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## **FIVE FACING CHARGES FOLLOWING UNLAWFUL KILLING OF MULE DEER SOUTHWEST OF PENDLETON (PHOTO)**

News Release from **Oregon State Police**

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Five people are facing wildlife-related charges following an investigation that led to the discovery of the head of a freshly killed mule deer in a vehicle about 9 miles southwest of Pendleton near the Umatilla River.

On August 24, 2014 at approximately 6:07 p.m., an OSP Fish & Wildlife trooper came across Jeep Cherokee with the driver's door ajar parked at the intersection of Speare Canyon Road and Mud Springs Road. The trooper noted an empty gun case and ammunition inside the vehicle. About 2.5 hours later, another Jeep Cherokee arrived at the intersection with five occupants inside. The trooper observed the occupants were in possession of the head of a freshly killed mature buck mule deer.

Subsequent investigation led the trooper to seize the deer head and a rifle, and cite the following 5 individuals:

VANCE TYLER WRIGHT, age 23, from Canyon City (identified as shooter)

- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Game Mammal Closed Season
- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Buck Deer
- \* Waste of Game Mammal

KENNAN CARL ADEN WRIGHT, age 21, from Pendleton

- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Buck Deer

BRANDON MICHAEL McCONNELL, age 20, from Pendleton

- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Buck Deer

FOREST HUNTER JOHNSON, age 19, from Pendleton

- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Buck Deer

WHITNEY ANN ANDERSON, age 19, from Pendleton

- \* Unlawful Take / Possession of Buck Deer

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