



Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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January 2008 Newsletter

Fish & Wildlife Troopers Conduct Public Relations Campaign



The Mid Coast Fish and Wildlife Team is conducting a local public relations campaign targeting sportsmen groups in Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties. This campaign is to educate the public on enforcement issues surrounding natural resources, and to highlight several interesting cases. The team is using a power point presentation, along with video provided by Grant McOmie of KATU to illustrate many of the day to day enforcement issues encountered by Fish and Wildlife Troopers. Most recently the presentation was provided to the Tillamook Anglers Association, who manages and operates the Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery. The presentation was conducted at the Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery in Netarts, Oregon where about 30 sportsmen attended. This presentation was also presented earlier in January to a large crowd of members belonging to the Tillamook County Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association. The presentation has also been scheduled to be presented on February 14, 2008 to the Yamhill County Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association in McMinnville, Oregon. These presentations have been a great success and will continue into the future.

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Wildlife/Hunting

Witness Turns in Shooter

Trooper O'Conner responded to a report of hunters shooting from a public roadway at waterfowl in the Clatskanie area. The witness saw a subject climb into the bed of a pickup truck and then shoot at waterfowl from the moving vehicle. Trooper O'Conner contacted the driver of the vehicle with the license plate information provided by the witness and later the suspect. The individual was cited for **Hunting Waterfowl From a Motor Propelled Vehicle**.

3 Subjects Obstructing Hunters

Trooper Mayer (Heppner) responded to a hunting complaint at Cold Springs Reservoir. Two subjects were trying to duck hunt, when they were continually disrupted by three subjects who did not like the fact that they were allowed to hunt there. After several attempts to get the subjects to leave, there was a verbal confrontation between the hunters and the three subjects. Three subjects were warned for **Obstructing in the Taking of Wildlife**.

Dropped Cell Phone Leads Trooper to Poacher

Senior Trooper Cushman (Central Point) received a report of some spotlighting that occurred off Old Stage Road. A woman called 911 in the wee morning hours to report a spotlifter. A sheriff's deputy responded and did not locate anyone. OSP received the call later that morning. Sr. Tpr. Cushman arrived and checked the area. He found a mortally wounded 3 point buck, which died soon after Cushman arrived. In checking the area, Tpr. Cushman found a cell phone that the suspects apparently dropped. Tpr. Cushman kept the phone until someone called it later in the morning. He received a call from someone who told Tpr. Cushman whose phone it was. Tpr. Cushman arranged to meet the owner of the phone. When he did, the owner of the phone then realized that Tpr. Cushman was the Trooper investigating the deer poaching. Tpr. Collom was with Tpr. Cushman when they told the owner of the phone they had good news and bad news for him. The good news – his phone was recovered. The bad news – he was suspected in a deer poaching case. The man admitted that he and a friend who spotlighted the buck. He was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season**. His friend will be cited

Drunk Duck Hunter

Trooper Jason Stone (Coos Bay) contacted a man while checking duck hunters on South Slough in Coos Bay. The man admitted to driving himself down there shortly before he arrived and that he hadn't had anything to drink since. He agreed to SFSTS, failed, and was arrested for **DUI, DWS - MIS. and cited for open container, Unlawful Possession Marijuana Less 1 oz. and Failure to Provide a Breath Sample**.

Ontario F&W Work with Idaho F&W

Members of the Ontario Team worked a coordinated waterfowl patrol on the Snake River with members of Idaho Fish and Game Enforcement. Twenty-four hunters and eleven boats were checked. Two hunters were cited for **Exceeding Bag Limit (Geese) and Fail to Attempt to Retrieve** by IDFG. Two Marine Board cites were issued. Two hunting license warnings and five Marine Board warnings were also issued.

3 Dead Wasted Cow Elk, No Suspects

Troopers Stone, Harris, and Davis (Coos Bay) responded to a complaint about three elk being shot east of Coos Bay near Moon Creek. Two dead cow elk were located and an additional cow was mortally wounded which had to be dispatched. Two of the elk went to waste and one was salvaged. Bullets were located in all three animals, no suspects have yet been identified.

3 Suspects, Numerous Citations

Trooper Carothers (Condon) followed up on a report from a witness who had been hunting in the Ochoco unit during deer season. The witness heard a shot fired, and observed a vehicle on a closed road with two occupants and found a freshly killed doe, all within the same period of time. Tpr. Carothers attempted to contact the registered owner of the vehicle, but he was out of town. He was successful in locating a hunting partner and determined that the group had killed two bucks. The hunting partner was interviewed by Tpr. Carothers and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, and they determined he was a passenger in the vehicle when the doe was killed. They also discovered that the two bucks were killed by one person on a relative's property in the Ochoco unit. The subject who killed the bucks is a convicted felon, and placed his mom's tag on one (a Fossil unit tag) and his wife's tag on the other (a Grizzly unit tag). A rifle and two sets of antlers were seized and the following citations were issued: **Suspect #1: Taking Antlerless Deer - Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife, Suspect #2: Waste of Wildlife, Suspect #3: Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Taking Buck Deer Without a Valid Tag (Two Counts), Borrowing Big Game Tag (Two Counts)**.

Trooper Locates and Cites Trapper

Trooper Kehr (Newport) completed an investigation on a local trapper. Earlier in the week Trooper Kehr discovered two leg hold trap sets with illegal sight bait. Trooper Kehr identified and located the trapper. The trapper was cited for **Trapping Prohibited Method To Wit: Traps Within 15' of Sight Bait**. The trapper was warned for several other violations.



Albino elk in the Tillamook area, photo taken by Sgt. Lane Hendrickson's wife .

Wildlife/Hunting

Youth Mistakenly Kills Spike Elk

Senior Troopers Gorman and Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a complaint of an illegal elk kill involving a spike elk that was shot by a youth during the cow only hunt. Tprs. Gorman and Frerichs met the hunters in the Millicoma Tree Farm and recovered the animal with the assistance of two adult males, the juvenile male shooter, and his juvenile sister. The investigation revealed the father looked at the animal through binoculars and could not see any antlers. He then told his son to take the shot. They did not realize it was a spike until locating the elk after it died. After gutting the elk, they drove 20 miles out of the tree farm to make contact with OSP by cell phone to report the kill. The animal was located in an area where the party could have recovered or left the animal without ever being detected by law enforcement or other hunters. The juvenile male voluntarily surrendered his tag and both he and his father expressed great remorse taking an illegal animal. No citations were issued. The animal was salvaged, taken for processing and will be released to charity.

Subject who Helps Landowner is Cited

Senior Trooper Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up on some anonymous information regarding an illegal elk kill. A subject had reportedly shot an elk on private property and was caught by the landowner and another subject. The other subject told the hunter that he would talk the landowner out of pressing charges if the hunter gave him the elk, which he did. Sr. Tpr. Bennett was able to confirm all this information. The elk was recovered and the subject who took the elk was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Elk**. The landowner did not want to press charges for trespass.

Suspect Kills Turkey in Neighbors Yard

Senior Trooper Bennett (Grants Pass) responded to a report of illegal turkey hunting/trespassing. The landowner provided a description of the suspects after hearing two shots and looking out their window and seeing a subject picking up a turkey. Sr. Tpr. Bennett located two subjects that matched the description at the next door neighbor's residence. The subjects first denied shooting anything, but Sr. Tpr. Bennett pointed out the blood on their clothes. The subjects then admitted to shooting two turkeys that were retrieved from their vehicle. The suspect who shot the turkeys was cited for **Taking Turkeys-Closed Season** and **Criminal Trespass**.

News Release from: Oregon State Police

ELK POACHING INVESTIGATION - LINCOLN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY 18

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Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division is asking the public's help in solving another elk poaching case in Lincoln County. The location is described as about two miles south of Highway 18 near milepost 5.

On December 30, 2007 at 1:15 p.m. OSP Trooper Ryan Kehr responded to the Trout Creek Area off of Slick Rock Creek Road to a report of a dead cow elk left to waste. The adult cow elk had been dead for approximately one week and had been covered with sticks in an attempt to conceal it. No meat was taken.

Hunters Block Poachers Vehicles-Until Troopers Arrive

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) received a complaint from a group of hunters that observed two subjects shoot a large number of geese. The reporting parties blocked the suspect vehicles so they could not leave and then retrieved the illegal birds. While retrieving the birds the two suspects took off on foot and hid in two different stands of trees. Troopers Turnbo, Young, and Goffrier responded to the area. One subject was located after a short search and the second suspect was then located after the first suspect called him on his cell phone. Both suspects handed Trooper Young 12 gauge shotguns. Trooper Turnbo investigated the spot where they shot from and located 10 gauge shotgun rounds. Investigation revealed that one subject had a friend come get his gun and trade him for a cheaper one knowing we were going to seize them. The suspects were subsequently cited /released for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Dark Geese** and for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Cackler Geese**. One suspect was also cited and released for **Tampering with Evidence**. Both weapons were seized and the extra geese were given to the Union Gospel Mission.

Idaho Resident Uses Old OR Address for Hunting License

Senior Trooper Grove contacted a subject that had moved into Idaho four years prior and was still using his Ontario address to obtain tags and licenses. The suspect was cited for two counts of **False Application for Resident Hunting License**.

Forensics Links Suspect to Wasted Elk

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) followed up on a case initiated by Senior Trooper Amos Madison (Prineville) and Senior Trooper Don Bertram (Retired). During archery season a party of hunters found an elk in the Ochoco's that had been partially left to waste. Senior Trooper Madison developed a suspect out of Klamath Falls. Senior Trooper Bertram followed up on the lead and obtained a meat sample. The meat sample was compared to a sample taken from the wasted elk by a forensics lab in Idaho. The samples were a DNA match. Sergeant Hand cited the suspect for **Unlawful Waste of Elk** and for **Unlawful Transfer of Elk Meat**. The suspect then wished to give his side of the story and admitted to leaving the two front shoulders. The suspect stated he did so because of his poor health and because he believed the front shoulders were already going bad in the heat. The suspect further stated that he was afraid that the hindquarters and back straps would also spoil if he spent any more time butchering the remaining pieces.

Suspects Cited in 2 Counties

Troopers of the Bend Fish & Wildlife Team served a search warrant on a suspect living in Redmond. Senior Trooper Prodzinski received information that a subject he arrested for taking deer closed season last year was again out taking deer closed season. Evidence recovered at the residence linked the suspect to numerous wildlife crimes. The suspect was arrested and lodged in jail on the following charges in both Deschutes and Crook County. **Deschutes County: Taking Deer Closed Season (Two Counts), Theft First Degree.** **Crook County: Taking Deer Closed Season, Hunting Prohibited Hours, Hunting With Aid of Artificial Light.**

Spotted Owl Caught in Pigeon Trap

Trooper Lea (Florence) was dispatched to a spotted owl in captivity. The owl was determined to be a Barred owl in the possession of a volunteer for Cascade Raptor Center. The owl had been caught in a trap set by a local pigeon enthusiast. The trap was intended for a rodent. USF&W and ODFW were notified. Trooper Lea had the bird transported to Free Flight in Bandon OR. This investigation is continuing.

Wildlife/Hunting

Trooper Rescues Hawk-Arrests Suspect

Senior Trooper Guerra (Tillamook) responded to a complaint of a wounded hawk in possession at a local residence. Once at the residence he discovered a hawk that was tethered down with a broken wing (road struck). The hawk was later provided to a rehab facility. At the residence Sr. Trooper Guerra observed a fairly fresh set of elk antlers. Upon investigation it was discovered that the subject that claimed the antlers had killed the elk in 2006, but the tag had supposedly been lost during the recent flood. A check with ODFW showed that the subject had never had an elk tag and had used several different social security numbers when applying for sport licenses. The subject was arrested and lodged on **Unlawful Taking of Elk – No Tag; False Application for License/Tag; and Identity Theft.**

Taxidermist and Hunter Cited

Trooper Dietz (Banks) and Sr. Trooper Shugart (McMinnville) were following up on a deer case which led them to a taxidermist in Oregon City. While checking the taxidermist the troopers located a cougar hide and an extra cougar tail. It was found that the cougar was not tagged and had not been checked in at an ODFW office as required. Troopers from the East Region contacted the suspect hunter and issued him several citations to include: **Fail To Validate Cougar Tag.** Trooper Dietz re-contacted the taxidermist and issued him a citation for **Failure To Maintain Taxidermy Records.**

Trooper Follows Suspects Tracks in Snow

The Tillamook Office received a complaint of a trapper who was using beaver carcasses as sight bait on the upper Wilson River area. A search of the local drainages was conducted but the traps were not located. Sgt. Hoodenpyl contacted a trapper who was trapping bobcat and raccoons on Idiot Creek which is tributary to the Wilson River. During the contact Sgt. Hoodenpyl saw several skinned out beaver carcasses in the back of the subject's pickup. After the subject left the area, Sgt. Hoodenpyl tracked the suspect's footprints in the snow back to the suspect's trap set. There it was found that the suspect was placing leg hold traps within two feet of exposed animal carcasses. Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Trooper Dietz re-contacted the suspect about the use of sight bait. The suspect was cited for **Trapping Prohibited Method - Use of Sight Bait Within 15 Feet Of Leg Hold Trap.**

Hunter Using Lead Shot Shotgun

Senior Trooper Ashenfelter (Springfield) was checking the after hours use of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. At 1:45 PM he was in the parking lot and heard a shot close by near a flock of geese. Sr. Trooper Ashenfelter was walking out to the hunter when the hunter shot a goose in another flock. This area is closed to hunting at 1:00 PM and is never open to goose hunting. When Sr. Trooper Ashenfelter arrived at the hunters blind he found the goose hidden in the bushes 10 feet from the hunter. The hunter had also shot a coot. The hunter had two shotguns; one was filled with lead shot. The hunter was cited for **Taking Goose Closed Area and Unlawful Possession of Lead Shot.**

ODFW Hotline Recording is Wrong

Senior Trooper Shigemasa contacted two subjects who had shot and killed two Canada Geese while the goose season was closed. It was also found that the subjects had exceeded the bag limit of Pintail duck. Investigation revealed that the subjects had called the ODFW hotline and the recording still told goose hunters that the season was open and that it was legal to take Canada Geese. With the assistance of Trooper Dietz one suspect was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Pintail Duck**, and both suspects were warned for Taking Goose Closed Season. ODFW was notified of the error on the recording, which they were going to correct.

Hunter Using Unplugged Shotgun

Senior Trooper Ashenfelter (Springfield) found a pickup parked at the side of a field near an irrigation channel. About 30 feet in front of the pickup were three ducks. No hunter could be found in the area. While Sr. Trooper Ashenfelter was waiting he spotted the hunter at the far corner of the field. When the hunter returned to his vehicle he was checked and his shotgun did not have a plug. The hunter was cited for the **Hunting Waterfowl with a Shotgun Capable of Holding More than Three Rounds (unplugged shotgun).**

Suspect in Bighorn Sheep Kill - Flees to Mexico

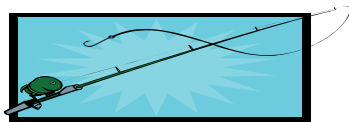
Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) completed an investigation into the killing of a Bighorn Sheep near the town of Paisley nearly two years ago. After a TIP Reward was posted, it was learned that a possible suspect (a Mexican National) was planning on leaving for Mexico. Sgt. Yates (Lakeview Patrol) set up to watch for the suspect vehicle while then Sr. Trooper Hand and Sgt. Meyer mobilized from Klamath Falls and Central Point. The suspect was not caught. Sr. Trooper Hand continued with the investigation and ultimately obtained a phone interview with the suspect who was in Mexico. The suspect denied killing the sheep but admitted to shooting it (after it was dead) several times with a .22 rifle. The suspect also admitted to taking the meat and the head from the sheep. The suspect also told of hiding the sheep head and promised to help recover it when he returned to the states. The suspect never returned. An arrest warrant is being sought through the Lake County District Attorney's office for **Taking Bighorn Sheep Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Theft in the First Degree.**

Consent Search Reveals Bobcat

Senior Trooper Pearson (The Dalles) cited a Wamic resident for **Failure to Record Bobcat on Harvest Tag.** Sr. Tpr. Pearson responded to the subject's residence with Lt. Ashmore on a complaint that the suspect had failed to check in a cougar killed on a landowner's property in the area due to human safety concerns. A consent search did not locate any evidence of the cougar, but a bobcat hide on a stretcher board was located that had been taken by the suspect and not recorded on his harvest tag.



F&W Trooper inspects Bobcat



Angling

Suspect Fishing Using Hand, is Cited

The Tillamook office received a complaint of subjects angling illegally on Three Rivers. The river was running high and off color and the steelhead were working their way in shallows up along the banks. Sergeant Hoodenpyl responded to the complaint. One subject had simply reached into the stream and caught a steelhead by using his hands. He then took the fish up to the parking lot and his buddy in the lot chose to tag the fish. ODFW just happened by and checked this subject's tag and got the story. He was told to wait for OSP but decided he didn't have the time and left. He was later located by Sr. Trooper Shugart and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Steelhead**. Sgt. Hoodenpyl cited the original subject that took the steelhead for **Angling Prohibited Method**.

Troopers on Boat Patrol, Issue Citations

Troopers Tim Schwartz, O'Conner (Astoria), and Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River and the Multnomah Channel. They contacted several anglers and conducted several boat inspections and gave several verbal warnings for minor violations. The Troopers issued 8 citations for charges including, **No Valid 2008 Angling License, Angling Prohibited Method-Two Lines and Failure to Immediately Validate Catch Record Card** (sturgeon).

Commercial Fish

Commercial Fisherman - Fake Landings

Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) conducted an interview of a local commercial fisherman. Investigation revealed that the fisherman had "dummied up" five bay crab landings with corresponding fish tickets. This was done because the fisherman needed a minimum of 5 food fish landings in 2007 to keep his black/blue rockfish permit. Not having any landings at all for the year, the fisherman used the name of a boat being stored in Hood River for October through December, as having bay crabs in Netarts Bay five separate times in November. Report forwarded to the District Attorney for charges.

Complaint on Commercial Shellfish Harvester-Under Surveillance

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial razor clam harvester for five violations. Three of which were for: **Failure to Complete a Logbook Entry Prior to Leaving the Digging Area** and two for: **Failure to Sell Commercially Harvested Razor Clams to a Licensed Dealer**. The citations were a result of extensive surveillance by OSP and ODFW staff who had received numerous complaints from other commercial shellfish harvesters that the man was repeatedly failing to sell his clams. The same man was convicted in 2005 for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams and paid \$1,167.00 in fines with 12 months probation.

Commercial Skipper -No Licenses

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited the skipper of a commercial crab vessel for: **No Commercial Boat License and No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. The man had delivered over 500 pounds of crab without first obtaining the licenses.

Skipper Cited for 806 Lb. Overage

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited the skipper of a commercial fishing vessel for: **Illegal Possession of Slope Rockfish: Exceeding Cumulative Trip Limit**. The overage consisted of 806 pounds of slope rockfish which was 54% over the two month limit. The fish was sold and a check was submitted to O.D.F.W. for \$380.00.

Seafood Dealer Employee Cited

Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) contacted Dick & Casey's Seafood and seized 50 ODFW Groundfish copies of receiving tickets and 9 copies of Troll receiving tickets. After review Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen cited an employee for **Failure to Submit Commercial Fish Dealer Tickets**.

OR & WA F&W on Patrol

Troopers Tim Schwartz (Astoria) and Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a commercial gillnet sturgeon patrol on the Columbia River with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer David Hughes. Citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method-Two Lines** and **No Valid Resident Angling License**. No commercial citations were issued.

Commercial Crew Members Cited

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) located several short crabs on another vessel, 7.1 % of the load was found to be undersized and one crew member had no 2008 Commercial Fishing License. The primary sorter was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Commercial Crab** and the other crew member cited for **No 2008 Commercial Fishing License**.

Commercial Crabber with Short Crabs

Senior Tpr. Lane and Tpr. Stone (Coos Bay) monitored several crab off-loads in Charleston, the Troopers located several short crabs during one off-load. About half the 11,000+ lb load was evaluated resulting in 96 lbs of short crab being identified. The skipper was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab** and all three crew members warned.

Deckhand Takes Home Crabs

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a deckhand on a commercial crab vessel for: **Illegal Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. Approximately 45 minutes after inspecting the delivery of legal commercial crab, Sr. Trooper Klepp noticed one of the deckhands carrying a plastic bucket from the vessel to a waiting vehicle in the nearby parking lot. Sr. Trooper Klepp contacted the man just as he was loading the bucket of 17 undersized crabs into his wife's vehicle. The man apparently thought Sr. Trooper Klepp had left the area and wanted to take some crab home for dinner, but not the market crab.



OSP F&W Patrol Boat, 1930's

Environment/Habitat

Subject in Possession of Human Skull-Possible Tribal

Senior Trooper Grove (Ontario) contacted an individual in possession of a human skull. The subject readily surrendered the skull and provided the information that he had found it along the Utah/Nevada border. Contacts have been made to return it to the area and determine if it is of tribal relevance.

Three Suspects in Possession of Mushrooms

Trooper Baimbridge and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) seized over 100 lbs of mushrooms from three suspects that were from Cottage Grove. The suspects were contacted on the 8400 Road of Weyerhaeuser and BLM Wolf Creek area with no permits for the mushrooms. The driver was cited for **Unlawful Transport/Harvest of Special Forest Products**.

General Law



Female Driver at Speeds Over 100 mph

Trooper Weaver (Lakeview) followed a passenger car at speeds estimated over 100 mph. The vehicle was eastbound on Highway 140 and approaching Dougherty's Slide. The driver of the car reduced her speed because of gravel on the roadway and for fear of going off the road and over the edge. Trooper Weaver had been in slack "pursuit" because his regular patrol truck was in the shop for transmission problems. The offending driver's reduced speed allowed Trooper Weaver to make a stop at the top of Dougherty's Slide. The driver was cited for **Violation of the basic rule (90/55)**.

Speeder Stopped—Cocaine & Cash Found

Trooper Davis (Coos Bay) was working speed enforcement as part of the increased holiday patrol effort. A Cottage Grove-area man was arrested on cocaine-related charges Christmas Eve following an Oregon State Police traffic stop during a holiday enhanced patrol effort on Highway 38 in Douglas County. Trooper Davis stopped a 1998 Toyota RAV4 westbound on Highway 38 near milepost 20 for a speed violation. The operator and lone occupant of the vehicle was identified as "John", age 36, from Cottage Grove. During the stop, Trooper Davis was given consent to search the vehicle and found approximately 13 grams of cocaine and over \$15,000 cash. "John" was taken into custody and transported to the Reedsport City Jail then transferred to the Douglas County Jail where he was lodged for **Unlawful Possession of Cocaine**.

Suspect Runs Stop Sign-Goes to Jail

Trooper Goffrier (Salem) was watching hunters at the Ankeny Refuge. A subject in a vehicle ran a stop sign at approximately 40 + mph near Trooper Goffrier. Trooper Goffrier stopped the subject who had no drivers license. Trooper Goffrier ran the subject through DMV/LEDS and found him to have two warrants out of Marion County, one for **Probation Violation-DUII** and one for **Fail to Appear Criminal Mischief II**. The subject was also **DWS Misdemeanor**. Trooper Goffrier took the subject into custody and transported him to the Marion County Jail where he was cited for **Fail to Carry and Present Operator's License, DWS Misdemeanor and Fail to Obey a Traffic Control Device**. The subject was lodged on the 2 warrants.

Scrabble Pieces Spell D-U-I-I, Tells Drivers Fate

Trooper Weaver (Lakeview) was traveling on Highway 31 near the town of Paisley when he found a vehicle parked in the highway. Trooper Weaver then found the driver bumbling around picking up the pieces to a Scrabble game that had fallen out of his pickup truck. We all know Trooper Weaver to be a kind soul and he did not let us down. Trooper Weaver then helped with picking up the pieces but found it odd that the first four letters that he found were **D-U-I-I**. This sparked Trooper Weaver's interest so he investigated further. It was found that the driver was indeed impaired. After field sobriety tests, Trooper Weaver took the driver into custody and lodged him in the Lake County jail for **DUII-Alcohol**. The driver gave a breath sample of 0.13%.

Trooper Recognizes Subject as Felon

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was patrolling the Paulina unit and followed some vehicle tracks in the snow when he observed a subject unloading an ATV from his vehicle. The subject was contacted drinking a beer and smoking marijuana. Sr. Tpr. Hayes recognized the subject from a warrant arrest that occurred when the subject came to the Bend OSP to report a crime. During that incident the subject was searched and found to have marijuana taped to his leg. Sr. Tpr. Hayes knew the subject was felon and noted a .22 caliber rifle was slung on his shoulder. The subject was lodged in jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and issued a citation for **Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Suspect on Parole Gives Trooper False Name-Leads to Arrest

Trooper Lea (Florence) stopped a vehicle for Obstructed Windshield and Fail to Maintain Lane of Travel. The driver verbally provided Trooper Lea with his step-brother's name. When the driver fumbled with the date of birth he was detained until his identity could be determined. The driver then told Trooper Lea his real name and that he was in possession of a large amount of marijuana. Trooper Lea located 3/4lb of marijuana on the bench seat of the vehicle. The driver was on probation for Assault III. The suspect's PO issued a detainer and Trooper Lea cited and released the driver for **Unlawful Delivery of Marijuana; Unlawful Possession of Marijuana; Identity Theft; False Information to a Police Officer and Driving While Suspended (Misdemeanor)**.

General Law

Trooper Uses Force to Take Suspect into Custody

Trooper Olsen (Albany) contacted a subject at his residence in Corvallis. The subject had given a false name and date of on a previous contact during the summer. A short investigation led Trooper Olsen to the subject's residence. Trooper Olsen explained that the suspect was under arrest. The suspect then actively and passively resisted, which resulted in the suspect being forcefully taken into custody by Trooper Olsen. The suspect was transported to the Benton Co. Jail where he was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz, Giving False Information to a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest**.

Vehicle Alongside Trooper on Highway-Passenger Caught Smoking Marijuana –OOPS!

Sergeant Allori (Portland) was driving towards the Clackamas River on Highway 212 when he looked to his left and saw a passenger in a van smoking from a marijuana pipe. The passenger saw Sgt. Allori looking at him and he quickly put the pipe down. Sgt. Allori stopped the vehicle and contacted the occupants. The passenger was cited for **Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the pipe was seized. The driver, whose driving privileges were suspended in Washington State, was cited for **No Operator's License** and the van was towed.

Drunk Driver Refuses to Stop Until He Hits Snow Bank

Trooper Boyd (Springfield) was eastbound on Hwy 126E in a snow storm when a vehicle passed him at about 80mph around a blind corner in a no passing zone. Trooper Boyd attempted to stop the vehicle but it continued for about 2 miles before attempting to stop, hitting a snow bank then finally coming to a stop near the USFS 19 Road. The driver showed signs of impairment, consented to a SFST's and failed. The driver submitted a breath sample and his BAC measured .11% two hours after the stop. The vehicle was towed incident to arrest and the driver was cited for **DUII, Careless Driving, DWS** and released to his mother.

Vehicle Stopped with Probable Cause

Recruit Sitowski (Klamath Falls) was patrolling the Eagle Ridge area when he met another vehicle. After speaking briefly with the driver and breaking contact, Recruit Sitowski made a check of the vehicle's registration plate and then of the registered owner. The check revealed the vehicle owner's operator's license was felony suspended. Recruit Sitowski then was able to make a Probable Cause stop as it traveled on Highway 140. The driver was determined to be the registered owner and was indeed Driving While Suspended - Felony. A firearm was also located during a consent search. The driver was lodged in the Klamath County jail for **DWS – Felony and for Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Dispositions



Two Hunting Parties Claim Same Shot Elk

In November 2007, Dirk Anderson and OSP received information from a husband and wife about a Mist, Oregon man who shot and killed a bull elk and he tagged it with his daughter's tag. The complainants indicated that they were hunting during the Saddle Mountain 210 Controlled Elk Hunt when they saw two bull elk in a clear cut. The wife shot one of the bull elk and it dropped, but remained alive. The husband and wife heard several other gun shots and they saw the second bull elk buckle as it was hit. Shortly thereafter, the husband and wife were contacted by the suspect who indicated that his granddaughter shot the elk that the wife had shot and dropped. The husband and wife knew the suspect and reported the incident to us. We went to the suspect's Mist home where we located the elk carcass minus the head. The suspect's wife provided us with a meat transfer slip that indicated that the suspect's daughter actually shot and killed the bull elk. We went to the suspect's daughter's house in Vernonia where we located the bull elk head. We spoke with the daughter and the granddaughter. The suspect's daughter initially lied but eventually told us the truth after the granddaughter told us that the suspect was carrying his own .338. We had checked and the suspect didn't have a Saddle Mountain Unit Tag (only an archery elk tag). We contacted the suspect who admitted to shooting both elk, but he was only able to locate and recover the one that the complainants indicated that they had shot as well. The suspect was cited for **No Valid Bull Elk Tag x 2**. The suspect agreed to plead guilty to one count and be **fined \$1000** and also pay an additional **\$750 to OHA**, with a total financial obligation of \$1883, as well as **2 years hunting license suspension** and forfeit of elk to the state.

Husband and Wife Both Cited

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) stopped a truck with a large buck in the back during the 2007 Cascade rifle bull elk season. Deer season was closed and the man in the truck claimed his wife shot the buck several days prior on the last day of deer season. Meyer's investigation revealed that the buck had been shot on the last day of deer season. However, it was shot by the man, not his wife, and she had loaned him her tag. The man was cited and released for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Deer and Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. His wife was cited for **loaning a Big Game Tag**. The woman pled guilty and paid **\$299 in fines**. The Jackson County District Attorney dismissed the **Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and the man pled guilty to an **A Misdemeanor for Exceeding the Bag Limit Deer**. He was sentenced to **\$400.00 fine, \$800.00 in restitution to ODFW and a 2 year hunting license suspension**. His rifle was not forfeited.

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Witness Receives TIP Award

A subject cited by Sr. Tpr. Anderson for Taking Bull Elk Closed Season has been sentenced in the Wasco County Circuit Court to the following: **Jail - Ten Days, Fines/Fees-\$3060, Two Year Hunting License Suspension, Forfeiture of Rifle.** The suspect shot and killed a large 6-point bull elk closed season in the Butler Canyon area of Wasco County. Witnesses had stopped to watch a heard of grazing elk on a hillside along US Highway 197 when they heard shots ring out and watched as the large bull elk dropped down the hillside. The witnesses of the crime received a TIP reward of \$500 for helping to apprehend the suspect.

Hunter Receives Jail Time, Probation & Fees

Tillamook Justice Court: On September 12, 2007 Sr. Trooper Guerra cited a subject for shooting two bull elk with a rifle during the general archery elk season. The subject pled guilty on 12-17-2007 for **Taking Elk Prohibited Weapon** and received the following sentence: **Hunting license suspension for 24 months, Bench Probation for 24 months, Court fees \$217, Restitution to ODFW \$3,000, 2 days confinement in Tillamook County Jail.**

Angler Receives Jail Time

Senior Trooper Hayes received two dispositions on cases he worked. The first was a subject who was cited for **Angling Closed Season** next to an ODFW fish trap. The defendant was sentenced to the following: **Jail - Ten Days, Restitution - \$250, Two Year Angling License Suspension.**

Angler Receives Probation, \$3000 Restitution and More

The second case involved a subject who shot two cow elk closed season. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to the following: **Bench Probation-65 months, 2 yr. Angling License Suspension, Restitution -\$3,000, Fees - \$67, Firearm returned to owner – not defendant.**

5 Suspects Waste Geese

Troopers in The Dalles investigated five men that had killed forty (40) geese during a weekend in south Wasco County. The men allegedly dumped eighteen geese in a canyon, including seven that had been "breasted out" and eleven were dumped whole. The other geese were thrown away because they were "shot up", and the remaining twenty-two geese were cleaned and taken home. Four of the five defendants received the following sentence in Wasco County: **Charge reduced to a Class A violation, Two Year Hunting License Suspension, \$350.00 in Fines and Assessments.** The fifth defendant, who had a similar charge in 2003, received the following sentence: **Convicted Class A Misdemeanor, \$441.00 Fines and Assessments, Two Year Hunting License Suspension.**

District Attorney Reduces Charges

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a complaint of a large buck being shot in the Ashland area five days after the deer season ended. Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Trooper Thompson arrived and found blood at the front of the residence, with a blood trail leading to a deer carcass hanging in a tree behind the residence. A man inside the residence eventually admitted to shooting the large buck the night before. He was cited and released for **Taking Deer Closed Season.** The District Attorney reduced the class A misdemeanor crime to a violation and the man pled guilty. He was sentenced to **\$1,000 fine, and \$800 restitution to ODFW, also a 2 year hunting license suspension.** His rifle was not forfeited.

Suspect Receives Community Service, Probation, Fees and More

Suspects cited by Senior Troopers Chandler and Knapp last summer for unlawfully hunting bear (baiting) have pled guilty and were sentenced to the following in Union County. Neither subject can guide in Oregon during probation period. Suspect #1: Fines / Fees - \$1200, Probation - 36 Months, Community Service – 80 Hours, Hunting License Suspended – 5 Years, Restitution - \$400, Cut / Wrap Fee - \$135. Suspect #2: Fines / Fees - \$535, Probation – 36 Months, Community Service – 80 Hours, Hunting License Suspended – 5 Years, Restitution - \$400, Cut/Wrap Fee - \$135.

Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

Trooper Receives Award at Public Safety Banquet

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was given an awards plaque by the Bend Masonic Temple Lodge during their Public Safety Recognition Banquet. Senior Trooper Hayes was recognized for his outstanding law enforcement efforts. Crime Lab Director Pam Bordner was also recognized for her work and partnership with other law enforcement agencies. The banquet was attended by representatives from law enforcement, fire, and EMS services in Deschutes County.

Sgt. Attends Traditional Archers Convention

Sergeant Pond (Bend) attended the Traditional Archer's of Oregon convention at Eagle Crest in Redmond. A booth was set up with photographs and examples of illegal hunting activities in Central Oregon. Over 200 people came to the booth to watch taped WED operations, and discuss issues involving fish & wildlife.

Troopers Work with Agent from US Fish & Wildlife Service

Troopers Davis and Stone (Coos Bay) worked with Agent Stinebaugh, with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, on Winterlake in the Coquille Valley. Citations were issued for **exceeding the daily bag limit of pintail, hunting prohibited method: unplugged shotgun, no hunting license and no federal waterfowl stamp.**

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