geocache location off of China Hat Road. The reporting party thought it was too good to be true that someone would leave a motorcycle as a geocache. The bike was removed by Tpr. Ring and transported to the Bend Police Department as they are the lead on the case.

Warrant Subject Lying Next to Highway

Tpr. Freitag was working patrol overtime out of the Albany Area Command when he was dispatched to a call of a subject dressed in camouflage lying on the shoulder of the highway. Upon arrival, medical personnel were already on scene and the subject declined medical attention. The subject provided Tpr. Freitag with his information and was found to have a warrant. During a search of his person, he was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana. He was cited for **PCS-Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and lodged at the Linn County Jail on the warrant and **Disorderly Conduct**.

Subject Arrested for DUII

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Michaels assisted the Patrol Division with a possible DUII stop. Rct. Michaels took over the DUII investigation and determined that the subject was impaired by drugs. The subject was arrested and refused both the breath test and urine sample requests. A search warrant was applied for and granted. Blood and urine samples were obtained at Sky Lakes Medical Center and the subject was lodged for **DUII**.

High Risk Traffic Stop

Tpr. Ring assisted a Deschutes County Sheriff's Deputy with a traffic stop in the area of Deschutes River Woods. The vehicle stopped had been reported stolen. Tpr. Ring conducted a high risk stop and took a female operator into custody. Department of Human Services was then called in to take custody of the 10 year old female passenger.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Man Rescued After 30 Hours of Exposure

OSP Fish and Wildlife Sr. Tpr's. Stone and Frerichs, with Sr. Tpr. Stedman (Patrol Division) responded to investigate a car parked in the travel lane on Boomer Hill Road southwest of Roseburg. Sr. Tpr's. Stone and Stedman arrived first and observed the car was parked with windows down, a wallet on the seat, shoes on the floorboard and keys still in the ignition. According to neighbors, it had been this way for about six hours. The troopers located barefoot prints on an embankment and reproductive tree thicket after they had crossed a barbed wire fence. Fearing the subject was in grave danger or possibly suicidal, a Roseburg Police K-9 Unit was summoned and county resources

were alerted for a possible search and rescue mission as snow began to fall. Once on scene, the K-9 Unit along with Sr. Tpr's. Stone



Roseburg Police K-9 Unit. Photo credit: Roseburg Police website

and Frerichs, began tracking the man. They found his pants and personal belongings next to a pond a quarter-mile below the vehicle where Sr. Tpr. Frerichs found footprints leading into the pond. The next morning, the search began at the pond with divers looking for a body and search and rescue (SAR) personnel canvassing the area. At almost 1:00pm, SAR personnel located the man in his undergarments and a coat lying in a drainage ditch about 300 yards below the pond in a steep ravine. Everyone worked together quickly to get the man to emergency medical staff knowing his life was in danger after 30 hours of exposure and exhibiting signs of severe hypothermia (he was incoherent). The man was taken to Mercy Medical Center where he was last listed in critical condition with hypothermia related complications, but is expected to survive.

Trooper Assists with CPR Camp Rilea

Tpr. O'Connor was driving on Hwy 101 near Camp Rilea when he overheard a medical call on the radio of a man down at Camp Rilea with CPR in progress. Tpr. O'Connor responded to

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the VA Clinic located within Camp Rilea and assisted the medical staff with CPR. Soon after, fire and medics arrived and provided further assistance. At the time the subject was transported, he was semi-conscious and is now in ICU at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Capsized Boats on Chetco River

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Tpr. Smithers were at the Port of Brookings working shellfish hours when they became aware of a boat which had capsized on the Chetco River near the Tamba Curve at river mile six. The boat had capsized, sank, and began to drift downriver. Both troopers went up river and accessed the river bank as close to Tamba Curve as possible in search of the capsized boat and its operator. This area of the river has a very strong current which pushes perpendicular to the bank and contains numerous trees above and below the water (snags). While the troopers were searching for the missing boat and its operator, another boat capsized and three occupants were thrown into the river. One was able to swim to the North Bank and the other two were pulled from the river at the gravel bar by marine deputies. Once Tpr. Smithers and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett located the first boat, they were able to obtain an address from the Oregon registration. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett contacted the girlfriend who said she was waiting for the operator's call to pick him up from a popular gravel bar downstream. A short time later, the body of the missing boat operator was located and recovered approximately a mile down river by Tpr. Smithers and a marine deputy. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett was at the South Bank gravel bar educating a contractor on river hazards and observed another boat containing three occupants hit the same snags. Instead of capsizing, it slammed into the trees and got stuck. Numerous rescue personnel and boats arrived on scene to try and move the people from the boat. A path was cut on the North Bank where the three occupants were safely removed and the boat was left tied to the trees.

OSP & Oakridge Fire Rescue Man

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher was patrolling along the Middle Fork of the Willamette near the Hells Gate Bridge near Westfir when he contacted the occupants of a vehicle that was illegally parked partially in the roadway in the wrong lane with its hazard lights on. The vehicle occupants advised Sr. Tpr.

Maher that they had heard someone yelling for help along the river at an RV park on the opposite side of the river from their campsite. Sr. Tpr. Maher, Sr. Tpr. Ron Martin and Master Sgt. Lang Hinkle checked the area to determine if there was actually someone in distress. Sr. Tpr. Maher began walking the edge of the roadway checking down over the steep bank toward the river and heard a faint voice call for help. Sr. Tpr. Maher continued to listen and called out for the person and again heard a voice, this time a louder call for help. Sr. Tpr. Maher then observed an adult male down the bank near the river. The individual said he had fallen down the bank and was not able to climb back out. Oakridge Fire Department was contacted and responded and used a line to help the man back up the bank. The man told Sr. Tpr. Maher that he had been walking along the roadway when a car came up from behind him and he jumped over the guard rail to get out of the way and fell down the bank. The man said he had initially fallen into the river but was able to get out and crawl only a portion of the way back up the bank, then started yelling for help. Oakridge Medics transported the man to River Bend Hospital in Springfield to be evaluated by medical staff there due to the fall.

OSP Assists St. Helens PD

Tpr. VanRenterghem and Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) assisted St. Helens Police Department in a theft from Walmart. A man was witnessed leaving the store and not paying for over \$500 worth of merchandise, including a chain saw and a generator. Tpr. VanRenterghem was able to locate the vehicle based on a description given by county radio dispatch. When the trooper activated his lights, the vehicle ran through a stop light and was ultimately stopped by St. Helens Police Department. The troopers assisted St. Helens Police Department in the investigation, which led to the arrest of the vehicle driver and the man who stole the items.

OSP, Loggers and Grand Ronde Tribe Rescue Cubs

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo assisted the Grand Ronde Tribe and ODFW with three bear cubs that were abandoned by their mother when a logging crew operating on private timber company property inadvertently logged near the bears' den. After monitoring the den for three days it was determined the mother bear was not going to return and the cubs would need to be rescued. The three bear



Baby bear cubs being rescued. Photo credit: ODFW

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cubs were removed from the den by the Grand Ronde Tribe fish and wildlife biologist with assistance from the loggers and Sr. Trooper Turnbo. Sr. Tpr. Turnbo transported the bear cubs to ODFW, where they were evaluated and transferred to the Oregon Zoo. See article: www.grandronde.org/news/articles/bear-cubs-saved-from-starvation-by-loggers%2c-and-tribal-and-state-employees/

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Hunter Ed Presentation for Students

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell gave a presentation to 20 students of a Harney County hunter education class, and assisted at their range day. The students had many questions and the presentation was well received.

OSP Presents at OBH Conference

Oregon Bow Hunter's (OBH) held their annual conference at the Bend River House. Cpt. Samuels and Lt. Anderson gave a budget overview while Sgt. Hand and Sr. Tpr. Love gave an enforcement presentation.

Trooper presents at Astoria High School

Tpr. O'Connor gave a presentation to the Astoria High School Salmon Biology class. There were 12 people in attendance and the presentation was geared towards OSP's role as fish and wildlife troopers and what it takes to prepare for a career in OSP.

Hunter Safety in Molalla

Tpr. Schoenborn gave a hunter safety talk to approximately 20 students and 10 adults at the Molalla Fire Department. The talk was very successful, generating some very good feedback.



Molalla Fire Department. Photo credit: MolallaFire.org

Scout Presentation

Tpr. Schoenborn facilitated a scout presentation at the Portland Patrol Office. A scout troop from West Linn with approximately 15 scouts and six parents were present. The kids had some very interesting questions and got to see firsthand the different tools fish and wildlife troopers use.

Coastal Conservation Association Presentation

Sgt. Allori gave a presentation to approximately 20 people at a Coastal Conservation Association meeting held in Milwaukee. Topics covered included recent changes to the angling regulations and the new Columbia River Endorsement.

Trooper Presents to School Board

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher was asked by the Oakridge School District Superintendent to give a presentation to the Oakridge School Board regarding local cougar and bear issues and to answer questions that the board may have regarding recent cougar sightings near area schools. Sr. Tpr. Maher gave a 30 minute presentation to the Board; during his presentation he discussed cougar and bear safety issues, recent sightings, OSP and ODFW's response to reported conflicts with bears and cougars. As part of his presentation, he handed out ODFW's Living with Wildlife - Bear and Cougar brochures. There were approximately 20 citizens in attendance at the meeting.

Poaching Trailer of Shame @ Sportsman Show

The Douglas County Sportsman Show occurred this past weekend with our Trailer of Shame on display. Tpr. Baimbridge set up a local display showing the horns from all of the deer/elk cases from 2011-2013 (that have been adjudicated). There were approximately 45 sets of antlers affixed to a wooden stand inside of 1/2 the Trailer. Troopers received many comments from the public, most stating that they did not know poaching was this big of an issue.

OHA Banquet Presentation



State Representative Brad Witt at the Columbia County OHA banquet with Sgt. Joe Warwick (right). Photo credit: File

Sgt. Warwick and Tpr. Shimer set up a display at the Columbia County Oregon Hunters Association Banquet. The troopers and their presentation were well received.

WARRANTS

Vehicle Stop Leads to Warrant Arrests

Sr. Tpr. Pearson stopped a driver on Interstate 84 near mile post 86 for operating an unsafe vehicle. The driver was found to have a misdemeanor suspended driver's license; he was arrested and lodged at NORCOR. A male passenger in the same vehicle was found to have a warrant and was arrested by Rct. Newby. The owner of the vehicle was cited for **Permitting Unlawful Operation of a Vehicle**.

Warrants / Dispositions

Driver Arrested on Outstanding Warrant

Sgt. Allori stopped a vehicle on Highway 99E near Milwaukie after it was reported as being operated by a possible intoxicated driver. The driver was found not to be impaired, but was subsequently arrested on an outstanding warrant for **Theft III**. Additionally, the driver was cited for **DWS - Violation and Driving Uninsured** and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail.

Felons in Possession of Firearms

Sr. Tpr. Duncan contacted two male individuals which he observed with firearms. Criminal histories were run on both individuals and the two were confirmed to be convicted felons. The two males were taken into custody, transported, and lodged at the Baker County Jail for ORS 166.270 **Felon in Possession of Firearm**. A shotgun, an SKS type rifle and associated fired and unfired ammunition were seized as evidence.

DISPOSITIONS

Charter Boat Captain Charged



Non fin-clipped Coho. Photo credit: File

In the summer of 2011, Astoria area troopers identified possible illegal activity involving a Hammond based charter boat. In cooperation with the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement, two undercover troopers booked a charter trip with the suspect boat. Throughout the course of the trip the troopers observed a suspect angle for salmon, even though his angling privileges were suspended. During the trip, a total of six Coho salmon were caught, four of which did not have a healed adipose fin clip, which was a requirement for that fishery. The Captain was also observed cutting off the adipose fin of at least one of the salmon. One of the troopers was able to retrieve the adipose fin, which was retained for evidence purposes. The captain cut the four illegal salmon into fillets, placed them into a white plastic bag, dug a hole in a layer of ice in a commercial fishing size tote, and buried the white plastic bags containing the salmon in the ice. Other offenses were observed including the use of more than one

rod, barbed hooks, and the use of treble hooks. At the conclusion of the trip, crab pots belonging to the charter boat were retrieved and a total of 64 crab were retained despite only having two individuals on board licensed to take shellfish.

The captain of the vessel was charged with 14 fish and wildlife misdemeanors including **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and **Angling While Suspended**. The captain eventually pled to the following:

- Two misdemeanor convictions
- Fines, restitution, and assessments totaling \$3,780.00
- 10 days in Jail
- Three years of bench probation with the stipulation that the defendant surrender his charter and commercial fishing license for three years.
- Five years angling license suspension
- Five years shellfish license suspension

Another angler on board was also charged with three fish and wildlife misdemeanors pled to the following:

- One misdemeanor conviction
- Fines, restitution, and assessments totaling \$652.00

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