



# Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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We are the keepers of Oregon's fish & wildlife.*

**March 2007 Newsletter**

## Trooper Schwartz Receives Officer of the Year Award

A St. Helens-area Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife trooper received the division's "Fish & Wildlife Officer of the Year" award for 2006 presented by Captain Walt Markee, OSP Fish & Wildlife Division Director.

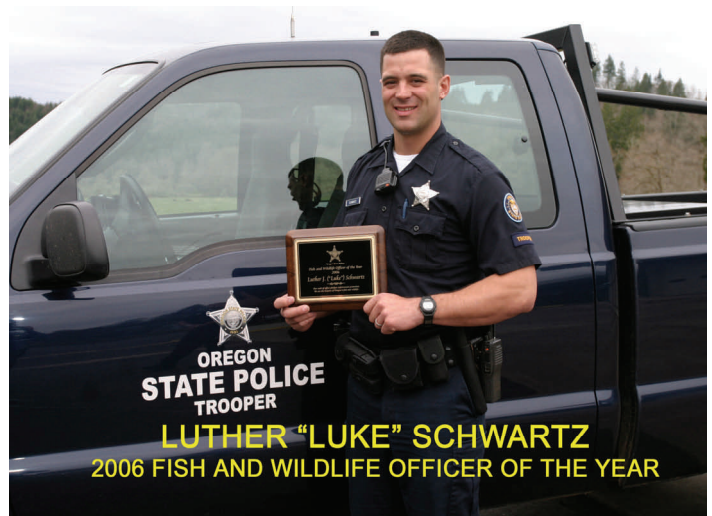
"Trooper LUKE SCHWARTZ was nominated for this first-ever award not only by division supervisors but also by his fellow peers," said Captain Markee. "He gives 110% every day, works closely with the media to inform the public of fish & wildlife enforcement issues, and is an excellent representative of this division and the OSP."

Criteria for the award included professionalism, dedication to citizens and natural resources of our State, and work ethic. Nominations were received from around the State and then reviewed by regional and General Headquarters staff before the award winner was selected.

In addition to a plaque presented by Captain Markee at the St. Helens work site, Trooper SCHWARTZ will spend a week in Washington State as part of an exchange program with their fish & wildlife enforcement agency. Information and lessons learned during that exchange program will be shared with his fellow OSP fish & wildlife troopers at a future divisional training session.

Trooper LUKE SCHWARTZ, age 32, joined the OSP in July 2000 and was initially assigned in the Fish & Wildlife Division at the OSP Albany Area Command office. In August 2002, he transferred to the St. Helens work site but was one of over 100 troopers laid off January 31, 2003. Trooper SCHWARTZ was recalled five months later and continued working at the St. Helens work site.

The primary responsibility of the Fish & Wildlife Division is enforcement of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and protection of natural resources. The members of the Fish and Wildlife Division also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock and environmental protection laws in addition to responding to emergency situations.



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# Wildlife/Hunting

## Mother Cited for Counseling Offense

Trooper Halsey (Albany) received a report that a juvenile male had shot three Canadian geese thinking that the Northwest Goose Permit hunt went through March. Tpr. Halsey contacted the juvenile and his mother at their residence where the geese were killed. Tpr. Halsey seized the three geese and cited the adult mother for **Counseling in a Wildlife Violation to Wit: Taking Canada Geese Closed Season.**

## Felon Illegally Kills 6x6 Bull Elk

Trooper Halsey (Albany) was called out while off duty with a report that a bull elk had been killed near Dogwood Park along Quartzville Rd. Sgt. Heider, Sr. Tpr. Gardner, and Tpr. Halsey responded to Quartzville Rd., where they contacted a male suspect who had elk hair and blood on his hands and clothes. Investigation revealed that he had killed a 6X6 bull elk at approx. 6 PM. The suspect was sitting in his motor home, when he looked outside and saw the bull elk walking through the snow, he then retrieved a rifle and shot the elk. The elk meat, antlers and rifle were seized as evidence. The male suspect was arrested and transported to the Linn County Jail where he was cited and released for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season** and **Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.**

## Adults want 16 yr. old to Lie to Troopers

Trooper Gorman (Roseburg) received information from a 12 year old boy in Glendale that a 16 year old boy in his trailer park had shot and killed a deer. Upon contact with the suspect, he confessed to all aspects of the crime and said he gave the meat to some people in a different trailer park. Tpr. Gorman located the additional suspect's residence and waited for them to return. Upon return, three people were contacted while in possession of the meat. The shooter was cited for **Unlawful Take** and the three people in possession of the meat were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Game Parts.** The 16 year old boy was contacted later that day by two of the adults and requested him to make up a story about an accidental shooting of the deer while apprehending a cougar threatening human safety. The boy refused and gave Tpr. Gorman a second, more detailed statement the following day. The 20 gauge shotgun used to kill the deer was also seized as evidence.

## Father-In-Law Turns in Son-In-Law

Trooper's Cyr, Lane, and Stone (all Coos Bay) responded to an elk complaint on Larson Lane. The reporting party reported suspects had killed a cow elk. The Tprs. responded to the area and found the suspects at the Brelage Dairy. The landowner stated it was a damage hunt situation and advised the Tprs. that his son-in-law shot the elk. The tag was in the son-in-law's name. The landowner said the son-in-law left and wouldn't be back. During their investigation, Troopers got the landowner to admit he shot the cow elk and borrowed a tag from the son-in-law. The Tprs. cited the landowner for the **Unlawful taking of an Elk** and for **No Hunting License.** The elk was confiscated. The Tprs. tracked down the son-in-law at his place of employment later that day. Through the course of their investigation the son-in-law admitted to loaning his elk tag to his father-in-law. The son-in-law was cited for **Loaning an Elk Tag.**

## Injured Elk is Euthanized

Trooper's Cyr and Harris (Coos Bay) responded to a report of an injured calf elk on Weyerhaeuser land east of Coos Bay. An antlerless elk hunt had occurred in the area the weekend before. The troopers located a calf elk with its jaw shot off, the Troopers euthanized the elk.

## Trespass on Wildlife Refuge

Trooper Spurlock (Astoria) responded to a call from Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge where an individual had trespassed on the refuge to pick up a shed elk antler. An ODFW employee collected the suspect's information and Tpr. Spurlock later contacted the suspect and cited him for **Criminal Trespass, 2nd degree.** The suspect was from Washington and dressed in camouflage clothing and saw the no entry signs on the fence.

## Lying to Troopers Doesn't Help Case

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) and Recruit Schwartz (St. Helens) cited a man for: **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season** and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk.** The man possessed a valid cow tag but managed to shoot two elk, one of which was a spike. He was also untruthful regarding his initial statements and failed to notify OSP. The spike was seized and salvaged.

## 2 Trappers Receive 13 Citations

Trooper Duncan and Senior Trooper Hawkins (Baker City) have completed a trapping investigation. Tpr. Duncan had located several illegal traps in the Baker City watershed, which is closed by city ordinance to angling, hunting and trapping except by permit. Traps were located on private property within the watershed, as well as property owned by Baker City. Tpr. Duncan and Sr. Tpr. Hawkins were able to develop two suspects, and served a search warrant at one residence to recover evidence. As a result of the investigation, the following charges were filed through the Baker County District Attorney's Office: Suspect #1: **Trapping Prohibited Method – Using Game Bird Flesh for Trap Bait, Trapping Prohibited Method – Using Game Mammal for Trap Bait (2), Trapping Prohibited Method – No Jaw Spacers, Unbranded Traps, Tampering With Evidence, Unlawful Possession of Wildlife - Whitetail Deer, Unlawful Possession of Branded Trap – No Written Permission, Trapping in Violation of Criminal Trespass, Criminal Trespass Second Degree.** Suspect #2: **Trapping Prohibited Method – Sight Bait Within 15 Feet of Leghold Trap Set for Carnivores, Trapping Prohibited Method – No Jaw Spacers, Unlawful Possession of Wildlife – Turkey.**



OSP F&W Trooper with rescued fawn from Jewell Meadows Wildlife Refuge. People who find fawns in the wild are instructed to leave them where they are found.

# Wildlife/Hunting



L-R: Volunteers Ed Simons and Dan Wilson

## Volunteers Rescue Injured Bald Eagle

Senior Trooper Canfield (Newport) responded to an injured Bald Eagle complaint in Toledo. OSP F&W volunteers Dan and Sue Wilson, Ed and Kay Simon responded. The OSP volunteers captured the adult Bald Eagle which had a broken wing and transported it to Astoria for rehabilitation.

## Citizen Provides Tip to OSP Dispatch

A citizen notified OSP dispatch regarding the discovery of a dead antelope south of Echo. The citizen provided a description of a vehicle and two occupants who were observed in the area prior to finding the antelope. Senior Trooper's Gardner (Hermiston), Brown and Carter (both Pendleton) responded to the scene and recovered a bullet used in killing the antelope. A vehicle matching the citizen's description was observed three hours later traveling towards the location where the antelope was killed. Trooper's contacted the vehicle's occupants and subsequently arrested two suspects for **Taking Antelope Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife and Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**. A rifle, shell casings and rounds were seized as evidence. Additional charges may be pending.

## Trooper Waits at Traffic Court to Arrest Violator

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) appeared at a scheduled traffic court hearing about a suspect he had previously arrested for a hunting violation last fall. After the judge convicted the suspect for his traffic violation, Sr. Tpr. Hayes arrested the suspect on a **Failure to Appear Warrant** from the hunting violation (**Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**) and the suspect was lodged in the Crook County Jail.

## Display of Illegal Buck Heads Leads to Suspect

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) and Trooper Maher (Springfield) contacted a suspect in Dexter that had two - three point buck heads on top of a shed next to his residence. The suspect's girlfriend had allegedly taken the two deer last fall, but the suspect couldn't produce a tag for either deer. On March 12, the girlfriend was contacted and produced her invalidated western deer tag. She had only been hunting one time and had never shot a deer. The suspect in Dexter was re-contacted and issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts** and **No Written Record of Transfer-Deer Parts**. The deer heads/antlers and three packages of frozen deer meat were seized.

## TIP Line About Bear Cub Shooting

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) received information from an anonymous TIP line call with a return phone number. Contact was made with the caller who had information about a black bear cub being shot by the boyfriend of 22 yr. old Myrtle Point woman several weeks earlier. The shooter allegedly shot the bear at night, felt bad, and had taken the cub to the female accomplice's home in an effort to save it. However, the bear died shortly thereafter. The caller also provided a description of the house where the bear was taken and a last name of the family there. The following day Tprs. Stone and Cyr visited the residence, the female provided names of the young man and her daughter, admitting to seeing the bear at their house about a month or two ago. She also confirmed the caller's information about the shooting. The accomplice was called and admitted to the incident as well. The suspect found out that the Tprs. were looking for him and called Tpr. Stone's cell phone. He agreed to meet at his home where, when confronted, he provided a taped confession and the 22-250 rifle he used to shoot the bear. He stated that he was drunk and riding as a passenger when the bear was spotted running down the road in the headlights, so they stopped and he got out and shot it on the edge of the road (about 1 am near Middle Creek). He was allegedly not aware of what it was when he shot it, but felt bad for shooting a cub, which died as a result of its injuries. The suspect took Tprs. to where the bear had been dumped, though badly decomposed the animal was still in tact. The suspect was criminally cited for **unlawful take black bear closed season** and will be referred to DA for the additional charge of waste of a game mammal, the rifle was seized.

## Two Felons - Both Cited

Senior Trooper Randall (Klamath Falls) was patrolling closed streams in the Wood River Valley when he encountered two suspicious suspects. The suspects stated they were not fishing and after further questioning claimed to be looking for a place to shoot squirrels. A .22 rifle and a pellet gun were visible in the vehicle. The suspects wanted to leave and were allowed to leave, but then their vehicle broke down only a half mile down the road. Meanwhile, Sr. Tpr. Randall learned that both suspects were convicted felons. Sr. Tpr. Randall then re-contacted the suspects and continued his investigation. During this time, the wind was blowing from the driver towards Sr. Tpr. Randall and carried the odor of alcohol. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Patrol) arrived at the scene to assist and after sobriety testing, arrested the driver for **DUII**, and was additionally charged with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. The passenger was cited and released for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

## Warrant Served on Olney Residence

A search warrant authored by Recruit Schwartz (Astoria) was served on a resident of Olney that had an elk calf in captivity. Sr. Trooper Klepp (Astoria) and Trooper's Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) assisted with the execution of the warrant. ODFW employees Troy Laws, Jack Woods and Brian Swearingen assisted with tranquilizing and seizing the calf elk. The elk was in a makeshift pen, along with goats and chickens, near the residence and is believed to have come from a nearby Cervid Elk Ranch. No one was home at the suspect residence, an interview with the suspect is still forthcoming. The elk was seized and turned over to ODFW for determination of species (Rocky Mt. or Roosevelt) and disease testing. Charges for **Holding Wildlife in Captivity** and violation of the **Cervid Ranching Rules** are forthcoming.



OSP F&amp;W Troopers with seized Sturgeon

### Suspect Sells Sturgeon in Home Depot Parking Lot

Senior Troopers Brown and Gardner with two oversized and two undersized sturgeon. The fish were illegal to possess and sell. Tpr. Gardner, (while buying irrigation supplies at The Home Depot), spoke with the fishermen in the parking lot. The fishermen showed Tpr. Gardner the fish and offered to sell them to him. The fish were purchased and then seized as evidence.

### Fishing with 5 Lines

Senior Trooper Cushman (Central Point) was watching some anglers from cover at the Denman Wildlife Area in Central Point. He observed three men angling, one of which was using three poles. Cushman radioed for Trooper Collom to show up so Cushman could watch to see what the "three poler's" reaction would be to seeing a State Police vehicle arrive. While Sr. Tpr. Cushman was waiting for Tpr. Collom to arrive, the "three poler" cast two more lines in the water and was now angling with five lines. It turned out that none of the three men had angling licenses. All three were cited for **No Angling License**. The "Five Poler" was also cited for **Angling Prohibited Method – 5 Lines**.

### Suspect Tries to Get Duplicate Tag

Trooper Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a known violator on the South Fork of the Coquille River near Powers. The subject was found to have no angling license or tag in his possession. The suspect admitted to keeping a steelhead but stated he had forgotten to bring his tag with him. The suspect was cited for **unlawful taking steelhead, no angling license in possession, and failure to validate**. The suspect reportedly had gone into ODFW the week before for a duplicate tag because he had lost his original. The 35-inch steelhead was seized.

# Angling

## Special Regulations on Reservoir

Recruit Weaver (Lakeview) reports that angling pressure is increasing at Ana Reservoir. Recently, Rct. Weaver located a party that had apparently not read or completely disregarded the special regulations for Ana Reservoir. The party had caught and retained more than their daily bag limit of hybrid bass (1). Additionally, none of the fish were of legal size. Two persons were cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit on Hybrid Bass**. They were additionally warned for the undersized violations.

## Ex-CIA Man is Cited

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) observed a suspect land a steelhead and gave it to another person at Eel Lake. Neither made an effort to tag the fish or provide a transport slip. Upon contact both attempted to lie about the issue and one asked for a break, citing that he was ex-CIA. He was cited for **Loaning his Combined Angling Tag** and the other individual who had caught the fish was cited for **No Salmon/Steelhead Tag**, the fish was seized.

## Suspect with State Wide Felony Warrant

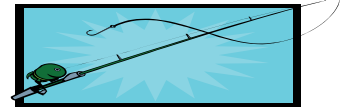
While checking steelhead anglers on the Smith River in Douglas County, Tpr. Cyr (Coos Bay) contacted an angler below Vincent Creek. The angler had a state-wide felony warrant out of Crook County for a probation violation. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Douglas County Jail, with the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Campbell (Roseburg Patrol).

## Oops, Almost Got Another Citation!

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) contacted two anglers at Walling Pond and noted they were each using two poles. While issuing citations for **Angling Prohibited Method**, one suspect was upset over "Paying \$75" for the one fish he caught and threw the dead fish into the pond. Tpr. Turnbo advised suspect that he had a choice to retrieve fish or receive another citation for **Waste of Game Fish**. The suspect took off his shoes and socks and waded into the pond to retrieve the fish.

## Illegal Angler Tries to Hide Pole

Trooper's Cyr and Stone (both Coos Bay) checked two anglers at Saunders Lake which resulted in one individual being cited for **No Angling License** (he threw his pole into the lake to try to hide it), and the other individual was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**.



## Suspect Lies About Identity

Senior Trooper Culp and Trooper Turnbo (both Salem) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River. While issuing a citation to a suspect for No Angling License investigation revealed that the suspect was being untruthful about his identity. After getting the suspect's true name, a check revealed a Felony Warrant for his arrest. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged at the Marion County Jail for the **Felony Warrant (Parole Violation Assault 4 and Menacing)** and **Giving False Information to a Police Officer**. He was also cited for **No Angling License**.

## Sailboat Operator Goes to Jail

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) observed a 28' sailboat being operated on Dexter Reservoir with an expired registration. He flagged the boat into the dock and contacted its operator. During the process of issuing the operator a citation for **Expired Boat Registration**, Sr. Tpr. Maher ran a wants check which revealed a felony warrant for the suspect's arrest. The warrant for **Theft 1st Degree and Initiate a False Report** was confirmed by the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the boat operator was taken into custody without incident and was lodged at the Lane County Jail. The sailboat was secured at the Lowell Marina.

## Suspect Releases Non-Native Fish

Trooper Young (Salem) investigated a report that fish were unlawfully released into Walter Wirth Pond in Salem. Tpr. Young was able to find the suspect who released the fish and issued a citation for **Unlawful Release of Non Native Fish**.

## Trooper Waits to Get Suspect

Senior Trooper Lindberg (Madras) was contacted by Recruit Schoenborn (Portland) regarding two suspects who were contacted by a park ranger. Apparently the two suspects were angling in closed waters off of Bradford Island in the Columbia River and had retained two Chinook salmon. The suspects left the area prior to trooper contact. The vehicle the suspects left in was registered out of Terrebonne. Sr. Tpr. Lindberg waited for the suspects and contacted them on US 26 near Deschutes Crossing. Both suspects were issued citations for **Unlawful Retention of Chinook Salmon – Closed Waters** and the salmon were seized.

# Angling

## Lookout for Illegal Anglers Failed in his Duties, also Receives Citation

While patrolling above Fall Creek Reservoir Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) saw two parked vehicles by the stream. Sr. Tpr. Maher parked his patrol vehicle in a semi concealed turnout then hiked back to where he thought the individuals associated with the parked vehicles may have been angling. He watched two of four individuals angling closed season in the stream, while the other two were angling a third person ran up the bank and acted as a lookout for his friends. The suspect found Sr. Tpr. Maher's vehicle and quickly returned to warn his friends of the presence of a game officer. The suspect that was still fishing quickly put his rod down, and they started to walk away when they were contacted by Sr. Tpr. Maher. The two that were observed angling were both cited for **Angling Closed Season**. The lookout that had checked the roadway for the police was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation - Angling Closed Season**.

## Guiding Anglers Without a License

Trooper Merritt (Roseburg) followed up on a report of a suspect who was guiding anglers on the North Umpqua without a guide's license. The suspect had been a licensed guide in past years. Trp. Merritt located the suspect as he arrived at the boat ramp with another suspect. Although this was not a guided trip, Trp Merritt had copies of checks from other clients showing the suspect had been being paid for fishing trips. The suspect admitted to guiding with no license, saying he could not afford the insurance, but could have it in an hour if Tpr. Merritt let him go. The suspect was cited for **Guiding without a License**.

# Commercial Fish

## Prior Investigation Gets Results

Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) contacted the skippers of two fishing vessels and issued them each separate citations for **Assisting in a Commercial Fishing violation - No Buoy Tag/Dungeness Crab**. These citations were the results of a prior multi-agency (CA F&G, USCG & OSP) boat patrol in February.

## Crew Members Arrested for Drugs

Tprs. Cyr, Lane, and Stone (all Coos Bay) conducted a boarding on a commercial fishing vessel. Incident to the boarding, two of the crew members were arrested. One suspect was arrested for the **unlawful possession of methamphetamine** and also cited for the **unlawful possession of marijuana**. The other suspect was cited for the **unlawful possession of schedule II narcotics** and also cited for the **unlawful possession of marijuana**. The USCG assisted during the boarding of the vessel. Tprs. Davis and Timm assisted with transporting the suspects to the Coos County Jail.

## Two Commercial Fishers Over Trip Limit

Trooper Urbigkeit (Newport) cited one commercial fisher for **Exceeding Trip Limit on Slope Rockfish**, the fisher was 31% over his limit. A second commercial fisher was also cited for **Exceeding Trip Limit on Slope Rockfish**, he was 18% over his limit.

## Skipper Receives Hefty Total on Citation

Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) concluded an investigation into the fishing vessel "B J Thomas" stemming from complaints received in late December, 2006 for No Buoy Tags. The skipper was cited with twenty seven counts of **Unlawful Commercial Dungeness Crab Pot- No Buoy Tag**. Combined bail on citations issued was \$168,750.00.

# Environment/Habitat

## Suspect's Vehicles get Stuck while Mudding-1Person Goes to Jail

Senior Trooper Randall (Klamath Falls) was patrolling high priority closed streams when he came upon several vehicles stuck in and around Spencer Creek. It seems as though several vehicles were involved in a mudding party when one became stuck. Others came to his aid and one other vehicle became stuck as well. The damage to the stream and surrounding riparian areas is significant. The two drivers that were assisting the stuck driver were cited and released for **Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree**. The driver of the original vehicle was arrested and lodged in Klamath County Jail for **Criminal Mischief in the First Degree** and was additionally charged with eight counts of **Recklessly Endangering** after it was learned he shot multiple times into a campfire in which eight to nine people were warming themselves by.



## Environment/Habitat

### Suspects Try to Retrieve their Illegal Bear Grass

Trooper Young (Salem) arrested two suspects that tried to retrieve a truck full of bear grass that had been towed by OSP Patrol as a hazard. The investigation revealed that the suspects had an altered USFS bear grass permit that was issued in December of 2006. The truck contained over 2,000 pounds of bear grass that was sold for \$1,200. Both suspects were transported to the Marion County Jail where they were charged with **Theft I**, **Forgery II**, and **Transporting a Minor Forest Product without a Permit**.



OSP F&W Recruit Troopers



## Shellfish

### Deckhand Receives Criminal Citation

Senior Trooper Lane and Trooper Stone (both Coos Bay) monitored a commercial crab off-load in Charleston. After discovering several short crabs, a spot check of the remainder of the load disclosed 41 undersized and 3 female crabs. The deckhand who admitted to doing all the measuring did not have an individual commercial fishing license, although he's fished for many years, he was cited for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License** and **No Short Crab**. Following the off-load, a basket of "take home" crab was located, secreted underneath a pile of trash in a large trash can. This basket contained 30 more crabs, most were short and one was a female. The same deckhand was issued a criminal citation for **Unlawful Take Personal Crab on a Commercial Trip**.

### Two Citations Issued to Clammers who are 167 Clams over Limit

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) worked clammers on Tillamook Bay. He cited two suspects for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Bay Clams**, they had a total of 94 clams over the limit. While Trooper Howell was on Tillamook Bay, Senior Trooper Hoodenpyl and Trooper Thomas were on Netarts Bay. They issued citations for: **Exceeding Daily Limit of Bay Clams (2)**, (73 clams over the limit); **No Shellfish License (1)** and **Failure to Retain Broken Clams (1)**. The troopers issued several warnings for various clam violations.

### Woman Tries to Hide Crabs

Troopers Howell and Thomas (both Tillamook) spent time on Tillamook Bay and observed a woman place some crabs into a plastic garbage sack, then place garbage into the sack and finally placed the garbage sack into a cooler. She walked with the cooler back to her car where she left the cooler and went back out onto the pier to continue crabbing with her husband. The troopers made contact and were shown two legal crabs. The troopers then shared with her what they had observed. She took the troopers back to her car/cooler where five undersized crabs were hidden. They issued the following citations: **No Shellfish License (x2)**, **No Angling License (x1)**, **Possession of Undersized Crab (x1)** and **Exceeding Bag Limit of Ling Cod (x1)** and several warnings. The troopers also arrested a suspect who had a felony warrant (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) held by the state of Texas. This suspect was also crabbing.



### Suspect Found at Wal-Mart

Trooper Brooks (Salem) was checking anglers at Walter Wirth Pond at Cascades Gateway Park when dispatch aired information of an assault that had occurred nearby. Tpr. Brooks recognized the suspects description as a person who had walked through the park on the opposite side of the pond moments earlier. Tpr. Brooks drove in the direction he last saw the suspect traveling toward the Wal-Mart on Airport Rd. While circling the building Trooper Brooks re-located the suspect and detained him pending further investigation by patrol troopers. After interviewing both the suspect and victim the suspect was taken into custody on charges of **Strangulation** and **Assault IV**.

## General Law

### Suspect Refuses SFST's Goes to Detox

Trooper Maher (Springfield) was driving on London Road, east of Cottage Grove, when he observed a vehicle, stuck in a shallow ditch. Tpr. Maher discovered a male suspect passed out behind the wheel with the vehicle, still running and in gear. The driver, who was still in his seatbelt, also had a glass of whiskey between his legs. The driver refused SFST's and was arrested for **DUII**. He was transported to the Cottage Grove Police Dept. where he refused a breath test. He was cited for **DUII-Refusal**, **DWS-Violation**, **Failure to Drive within Lane**, **Refuse to Take a Breath Test**, and **Open Container of Alcohol**. He was taken to the Buckley House in Eugene for detox.

### ATV Rider Goes to Jail

Senior Trooper Pat McNeilly (RET) was patrolling the JACMA road closure. He spotted a man riding an ATV in the closure along Lost Creek Lake. He contacted the man after watching him ride down and check several fishing poles that had lines in the water. The lines were his and others whom were at a picnic near the lake. The man was warned for having unattended lines, he was cited for **Riding an ATV in Violation of Posted Restrictions** and he was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant from Medford Police for **FTA on Criminal Mischief** and was lodged in Jackson County jail on the warrant.

## General Law

### Suspect Charges over \$900 on Stolen Gas Card

Senior Trooper Lindberg (Madras) stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and arrested the operator for **Failure to Carry and Present a Driver's License**. A subsequent investigation revealed an outstanding **Parole Violation Warrant** for the suspect's arrest. During the investigation a stolen fuel card was found and the company was contacted. It was found that the suspect had purchased \$989 in gas during the 12 days he had the card. The suspect was lodged in jail and was also charged with **Giving False Information to a Police Officer** and **Theft by Receiving**.

### Trooper Follows Suspect to Costco

Trooper Brooks (Salem) stopped to assist a disabled motorist that was parked perpendicular to the highway on the I-5 SB off ramp to Hwy 22. As Tpr. Brooks approached, the suspect got back into his vehicle and drove away. Tpr. Brooks followed the vehicle into the Costco parking lot on Hwy 22 where, the suspect got out of his vehicle and stumbled back to Tpr. Brooks. The suspect failed standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for **DUII Controlled Substance**, including but not limited to Marijuana, Methadone, Oxycontin and Wellbutrin. The suspect was also cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz**.

### Fight in Park Yields Rape Suspects

Sergeant Thompson received information from Beverly Beach State Park of two individuals that were staying in the park in which Newport PD had probable cause to arrest. The two wanted adults were accompanied by four other suspects. Sgt. Thompson, Tpr. Urbigkeit, (both Newport), Sr. Tpr. Shawver, and Officer Reynolds from NPD responded to the park. Three adults and three juveniles were detained. Two adults were arrested by NPD for Custodial Interference from an earlier case. A sixteen and a fourteen year old juvenile female were listed as runaways and were taken into protective custody. A fifteen year old male was taken into custody on a warrant. The 18 year old male was detained for questioning concerning a **Rape I** investigation by Detective Kenyan from Springfield. He was later released. The two arrested adults were also suspects in the Rape investigation. Detective Kenyan responded to NPD to question the adults.

### Sex Offender has Children in Car

Trooper Brooks (Salem) stopped a vehicle for endangering a child passenger when he noticed four children, ages four to nine unbuckled in the back seat. Investigation revealed that the adult male passenger was a registered sex offender with a no contact with minor's clause. The suspect was arrested for the probation violation and transported to the Marion County Jail.

### Stolen ATV Recovered

Senior Trooper Thompson (Central Point) received information of a possible stolen ATV in the Ruch area. Sr. Tprs. Thompson and Allison contacted the landowner and obtained consent to search the property. They located a Suzuki R450 Quad Racer hidden in some brush and trees. The ignition switch had been removed. A check of the VIN number revealed that it had been stolen in Medford. The \$8,000 ATV was recovered and later released to the owner. Follow-up investigation by Medford Police is pending.

### Suspect Eats Baggie of Crystal Meth

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction in La Pine. The driver, who was DWS-Infraction and on Felony Parole, consented to a search of his person and vehicle. While searching, Sr. Tpr. Bean located a bulge in the suspect's sock. Sr. Tpr. Bean asked about the bulge, and before he could be stopped, the suspect reached down and pulled a baggie out of his sock and ate it. Later, the suspect admitted that it was a \$20 baggie of crystal methamphetamine. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the hospital. After being released from the hospital, the suspect was lodged in the Deschutes County jail on **PCS-Meth, Tampering with Evidence, and Parole Violations**.

### Redneck Target Practice

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) was patrolling the Deschutes River near La Pine when he heard gunfire near a camp. As it turned out, two suspects were taking part in what they called "redneck target practice." The suspects would tie a beer can onto a fishing pole and then throw the can out into the river. Another suspect would then fire at the can as it floated down the river and as it was reeled back in. Sr. Tpr. Bean watched as at least three cans were lost, sinking into the river never to be recovered. Both suspects were cited for **Depositing Refuse into the Waterway**.

### Friend Borrows Car - Ends in Hit & Run

Sergeant Allori (Portland) stopped for what he thought was two disabled motorists on I-205 near Clackamas. Sgt. Allori found that both vehicles had been involved in a crash, and the third vehicle that had caused the crash had fled the scene. Both victims' vehicles had two young children in each of them (no injuries in the crash). The driver of the first vehicle struck was able to get a suspect vehicle license plate and driver description. Sgt. Allori found the registered owner, but found the vehicle had been loaned to a friend. The offending driver was eventually found working at a nearby restaurant and cited by Sgt. Allori for **Fail to Perform Duties of Driver-Property Damage and No Operators License**.

### Routine Stop, Person Waiting Extradition

Recruit Ring (Arlington) stopped a vehicle on I-84 for an obstructed front windshield. During a consent search he located a hype kit that tested positive for methamphetamine. The driver was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant and **Possession of a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine**, the passenger was lodged for **Possession of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine**. Rct. Ring learned that the suspects were suspects in three strong-armed robberies in Pennsylvania. Rct. Ring obtained a search warrant and located articles of clothing that were consistent with surveillance photographs taken during the robberies. With that information, a Pennsylvania officer was able to obtain arrest warrants. Both are awaiting extradition to Pennsylvania.



OSP F&W Troopers recovered stolen ATV

## General Law

### Suspect Volunteers to do SFST's

Trooper Maher (Springfield) stopped a pickup for traffic violations on Cottage Grove Reservoir Road. The driver showed signs of intoxication and voluntarily performed SFST's, which he failed. He was arrested for DUII and transported to the Cottage Grove Police Department where he refused a breath test. He was issued citations for **DUII-Refusal, Fail to Take a Breath Test, DWS-Misdemeanor, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz.**

### 2004 Homicide Case, 2 Suspects Arrested

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) responded to an old homicide scene, due to his knowledge and expertise in operating a metal detector, in an attempt to locate critical evidence in the case. Trooper Menlow flew a OSP plane with a Detective over the remote burial site for aerial photographs of the crime scene. Two suspects from Bend were arrested in this 2004 homicide case.

### Suspect Receives Suspension, Probation and Fines

During the 2006 Western Deer Rifle Season Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) cited a Vernonia man for **Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer**. The man pled guilty at the Columbia County Circuit Court and he received the following sentence: **30.06 rifle forfeited to the state, suspended from hunting for 2 years, 18 months probation & \$1,933 fines.**

### Over 110 Sets of Antlers Seized

A 2006 case that John Day Fish & Wildlife Troopers worked resulted in a warrant that was served on the suspect's residence. Trooper Timko had cited the suspect for numerous wildlife crimes, the suspect accepted a plea deal in John Day. Over 110 attached antler sets were seized as well as other wildlife parts that the suspect was prohibited from possessing. The suspect pled guilty to: three misdemeanor counts of **Fail to Maintain Antler Dealer Records for three years**; two other misdemeanor counts of: **Unlawful Possession of Antelope and Conspiracy to Purchase Unlawfully Taken Wildlife**. He was sentenced to the following: **Fines/Fees: \$5500; Two year suspension of his antler dealer license; Two years probation; 80 hours community service.**

### Resisting Arrest Results In Being Tazered

Recruit Olsen (Salem) responded to a fight in the parking lot of the Phoenix Inn adjacent to the Albany Patrol Office. When Recruit Olsen went to place one of the two suspects into custody, the suspect resisted arrest resulting in the suspect being tazered by Albany PD. Once on the ground Recruit Olsen and a second APD officer took the suspect into custody. The suspect was cited and released from the Linn Co. Jail for **Disorderly Conduct II and Resisting Arrest.**

### Juveniles Stuck on Rocks in River

Trooper's Bennett and Marchand (both Grants Pass) contacted two juveniles in a Tahiti who were very cold and stuck on some rocks in the middle of the river. The suspects had no life jackets as required. The suspects were transported back to the boat ramp and warned. Their parents were contacted and advised.

## Dispositions

### WED Suspect Pays Out \$1,658

During the 2006 Saddle Mountain Unit elk hunt, Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) and Recruit Schoenborn (Portland) cited an individual for **Unlawfully Taking a Bull Elk-WED With No Valid Big Game Tag**. The individual pled guilty at the Columbia County Circuit Court and he received the following sentence: **Forfeit all items seized, \$350 to WED Fund, \$1,308 fines, suspended from hunting for 2 years.**

### Commercial Fisherman Didn't Learn Lesson the First Time

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) received notice from the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office regarding a disposition involving a commercial gillnet fisherman cited in the fall 2006, for **Fishing Salmon Closed Season** in the Columbia River. The man had drifted a large portion of net beyond the lower Tongue Point Terminal Fishing boundary into the main stem Columbia River, seven salmon were seized at the time. This individual was cited for the same offense (Same location) in 2005. He pled guilty to an **A Misdemeanor** with fines totaling **\$2,067** (\$2,000 to ODFW plus \$67 unitary assessment).

### Sgt. Receives Award from NOAA

Sergeant Thompson and Trooper Urbigkeit (both Newport) attended trawl net training in Newport sponsored by NOAA Office of Law Enforcement. While at the training, Special Agent Alberto Pena presented Sgt. Thompson with an appreciation plaque from NOAA. Sgt. Thompson and Special Agent Pena investigated a commercial fisher who had received commercial fishing licenses from multiple states. The case was presented to the AUSA and received an indictment for a Lacy Violation. This was the first commercial fish indictment in Oregon. That case opened the door, and now the AUSA has about five active commercial fish cases. The plaque was in appreciation of helping NOAA Office of Law Enforcement reach its natural resource protection goals.



### KATU Reporter Airs Story About Ride Along

During the 2006 Western Deer Rifle Season, Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) spotted a vehicle working a spotlight at night. Tpr. Schwartz relayed his position to OSP Pilot, Sr. Tpr. Culp, who was then able to locate that same vehicle and direct Tpr. Schwartz and Sr. Tpr. May to it. The vehicle had two dead doe deer in the trunk as well as ecstasy and marijuana in the center console. KATU reporter Grant McOmie was with Tpr. Schwartz during the contact and the story was aired on KATU News. The passenger of the vehicle was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Doe Deer and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz**. The passenger pled guilty at the Columbia County Circuit Court and he received the following sentence: **Forfeit all interest in .38 caliber handgun, 30.06 caliber rifle, Mossberg Shotgun, Remington 30.06 caliber rifle and Marlin shotgun, hunting license suspended for 2 years, no contact with the driver, 24 months probation, \$800 restitution to ODFW and \$1,182 fines.**



# Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

## Trooper's, Sheriff's and USFS get Robber

Senior Trooper Hawkins and Trooper Duncan (both Baker City) assisted the Baker County Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service with the apprehension of a robbery suspect from Tualatin. The suspect's vehicle was located the week prior on Highway 7 south of Baker City. A snowmobile rider observed a suspect acting suspiciously near a USFS cabin, about one mile from where the suspect abandoned his vehicle, and reported it. Sr. Tpr. Hawkins was able to positively identify the suspect from a vantage point, and he was taken into custody by Tpr. Duncan without incident.

## Hunter Education at Denman Wildlife

Trooper Collom (Central Point) gave a talk at a Hunter Education class held at Denman Wildlife Area. Collom regularly speaks about hunting laws and regulations as well as answers all the "tough questions" that some of the students ask. There were 24 students and many parents in attendance.

## Trooper Assists with Youth Turkey Clinic

Senior Trooper Pearson (The Dalles) assisted the Oregon Hunters Association with the Youth Turkey Clinic at White River Wildlife Management Area. He spoke to about 25 youth and 15 adults about hunting regulations, violations, and how to partner with law enforcement. Numerous questions were answered.

## Several Agencies Handle Plane Crash

Trooper Kehr (Newport) assisted Lincoln City PD, USCG and the FAA on an investigation of a reported plane crash. Plane debris washed up on the beach in Lincoln City. Lincoln City PD is handling investigation. The pilot and his passenger have been identified. On March 21, a body was found on the Beach at Salishan Spit. The body was identified as the pilot from the plane crash. Sgt. Thompson assisted Tpr. Mcgladrey (Patrol Div.) with the recovery. Also on scene was the USCG, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and Depoe Bay Fire. The second body (believed to be the passenger) was found the previous weekend on Lincoln Beach.

## Trooper and Marine Board Member Train other Officers

Senior Trooper May (St. Helens) and Tony VanMeter (Oregon State Marine Board) instructed classes on BUII enforcement, SFST's and the Draeger 7410 machine certification to Astoria, St. Helens, Banks, McMinnville and two Portland OSP officers. The class was held at the Scappoose Fire Station training room.



OSP Trooper Motorcycle Patrol

## Hunter Education Class

Sergeant Hulett (Springfield) gave a talk to a Hunter Education class in Creswell about hunter ethics and safety. There were about 25 students and 10 adults attending.

## Troopers Talk to OSU Class

Trooper Brooks and Recruit Olsen (both Salem) provided a one hour talk to an OSU Steelhead Class about the duties, responsibilities and opportunities available to Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers. Several positive comments and job inquires were answered at the end of the class.

## WA on Boat Patrol with OR

Sergeant Scroup (Astoria) and Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) and two WDFW officers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River during the 12 hour opener of the Columbia River Spring Gillnet fishery. The river was patrolled from St. Helens to just below the Longview Bridge and a number of gillnet boats were boarded. Washington took action on one Washington licensed gillnet fisherman for **not having a net properly stored** and for **not having red corks at intervals along his corkline**.

## Trooper Assists with Special Olympics

Trooper Brooks (Salem) assisted Special Olympics with medal presentations to the several hundred athletes present at the event in Eugene. Tpr. Brooks heard several positive comments expressing appreciation for our help. He was also able to speak to several people about our current hiring status.

## Trooper Teaches Traffic Safety to Boy Scouts for Merit Badges

Senior Trooper Allison (Central Point) assisted a Central Point PD officer (Det. Allison) in teaching a Traffic Safety merit badge class to Boy Scouts from Crater Lake Council at the LDS Temple. The class was held on two Saturday mornings, there were about 25 students total, including the son of Mark Vargas (ODFW Dist. Wildlife Biologist).

## Suspect Tells Troopers to Shoot Him

Senior Trooper Caldwell (Burns) was advised of a wanted felon that may be in the Burns area, and rode with a Harney County Deputy in an attempt to locate him. The suspect's motor home was located in a local trailer park, and soon after they observed a male suspect run into the motor home. They contacted a female outside the motor home that confirmed his identity. The suspect told Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and the deputy that he knew who they were, was not going to be taken to jail, and that he had a gun. The suspect came out a short time later with his hand behind his back, and yelled at the officers to shoot him. By that time another officer from the Hines Police Department had arrived. The suspect yelled that he did not want to hurt them, and that he had only one shot. A short time later the suspect shot himself in the head. He was taken by ambulance, which had been on standby, to the local hospital and died shortly after. This was an agency assist, and no shots were fired by any officers at the scene.

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