



# Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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

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## The Fish and Wildlife Division is Hiring

The Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division is excited to announce the hiring of seven new Recruits directly into the Fish and Wildlife Division since July of 2007. While the Division is excited to add these new members the Division is still experiencing vacancies in several locations. The Division is working very hard to fill these vacancies and is excited about the Departments new Lateral Transfer Program.

In November the Oregon State Police graduated nine recruits from the Departments Lateral Transfer Program. Of these nine laterals, four of them requested and were assigned directly to the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Under the Lateral Transfer Program an Oregon DPSST certified officer with at least three years of experience who laterals to OSP will be required to attend a OSP 4 week training course but are exempt from the DPSST 16 week basic course.

Lateral applicants are required to pass written and physical testing, a background investigation, and psychological testing. Lateral applicants are eligible to promote to sergeant after two years of service within the State Police and a total of five years of law enforcement service.



Applicants who lateral to the OSP as a certified officer will have a comprehensive competitive benefit package with their pay adjusted based upon their experience. A full retirement is available as early as age 50 with 25 years of service, or at age 55 with as little as 5 years of service with PERS tier I or tier II. Oregon PERS is transferable if you are a current member.

More information including the benefits package and the application process is located at [www.OSPTrooper.com](http://www.OSPTrooper.com)

### Recent Lateral Transfer Graduates

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|----|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1: | Dirk Anderson     | Portland-Fish and Wildlife |
| 2: | Aaron Baimbridge  | Roseburg-Fish and Wildlife |
| 3: | Howard Greer      | Albany-Patrol              |
| 4: | Kristina Kelly    | OSP-Patrol                 |
| 5: | James O'Conner    | Astoria-Fish and Wildlife  |
| 6: | Gregor Smyth      | Central Point-Patrol       |
| 7: | Joshua Young      | Coos Bay-Patrol            |
| 8: | Bradley Zuver     | Roseburg-Patrol            |
| 9: | Heather Van Meter | Albany-Fish and Wildlife   |

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# Wildlife/Hunting

## Landowner Preference Tags Not Good for Neighboring Property

Senior Trooper Pearson (The Dalles) and Recruit Ring (Arlington) responded to a local Ranch regarding a report of an elk shot on the ranch by a neighboring landowner that possessed only an LOP tag. They contacted witnesses, walked five miles round trip to the kill site over rough terrain, and then contacted the suspects in their camp. It appears that the people involved have been purchasing landowner preference tags over the years and then hunting on the neighboring ranch. In this case, the suspect had shot a six point bull elk over 1/2 mile off the property that his LOP tag was good for. The elk was seized and a citation issued for **Taking Elk Without a Valid Tag**. It also appears that the same man shot a five point bull elk in 2005 under the same circumstances. The investigation revealed that they felt that since they had permission to be on the neighboring ranch they could use LOP tags adjacent to their property since the elk move back and forth (which they do). Arrangements were made for him to retrieve that rack from Idaho and surrender it, as it is unlawful for him to possess.



## Illegal Hunter Cited also for Medical Marijuana

Senior Trooper Duncan (Baker City) and ODFW Biologist Brian Ratliff contacted a hunter in the Sumpter Unit that had just killed an elk, but possessed a Desolation Unit bull elk tag. An investigation revealed that the rifle he used to kill the elk was listed as stolen. Further investigation revealed that the shooter possessed a medical marijuana card, and had given some marijuana to his hunting partner, who did not have a card. The shooter was cited for **Taking Elk without a Valid Tag, Delivery of a Controlled Substance – Marijuana and Possession of a Stolen Firearm**. His hunting partner was cited for **Possession of a Controlled Substance – Less Than one Ounce of Marijuana**.

## ATV's In Closed Area Cited

Senior Troopers Duncan and Hawkins (Baker City) responded to a complaint from Senior Tpr. Spencer (PSD – Baker City). Sr. Tpr. Spencer had overheard a conversation on his FRS radio indicating that a hunter may have killed two elk. Sr. Tpr's Duncan and Hawkins responded and contacted three hunters. An investigation revealed that one subject did kill two elk, one of which was tagged by another hunter. They also took two ATV's into an ODFW Wildlife Area to retrieve the elk. One subject was cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit – Elk and Borrowing an Elk Tag**, one suspect was cited for **Loaning an Elk Tag**, and two suspects were cited for **Operating an ATV in a Closed Area – ODFW Wildlife Area**.

## Suspects Hide in Orchard

Sr. Trooper Allison (Central Point) received a complaint of a 3X3 buck deer that was shot and it died in a man's yard in Sam's Valley. A bullet was not located and there were no suspects developed. Sr. Tpr. Allison was returning from the Sams Valley complaint when he found a vehicle parked on the side of the road near an orchard just after sun down. There was one man in the vehicle wearing camo hunting clothes. He determined that there were two other men in the vehicle, but they ran and hid in the orchard when Allison pulled up. They had been considering picking up a road struck deer. While talking to the men, Sr. Tpr. Allison found a quail in the back of the truck that the driver had shot. He did not have an upland game bird validation. He was cited for **No Upland Game Bird Validation**.

## WED Results in Multiple Citations

The Mid-Coast Valley Team including Retired Sr. Troopers Oriet and Carver, worked illegal night hunters utilizing the WED and the Department aircraft piloted by Sr. Trooper Culp. Five WED operations resulted in four citations being issued (**2 - Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours** and **2 - Casting Artificial Light While Armed**). The plane also flew Saturday and Sunday evening. Sr. Tpr. Culp and spotter Tpr. Guerra observed numerous vehicles either working lights or driving very slowly. Although the ground teams were only able to intercept a portion of what the troopers observed, it resulted in the issuance of 16 citations: **11 - Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours, 3 - Felon In Possession of Firearm, 2 - Casting Light While Armed**. A total of 11 rifles, and five spot lights were seized. On two of the cases suspects ditched their rifles into the brush prior to the arrival of troopers. Sr. Tpr. Carver and Tpr. Thomas found weapons in the brush on both occasions. On one of the cases, Sr. Tpr. Carver sat on the discarded weapons for over six hours waiting for the suspects to return, which they did.

## Cougar Cub Found

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a request from ODFW District Biologist Mark Vargas in contacting a man who had picked up a cougar cub in the woods while deer hunting. The man and his son found the cub in a remote area near the Rogue Umpqua Divide Wilderness. The man did not see the mother of the cub in the area so he assumed the cub should be "saved". He took the cub home and then called ODFW. Vargas and Sgt. Meyer contacted the man at his residence and he agreed to skip work and go with Vargas and Sgt. Meyer to show them where he found the cub. The location was very remote and it was prime cougar habitat. There were several areas very nearby where the cub was found that could have cougar dens. The cougar cub was released in a sheltered spot at the location it was found. Vargas was happy to have been able to release the cub in the same spot and in such a timely manner so as to increase the likelihood of the cub's survival with its mother. Meyer and Vargas educated the man on why wildlife should never be taken from the woods and he was given a warning for the violation.

# Wildlife/Hunting

## Missing Hunter Found

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) worked the last day of the Cascade Elk season. While on patrol he received a call from an ODOT employee that had located a lost hunter walking along Highway 58 near MP 51. Sr. Tpr. Maher went to the location and contacted the hunter. The hunter told Sr. Tpr. Maher that he and his brother had been hunting in the Bunchgrass Ridge area and had planned on being out for a two hour hunt which had ended up being an overnight ordeal. The hunter explained that he had lost contact with his brother before dark and had not heard from him. Both of these men were in their 70's. The hunter that had walked had been prepared to spend the night that he did and had fire building supplies but his brother did not. Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team and learned that they were already in the area starting to conduct a search. Sr. Tpr. Maher joined the search and began checking the Eagle Creek area for the other lost hunter. While checking the area Sr. Tpr. Maher came upon two men hunting along a side spur road. When the hunters saw Sr. Tpr. Maher one of them quickly hid his rifle in the brush. Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the hunters and found that the hunter that hid his gun did not have a valid Cascade Elk tag. Sr. Tpr. Maher cited the hunter for **No Cascade Elk Tag**. During the enforcement contact Sr. Tpr. Maher told the hunters about the missing hunter that he was looking for and gave them a description of him. Sr. Tpr. Maher then left and began looking for the missing hunter again. Sr. Tpr. Maher met up again with the Sheriff's Office search and rescue and the other hunter that had been found earlier. Sr. Tpr. Maher took the hunter to where he had come out of the timber to walk down to the highway earlier in the morning and tried to pinpoint where his brother might be. The location happened to be on the same spur road that Sr. Tpr. Maher had driven earlier and had cited the elk hunter without a tag on. While checking the area, Sr. Tpr. Maher and the hunter that had been found earlier walked the end of the road where he had walked out. While walking the end of the road voices were heard up on a brush covered hillside. Sr. Tpr. Maher called out and was answered. The hunters that he had contacted earlier had found the other missing hunter and were helping him down the hillside. Sr. Tpr. Maher walked up to them also and helped the man walk down the hill. LCSO search and rescue was notified that the other missing hunter was found uninjured and in good condition even after spending a cold night out in the woods. This hunter was also in his 70's and was not as well equipped as his brother had been.

## Husband and Wife are Both Cited

While working the opening weekend of Cascade Bull Elk season, Trooper Collom (Central Point) checked only one elk and it happened to be an illegal kill. He found 4 people on the north end of the road closure just after they packed a 3x3 bull elk off the hill and drove into the road closure to pick it up. They all had rifles, but only three of the hunters had Cascade bull elk tags. One hunter claimed that he had been carrying two rifles to cover for the one man without a tag (he had a bow elk tag this year). It turned out that the bull elk was tagged by the wife of the man who did not have a tag. The wife was nowhere around. She was said to have gone home after shooting the elk and did not help pack it out. Sgt. Meyer drove down off the mountain to where he had cell phone coverage and called the wife. She confirmed that she had not gone elk hunting on that day and did not shoot the bull. The husband then admitted to shooting the bull and using his wife's tag. The gun and elk were seized and he was cited for **Unlawful take of Elk-No Elk Tag** and for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. All 4 subjects were also cited for **Illegal Motorized Travel** for driving into the road closure to retrieve the elk. The wife was cited for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.



## OSP Plane Helps Catch Spotlighters

Roseburg members worked with the plane in the Douglas County area. Several vehicles were observed spotlighting. Officers were able to track down four of them. Citations were issued for: **4 - casting while armed, 2 - open container of alcohol, 3 - aiding in game violation, 1 - illegal take prohibited method (.17 cal), 1 - unlawful take, prohibited methods (aid of a light), 1 - exceeding bag limit - black tail deer**. One 3X4 black tail buck was seized. The subject who shot this deer (at 2AM) and one of the other subjects involved had been cited/convicted of the same thing (spotlighting and taking deer closed season) in 2000 by Sr. Tpr. Friedrichs. Other vehicles were observed spotlighting, but no officers were clear to handle.

## Protected Bird Shot

Sergeant Brown (Pendleton) and Lt. Scorby (East Region) contacted a camp on a US Forest Service road in the Ukiah Unit with no one around. While at the camp, they located a Steller's Jay had been shot and was hanging from their meat pole. They contacted the hunters leaving camp later in the day, and were able to identify the suspect, who had killed it with a shotgun. A second subject was found to have been hunting with a Rocky Mountain General Season elk tag. However, he had drawn the correct tag and was warned. The hunter who shot the Steller's Jay was cited for **Taking Protected Bird - Steller's Jay**.

## Wildlife/Hunting

### Suspect Claims Deer Jumped Fence

Sr. Trooper Gorman (Roseburg) followed up on a trespass complaint where a subject was observed shooting from the paved roadway out of his vehicle window. The witness did not see if he was shooting at a deer. A gut pile was found in the area the next day by the land owner out in his field. The suspect admitted to shooting out of his vehicle window at a "styrofoam cup" up in the landowner's field. He said the 3X3 buck he was in possession of, was shot on the adjacent property, had jumped the fence onto the reporting party's property and died. He had not asked the reporting party to go on the property and get the deer. Examination of the area determined the deer had not jumped any fence but dropped right where it was shot at the location of the gut pile. The suspect was cited for **shooting from a roadway** and **hunting enclosed lands of another**.

### 2 Suspects Arrested, Numerous Cites

Trooper Halsey, Sergeant Heider, and Trooper Olsen (Albany) arrested two male subjects on Weyerhaeuser property in the Upper Calapooia drainage near Sweet Home. The two known subjects were observed by Trooper Halsey breaking a lock off of a Weyerhaeuser gate at about 11:00PM. They proceeded onto Weyerhaeuser property and returned at about 2:30AM. A high risk stop was initiated and both subjects were taken into custody. A trophy class blacktail buck was found in the bed of the pickup. One male suspect was charged with, **Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Taking Deer Prohibited Hours; Taking Deer With the Aid of Artificial Light; Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass; Criminal Mischief 2; and Permitting Unlawful Operation of Vehicle**. The other male suspect was charged with, **Hunting While Suspended; Taking Deer Prohibited Hours; Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass; Conspiracy to Commit a Crime/Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Criminal Mischief 2; Taking Deer With the Aid of Artificial Light; Driving While Suspended; and Driving Uninsured**. A Winchester model 70 30-06, ammunition, and a spotlight were seized. Both suspects were transported to the Linn County Jail where they were lodged on the listed charges. The deer was donated to the Union Gospel Mission.

### Suspect Hunting on Private Property

Troopers Davis and Stone (Coos Bay) responded to a complaint where a landowner reported one of his tenants shot an elk. The suspect admitted to shooting a cow elk the night before. The elk and a rifle were seized. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Elk Closed Season**. The troopers ended the day by doing a follow-up on a complaint of individuals shooting a buck on private property without permission. The suspect was contacted and cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The 2x3 buck was seized.

### KATU News on WED

Senior Trooper Shugart (McMinnville), Trooper Dietz (Banks) and Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) conducted a WED on Turner Creek Road in Yamhill County. Also taking part in the WED was Grant McComie with KATU Channel 2 news. Approximately 30 minutes after legal shooting hours had ceased, and the season was over, three subjects approached the WED set in a van. The WED was illuminated by headlights from a vehicle behind the van. The driver of the van fired two rounds into the WED with a .30-06 rifle, hitting it both times in the neck. The van was contacted, and the driver was cited for **Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours**. His rifle and magazine were seized. Approximately 1/2 hour later, three vehicles traveled through the WED set, not stopping or observing the WED. They continued up the road and stopped at the road Trooper Thomas was concealed on. Standing in the road was a "LIVE" buck deer. The passenger of the first vehicle exited, and fired three rounds at the buck with a 9mm pistol. The vehicle was contacted and the passenger cited for **Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours**. His pistol and magazine were seized.

### Suspect Cited for No Proof of Sex

Senior Trooper Merritt (Roseburg) assisted DCSO at a traffic stop. The driver/suspect had a warrant out for his arrest. Inspection of the vehicle revealed four quarters from a deer. The suspect had an invalidated deer tag with him. The suspect said he shot the deer (supposedly a forked horn) the day before and was not aware how to properly validate his tag. The head, horns and back straps were supposed to be at another location. The suspect was cited for **Fail to validate and Unlawful Possession - No Proof of Sex**.

### Suspect Possibly Cited in Two States

Senior Troopers Bennett, Marchand (Grants Pass) and Thompson (Central Point) did a decoy set out in the Cave Junction area where they had received numerous reports of the same vehicle/suspect involved in spotlighting since July of this year. They had contacted the subject in the area after prior complaints but could not catch him working a light. This time, they again had the WED set in the area of the complaints and observed the subject spotlight the decoy and other live deer that were in the area. The subject made the decoy and did not shoot. Upon contact, the subject was found to be armed. The subject consented to a search of his residence where parts/antlers to 5 different bucks (including two in the velvet) were found. The subject admitted to shooting three deer this year, as early as July. He said the other two velvet antlers were from deer he killed in CA last year. The antlers appeared fresher than that. The suspect was cited for: **Illegal take - closed season, exceeding bag limit (X2), casting while armed, fail to validate deer tag, taking prohibited method (.22 mag rifle), and unlawful possession wildlife parts**. Follow up is continuing with CA wildlife officials.



# Wildlife/Hunting

## Suspect from South Africa has Oregon Hunting License

Trooper T. Schwartz (Astoria), Sr. Trooper May and Trooper L. Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a wildlife enforcement decoy on a rural county road near Vernonia. Several individuals shot at the WED. One individual provided an international driver's license and he indicated that he was from South Africa. He had a Resident Oregon Hunting License. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for License and Tag**. Another individual shot at the WED with an SKS rifle with a magazine capacity of 10 rounds. Several other individuals shot from the county roadway and were issued citations for **Shooting From a Roadway or Hunting From a Motor Vehicle**.

## Student Finds Dead Ducks in Vehicle

Senior Trooper Gallaher (Pendleton) investigated a report from the Pendleton High School regarding a student who had placed some dead ducks inside of another student's vehicle. It was determined the ducks had been killed several days earlier and had gone to waste. A student was identified from cameras that are mounted in the parking area at the school. An investigation revealed that the student shot the ducks the prior weekend and let them go to waste. The student was cited for **Waste of Wildlife**.

## Woman Cited for Caged Deer

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) received information that a deer was being held in a "cage" at a residence near Bonanza. Sgt. Hand and Lt. Gifford drove to the residence and found the deer to be held in a chain link dog kennel just off to the side of the driveway. The owner of the residence stated that she had found the deer standing in the road next to its road-struck mother. She went on to say that she was formerly a vet tech in California where wildlife was often brought in. She then went on line to find out how to take care of deer and then did so. She has held the deer since July and admitted that she had not called ODFW or OSP. She was cited for **Unlawfully Holding Wildlife**. The deer was seized and turned over to ODFW. ODFW then released the deer on a nearby winter range.

## Landowner Confronts Suspect

Senior Trooper Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint from some people who heard shots fired the night before and in the morning went out and found two dead deer on their property. They saw a vehicle drive out across his field and the landowner and another neighbor confronted the subject in the vehicle as it was leaving. The complainant took a deer head from the man in the vehicle and wrote down his license plate. Sr. Tpr. Thompson later located the suspect and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.

## Several Troopers Investigate Case on BLM Property

Senior Trooper Frerichs and Trooper Bainbridge (Roseburg) received a call from a landowner in Elkton regarding 3 male subjects that broke a BLM lock off a gate through his private property. A vehicle license number was obtained and it returned to a subject in Reedsport that Sr. Tpr. Lane and the Coos Bay OSP is familiar with, Tyler Plagmann. The troopers contacted the landowner and two other witnesses to identify the suspects. The suspects allegedly used a chain to break off the BLM lock on the first access gate, when they were contacted at the second access gate by the landowner. They told the landowner that they were low on fuel and were attempting to get to the main road. Sr. Tpr. Gorman and Tpr. Bainbridge requested assistance from Tpr. Davis from the Coos Bay office. Tpr. Davis contacted Michael Plagmann at his residence and located a hanging bull elk carcass with a 2nd Season Coast Elk Tag from Travis Plagmann. Information had already been received that Travis shot the bull in the Tioga Unit off of Scholfield Road, and not in the Coast Units. Tpr. Davis seized the carcass and delivered it to a butcher shop in Coos Bay for evidence. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Bainbridge conducted further investigation on the broken lock case and positively identified the other two suspects that were with Tyler Plagmann. Sr. Tpr. Lane assisted in the investigation by revealing information on one of the suspects that owned property in the Ash Valley/ Soup Creek area. All three of the suspects were cited for **Criminal Mischief II and Criminal Trespass II** into Roseburg Circuit Court. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Bainbridge made contact with Travis Plagmann from Roseburg and he was cited for the **Illegal Take of Bull Elk-Prohibited area** into Roseburg Circuit Court. A set of 4-point bull antlers were seized at the location.

## Black Bear Found in Blackberry Patch

Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) were following up on information that a subject had killed a black bear in his apple orchard and thrown the bear into a blackberry patch. The troopers contacted the subject, who had killed the bear. He then took the troopers to a shallow grave he had dug and buried the bear in. The suspect was cited for **Taking Black Bear Without a Valid Tag and Waste of Wildlife**.



## Wildlife/Hunting

### Suspects Trespassing on ODFW Land

Senior Trooper Duncan (Baker City) investigated three men for trespassing on property adjacent to the ODFW Auburn feed site outside of Baker City. The men had taken one elk on private property. One suspect was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass and Fail to Validate Big Game Tag**. The second suspect was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass and Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The third suspect never entered the property.

### Trooper Searches 160 Names on Hunting List to Find Suspect

Senior Trooper Gorman (Roseburg) followed up on a possible illegal kill out of a controlled hunt unit. Sr. Tpr. Gorman located the kill site that was a mile outside the muzzleloader unit boundary. Sr. Tpr. Gorman accessed the hunt list and went through all the 160 names and found a first name match to what the reporting party said the guy said his name was. Sr Tpr. Gorman contacted the subject whom initially denied shooting any deer. When asked where the deer now was, the suspect said he dumped it in the river because he had gut shot it and it had gone bad before he could get it out. The suspect was cited for **Illegal Take—Outside Unit Boundary and Waste**.

### Men from New Mexico with Cervid Parts

Sergeant Duncan (PSD-Ontario) stopped a vehicle for speeding. Upon contact, he learned the vehicle was coming from New Mexico and had a large mule deer buck with the full skull and spine. The men were cited for **Unlawful Importation of Prohibited Cervid Parts**. A taxidermist was contacted and agreed to assist with the care of the animal in order to preserve it for a mount.

### Grandson Kills Bear for Grandfather

Senior Trooper Hoodenpyl, Troopers Thomas, Howell and O'Connor (Tillamook) responded to residences on East Beaver Creek and Blanchard Road in Cloverdale. The troopers were responding to numerous complaints that a subject there had killed a black bear during the hours of darkness with no tag, then this subject had his 19 year old grandson put his fall bear tag on the animal. Investigation revealed that the subject found a bear in his apple tree, and called his grandson to his residence. There the grandson shot and killed the black bear nearly an hour after darkness and well after shooting hours. The grandson then left his invalidated bear tag with the grandfather who kept the tag in his wallet. The grandson was cited for the **Unlawful Taking Black Bear - Prohibited Hours**.

### Legal Bull, Illegal ATV Use

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) received a complaint of a male subject shooting a spike bull and taking it out with a four-wheeler from behind a locked timber company gate. On the way to assist with the complaint Tpr. Davis located the two suspect vehicles and followed them to a residence in Myrtle Point. The bull turned out to be a legal three point however, the man was cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and for operating his ATV behind the gate.

### Group of Suspects Tracked Down

Troopers Schoenborn and Buck (Portland) received a game complaint from dispatch regarding a group of individuals in a white suburban with Washington plates that had been involved in shooting a deer during a closed season with rifles in the Ripplebrook area of the Mt. Hood National Forest. It was discovered that the white suburban was possibly heading back to the Estacada area. A search between Estacada and Ripplebrook on Hwy 224 led to no vehicles matching the description of the mentioned suburban. A short while later, the Troopers split up and began searching the immediate area around Ripplebrook where Tpr. Buck found a vehicle matching the description given. Trooper Buck stopped the vehicle that was traveling westbound on Hwy. 224. The Troopers found one deer that had been cut and bagged inside a large cooler in the rear of the suburban. Four rifles were also found in the back of the vehicle. Investigation revealed that one subject had shot the deer one time with a .30-.30 rifle, and then again with a .22 caliber rifle. Two other subjects helped drag, field dress, cut and load the deer into the back of the vehicle. All three suspects were cited. The first suspect was cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal to wit: Blacktail Deer and Hunting Closed Season With Centerfire Rifle to wit: Cascade Bow Season**. The second and third suspects were cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense To Wit: Illegal Take of Blacktail Deer During a Closed Season**. Further investigation found that three juveniles who were present in the mentioned vehicle had shot and killed three Varied Thrush, a protected bird. All three were verbally warned and the birds seized.



# Wildlife/Hunting

## Citations are a Family Affair

Senior Trooper Salisbury and Trooper Lea conducted an elk decoy operation. During the operation they got a call from local landowner regarding elk hunters hunting on his property. They contacted the landowner and discovered a Mapleton family, Sr. Trooper Salisbury had arrested before for same offense (trespass). The father and his brother-in-law took two kids (his son and a neighbor's son) on complaint's property because they saw a herd of elk. They flock shot together and killed two bulls. They were sneaking them out when the Troopers contacted them. The elk were salvaged and taken to the Eugene Mission. Sr. Trooper Salisbury issued three cites, one each to father, son and uncle for **Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another**.

## Ex-Wife Turns in Ex-Husband

Senior Trooper Marchand (Grants Pass) followed up on a bear baiting case. The reporting party/ex-wife of the suspect wanted to turn the suspect in for shooting bear over bait. The suspect and a friend set up some barrels on the property and filled them with dog food, old fruit, etc and then set up lawn chairs and waited for something to show up. Sr. Tpr. Marchand located the site as described by the ex-wife. Sr Tpr. Marchand later learned that a friend of the suspect had actually shot a bear over the bait. The subject who had shot the bear admitted to it, saying that the other subject had invited him over to shoot a bear that had been "causing damage." The subject had called ODFW last September to report bear damage and was told that baiting was allowed under those circumstances. The subject, who shot the bear, nor the landowner, had reported the damage kill as required. The suspect who shot the bear was cited for **Fail to Report**.

## License Needed to Kill Bobcat

Trooper Kehr (Newport) responded to a complaint that someone shot a bobcat. The subject was located in the Drift Creek area and it was found that he did not have a hunting license for furbearers or a bobcat record card and the season is closed. The subject had no idea that he needed a license or that there was a season for bobcats. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Bobcat to wit: Closed Season**. The bobcat was seized.

## Family Who Hunts Together, Gets Cited

Trooper L. Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to a report of an elk that was shot inside a fenced pasture near Clatskanie, Oregon. The subsequent investigation revealed that two Clatskanie men and juvenile female saw the elk herd in the pasture and proceeded to cross the pasture fence without permission. One of the Clatskanie men then shot and killed a 5x5 bull elk. The hunters then used a tractor to remove the elk from the field. Trooper Schwartz went to the residence of one of the men and located a 5x5 bull elk and a 4x4 bull elk. The investigation revealed that the 4x4 was harvested by two other Clatskanie men who didn't have elk tags; however they borrowed the previously mentioned juvenile female's elk tag. Trooper Schwartz contacted these two other Clatskanie men and one was the juvenile female's older brother. Interviews with the dad, the juvenile and the suspect brother revealed that the brother also filled the sister's 07 deer tag as well as his own. Furthermore, the first two mentioned Clatskanie men used an ATV on closed lands to help the second two Clatskanie men get the 4x4 bull elk out of the woods. The 5x5 bull elk, 4x4 bull elk, a 2x2 buck deer and a 3x4 buck deer were seized as well as several rifles. The following citations were issued: **Hunting On The Enclosed Land of Another, Criminal Trespass II (x2), Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk-No Big Game Tag (x2), Borrowing a Big Game Tag, Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer and Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**.

## Suspect Tries to Hide Big Horn Sheep Horns

Trooper L. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Trooper Anderson (Portland) received anonymous information about a Clatskanie man who unlawfully possessed a Big Horn Sheep head and horns. The Troopers contacted the suspect, investigation revealed that the suspect possessed the head and horns and that he had hidden the horns in the rafters in an outside shed. The Troopers seized the head and horns and cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Big Horn Sheep**

## Hunters Tired of Poachers Help Troopers

Senior Trooper Maher (Springfield) investigated a complaint of illegal goose hunting. The complainant reported that there were persons hunting geese near Washburn Road west of Junction City. Due to the travel time involved Sr. Tpr. Vanmeter (Patrol) responded to the scene and found four hunters on private property who had taken several geese. Sr. Tpr. Maher arrived later and it was learned that two of the hunters had taken a total of 14 geese that morning (13 dark and one white goose). One of the hunters that was hunting and shooting at geese never bagged one. The other hunter was hunting ducks. Much to the hunter's surprise they learned that goose season (NW Permit Goose Zone) was closed. Two of the hunters were issued citations for **Unlawful Taking of Geese-Closed Season (NW Permit Goose Zone)**. The other hunter was cited for **Hunting Geese Closed Season (NW Permit Goose Zone)**. One of the hunters cited for taking, shot ten of the geese.



# Wildlife/Hunting

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2 BRANCH BULL ELK SHOT WITH A RIFLE AND WASTED**

**LOCATION:** Granny Creek off Hat Point Road; below Granny Viewpoint.

**OCCURRED:** During the late afternoon on November 4, 2007 (Sunday).

**SUSPECT VEHICLE:** Silver Toyota Tacoma pickup (no canopy). Parked on the Hat Point Road when the incident occurred. Two subjects associated with vehicle.

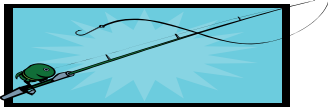
**Please report any information regarding suspicious activity/persons/vehicles in this area during this time period. You can remain anonymous.**

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# Angling

## Angler Tries to Hide From Police Officer

Senior Trooper Marshall Maher (Oakridge) stopped to check an angler along the MF Willamette River just east of Black Canyon. Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the angler and found that he did not have an angling license in possession and did not have any identification. The angler gave his name and date of birth both of which later proved to be a false name and DOB. Sr. Tpr. Maher walked the angler back up toward his vehicle in an attempt to better identify him and to issue him a citation. While walking back the angler fled on foot and headed back down toward the wooded river bank. Sr. Tpr. Maher gave chase but the angler hid well and it was later learned that he had fallen into the river and decided to hide in it for a while. Several OSP units responded to the area to search for the suspect. Sergeant Phillips, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher and Sr. Tpr. Vanmeter all came up to the area. An LCSO unit and an Oakridge PD unit also helped set the perimeter for the search. Springfield PD officer Darin Kendrick and his K-9 (Cyrill) arrived at the location and the search was started along the riverbank. After not finding the suspect along the river a search of the south side of Highway 58 was conducted and the K-9 located the suspect on the hillside. The suspect was told to stop numerous times but ignored the commands and ran back down to the highway and back toward his car. Sgt. Phillips cut the suspect off at his car and took him into custody. The suspect's real identity was learned and he was found to have an outstanding felony warrant out of Marion County for **Dangerous Drugs - Methamphetamine** and for **Carrying a Concealed Weapon**. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher also cited the suspect for **No Angling License, False Information to Police and Interfering with a Police Officer**.

## License Agent Issues False License

While patrolling the Klamath River, Senior Trooper Bertram (Klamath Falls) located a man preparing to go angling. The man was standing next to his vehicle, which bore California Registration plates. During the check, the man produced an Oregon Resident angling license. After some inquiry, it was learned that the man had not lived here 6 months to obtain a resident license. It was further learned that he had also displayed his California Drivers License to the license agent but was still issued a resident license. The man was cited for **False Application for a Resident License**. The license agent will also be contacted.

## Guide Cited

Senior Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) contacted a guide with clients that were in possession of a wild Steelhead on the Rogue River. The guide admitted to instructing the client to keep the fish. The guide was cited for **Counseling in a Game Violation**.

## Known Violator Caught Again While Suspended

Troopers Davis and Stone (Coos Bay) worked a plainclothes snagging operation on the Sixes River. A known violator whose angling license is suspended until 2011 was observed angling. The subject was taken into custody for angling while suspended and was found to have a one-day angling license with a different individual's name in his possession. Trooper Wehner responded and transported the suspect to the Curry County Jail where he was lodged for **Angling While Suspended and Borrowing another's Angling Harvest Tag**.

## Suspect Cited for Possession of Fish Eggs

Trooper Thomas (Tillamook) noticed an angler that he had just had court with a few months prior. Knowing the angler to be suspended, Troopers Thomas and Howell turned around to make contact. At that point, the subject took off running downstream. The subject was stopped, and an interview and consent search was conducted. The search revealed the suspended angler had caught and tagged a steelhead, and was also in possession of two freshly removed skeins of eggs without a transfer record or fish to connect the eggs with. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Fish Eggs to wit: No Transfer Record**. Follow up at the office revealed the subject was in fact suspended. The suspect will be cited for **Angling while Suspended** when re-contacted.

## Angler Arrested for Restraining Order

Trooper Tim Schwartz (Astoria) contacted three anglers on the Neacanicum River. One angler was arrested and lodged on a **Violation of Restraining Order and Angling While Suspended**. One angler was charged with **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 1oz. and Fail To Validate Harvest Card**.

## Cougar Tag Validated for Chinook

Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) contacted two anglers on the Nestucca River who had three fall Chinook. Investigation revealed that one of the anglers had tagged his fish on his cougar tag. A consent search of their pick up revealed three salmon fillets in a cooler and two salmon carcasses in a garbage bag. Upon being questioned about the fillets and carcasses, further questioning revealed the other angler had caught the Chinook the day before and did not tag them. This suspect was cited for **Fail to Validate**.



## Commercial Fish

### Processing Plant Cited in Astoria

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a local sardine processing plant in Astoria for **Failure to Weigh Commercial Sardines by Round Weight**. This was the third seafood plant in the area cited in the last two weeks for the same offense. The citation is the final episode involving Sr. Trooper Klepp's action plan which was designed to monitor and audit commercial sardine landings and fish receiving tickets for all area sardine processors to determine if the plants were in compliance with round weight weighing procedures. In the past, these processors have continued to defy warnings for not properly weighing sardines as the product entered the plant. The plants were using what is best described as an "Estimate Method" to determine the total volume delivered by each vessel rather than totaling the sum of all individual weights.



### Troopers Set Up Surveillance to Catch ATVer's

Senior Troopers Wood, Craver, Holbrook and Oriet set up surveillance of a large block of Hancock and Longview Timber property just south of Vernonia because their security agents and others have complained about ATV trespass. Most of the information received centered on one local resident who has been warned before by the security agents that they are not permitted to ride ATVs on the property. Since this activity usually started about dark, the troopers met in the area and then deployed to cover the area with listening posts. At about dusk, Sr. Trooper Holbrook heard a number of ATVs start up in the area of the reported suspect's address. A short while later, a group of ATVs was encountered by him on Hancock Timber property. The troopers responded to Sr. Trooper Holbrook's location and four adults were cited for **Illegal Motorized Entry**. One of the riders cited was the same subject who had been contacted in the past by Hancock Security.



## General Law

### Vehicle Tries to Leave Scene of Accident

Trooper Olsen (Albany) responded to a two vehicle non-injury, non-blocking crash on Hwy. 20 near Sweet Home. While gathering operator information the passenger of the offending vehicle repeatedly tried to leave the scene. A records check of the male passenger revealed two felony warrants out of Marion County for **Contempt of Court** with a bail amount of \$30,109.15. Trooper Olsen took the subject into custody and transported him to the Linn Co. Jail where he was lodged on the warrants.

### Flaggers Almost Hit By Drunk Driver

Sergeant Allori (Portland) stopped a van for speeding in a construction zone on Highway 213 in Oregon City. The van was within an active construction zone at night with numerous flaggers on the roadway. The driver was subsequently arrested for **DUI** (BAC .14%) and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail. The driver was also cited for **Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit**.

### Driver Cited for Felony Elude

Trooper Goffrier (Salem) was on patrol for a CAPE Operation. He stopped a vehicle on Interstate 5 for traffic violations. The two Hispanic males that occupied the vehicle had conflicting stories about where they were going. Tpr. Goffrier called for a cover unit to search the vehicle. As Tpr. Goffrier was attempting to run the driver through LEDS/DMV, the driver who was standing at the back of his patrol vehicle yelled to the passenger in Spanish. The passenger jumped into the driver's seat and fled northbound from MP 271. Tpr. Goffrier pursued the suspect vehicle until the suspect lost control of his vehicle near milepost 283 causing it to roll over. Tpr. Goffrier caught the suspect after he had fled his vehicle on foot. Tpr. Goffrier wrote a search warrant for the vehicle and found 3/4lbs of methamphetamine in the center consol. The original driver was never found and the passenger was lodged at Marion County Jail on **Felony Elude, Misdemeanor Elude, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering** and **PCS/DCS Methamphetamine**.

## Dispositions

### Man Claimed to be a Commercial Clam Digger Proves False

A disposition was received from the Clatsop County District Attorney's office regarding a man who posed as a commercial razor clam harvester when in fact he wasn't such. The man was first encountered by ODFW shellfish biologist staff as he exited the Clatsop Beach area with approximately 90 razor clams. He identified himself as a commercial digger but initially stated he "Forgot his licenses at home." Suspicious, the information was turned over to Sr. Tpr. Klepp, who later contacted the man and discovered he had no such commercial license. The man was subsequently cited for: **No Commercial Razor Clam License and Failure to Complete Commercial Clam Log-book**. He was fined \$750, plus a \$67 unitary assessment fee. The clams were forfeited to charity.

## Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

### Trooper is Guest Speaker at Western Regional Grange

Trooper Boyd was the featured guest speaker at the Western Regional Grange meeting that was held in Eugene. Many topics were covered including WED, game complaints, animal damage to crops and livestock, trapping, livestock diseases and general criminal, traffic and game enforcement during the 1.5 hour talk.

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