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# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Office of Law Enforcement  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive (LE-3000)  
Arlington, VA 22203



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In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) – Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a 2,000.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R-6  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
134 Union Blvd., Suite 550  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

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Doc. No. - FY - Control No.	99000-4-0047
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Sign	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Title	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
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Date Rec'd	10/7/03



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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Mountain-Prairie Region



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mail Stop 99610

MAILING ADDRESS:  
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Denver Federal Center  
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:  
134 Union Blvd.  
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

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Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

Subject: Request for Payment of a Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2002601239

Title of Investigation: BLACK WOLF KILL

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Amount Requested: \$2,000.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

SAC, Branch of Investigations

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Date

9-22-03

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

9-23-03

Processed:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Budget Officer

Date

10/1/03

Attachment

cc: R6 AO  
R6 INV  
RAC-Pierre, SD

1. **The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Self Employed Taxidermist

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

2. **The INV number and the title of the case.**

INV 2002601239 – BLACK WOLF KILL

3. **The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.**

\$2,000.00 – The investigating Special Agent believes this amount of money legitimately compensates (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his efforts and what he exposed himself to by assisting with this investigation. In determining the amount to be paid, we considered that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lost income by not mounting the wolf. In Alaska and Canada taxidermists routinely receive \$1,500 to mount a wolf. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also acted as an agent of the Service, documenting that the wolf had been shot, the caliber of the rifle used, the approximate location of where the wolf had been killed, and that the subject knew the identity of the wolf before the animal had been shot. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) drove to the site to pick up the carcass by himself, collected the wolf, and returned it to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who seized the wolf carcass. While the wolf carcass was being analyzed by the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (NWFL), (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) continued to provide excuses to the subject as to why the taxidermy work on the wolf had not been finished. These excuses gave the NWFL the extended time necessary to complete the DNA analysis on the wolf. In short, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made this HIGH PRIORITY case possible at great personal risk and with a selfless loss of income.

4. **The authority for issuing the reward.**

Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §1540(d). Payable from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

5. **Justification statement.**

(i) In justification of expenditure of reward funds and as a preface to this request, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a licensed taxidermist in Bottineau, North Dakota. Bottineau is a small agricultural community with extensive ranching interests and is an area of federal government dislike.

On February 26, 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) called SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (retired) to inform SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of a telephone call that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had received from an unidentified male. This person had asked

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) what type of chance (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would undertake with his taxidermy business. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) relayed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that an unidentified person had mentioned he was in possession of a wolf, which had allegedly been found dead alongside a road between Upham and Newburg, North Dakota. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) authorized (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to act as an unlawful taxidermist and pursue the requested activities of the unidentified person.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) On February 27, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) telephoned (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). During the conversation, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that he had identified the previous caller as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). During an earlier telephone call, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had requested that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) drive to a remote site and pick up the dead wolf, which had been hidden by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the trunk of an abandoned car. During the telephone call (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) acting as SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had instructed him to do, learned that the wolf had been shot, the caliber of the rifle used, the approximate location of where the wolf had been shot, and that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) knew the identity of the wolf before the animal had been shot.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) On February 28, 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) met with SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in a remote location prior to picking up the wolf. Based upon guidance from SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) drove to the site by himself, collected the wolf, and returned to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who seized the wolf carcass. While the wolf carcass was being analyzed by the NWFL, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) continued to provide excuses to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) as to why the taxidermy work on the wolf had not been finished. These excuses gave the NWFL the extended time necessary to complete the DNA analysis on the wolf.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Throughout the investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with timely and accurate information. This information was critical in the development of the investigation and ultimately in gaining convictions under the Endangered Species Act against (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the vehicle driver, and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the wolf shooter. Had this information not come to light in a timely manner, the investigation would not have been initiated and the evidence and information would have been destroyed or covered up.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was pressed several times by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and others in the local

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) business, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) kept his composure and was able to gain valuable additional information and avoid detection. The Fish and Wildlife Service was completely unaware of the wolf shooting and would not have been able to investigate and/or prosecute without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information and cooperation.

This is the first criminal conviction for the unlawful take of a wolf in North Dakota in recent history, perhaps ever. In the past two years, three wolves have been documented as killed in North Dakota. With an increasing wolf population in Minnesota, North Dakota has experienced an increase in wolf occurrences, due primarily to two and three-year-old wolves being kicked out of Minnesota packs. It is important that the rural North Dakota community understand wolves are protected and a consequence will occur if a wolf is unlawfully taken.

(ii) *The number of subjects involved.*

Two subjects: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(iii) *The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.*

Two subjects were charged and found guilty of both charges stemming from a two count Information. The Information charged:

1. The unlawful take of an endangered species in violation of [16 USC §1538(a)(1)(B) and 1540(b)(1), and 18 USC §2, and 50 CFR 17.21(c)], and
2. Possessing, carrying, transporting and delivering an endangered species in violation of [16 USC §1538(a)(1)(B), (a)(1)(D) and 1540(b)(1), and 18 USC §2, and 50 CFR 17.21(d)(1)].

(iv) *The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.*

Each defendant was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, restitution in the amount of \$1,000, forfeiture of a .22-250 rifle with scope, and court costs of \$50 each. Additionally, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were each sentenced to 18 months of probation, during which time they must each perform 20 hours of community service and are prohibited from hunting in North America.

(v) N/A

(vi) *If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.*

No known relationship to Service officers, employees, or family members of a Service employee.

(vii) *The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.*

\$0.00

(viii) *The name of the person who will receive the reward.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(ix) None

**6. How to Issue the Checks.**

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient.

**7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.**

Please mail to SAC office in Region 6



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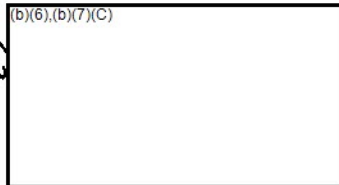
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99000-4900

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Final Pmt.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Pmt.
Payr	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Sign	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)</span>
Title	Special Agent In Charge
Gda/Svc Head	
Log/Inv Head	
Invest. C	10/14/03



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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

### Office of Law Enforcement

134 Union Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

#### Memorandum

**TO:** Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

**FROM:** Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

**SUBJECT:** Request for Payment of a Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2002601183

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (B&GEPA)

Amount Requested: \$ 1,500.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

10-1-03

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

10/2/03

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Attachments:

1. The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Housewife

2. The INV number and the title of the case.

INV 2002601183

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

3. The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.

\$1,500.00 – The investigating Special Agent believes this amount of money legitimately compensates (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for her efforts in reporting the violation when she became aware of it and the possible conflict she created by reporting the name of the shooter several months later after she was advised of the name by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who had been aware of the identity of the shooter for several months. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was still willing to come forward and provide the information even though the shooter was an employee on the ranch and was supervised by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also assisted in locating (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) so that an arrest warrant could be served on him.

4. The authority for issuing the reward.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. §668(a) Payable from the Special Funds Account. (Note: The subject was not charged with an ESA, violation. Additionally, the government did not seek a criminal or civil forfeiture action in this case under ESA)

5. Justification statement.

(i) In justification of expenditure of reward funds, and as a preface to this request (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Nebraska. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a small agricultural community with extensive ranching interests. The possibility of alienating yourself from your neighbors if they were aware of your cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement is a great possibility.

On February 17, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was contacted by Nebraska CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who reported a dead bald eagle that had been found on a ranch near Red Cloud, NE by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised that the eagle appeared to have been shot. Forensic examination of the eagle confirmed that the eagle (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had been shot with a .22 caliber rifle.

On February 19, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in reference to the eagle. Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that the eagle had been found by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lying on the ground about thirty yards from the roadway, near some trees on their property. She advised that neither she or (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) observed any hunting activity on their property over the weekend and that no one had permission to hunt on the property.

On February 26, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) offered rewards through the Red Cloud Chief Newspaper and the Hastings Tribune Newspaper, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for shooting the eagle.

On July 10, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) received a telephone call from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who stated that she had been recently told by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had shot the eagle on their property in February 2002.

Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had advised (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that he had shot a large hawk with his rifle from the barn, that he later identified as an eagle. Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that until recently, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had refused to tell her of the identity of the eagle shooter. Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised that she was very upset at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and had told him that she was going to call Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) immediately.

On July 11, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who confessed to shooting the bald eagle. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a signed affidavit and released his Ruger .223 caliber rifle to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

An information was filed charging (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with one count of violating the Eagle Protection Act. A court appearance date was set for September 17, 2002. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) failed to appear. On November 8, 2002, a warrant for the arrest of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska.

With the assistance of Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to locate (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in Kansas. On December 18, 2002, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) served the arrest warrant on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and he was returned to Lincoln, NE.

On December 27, 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) appeared in Federal District Court, Lincoln, NE and plead guilty to one count of killing a bald eagle.

On May 27, 2003, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) guilty plea was accepted by the court and he was sentenced to three years probation, during which time he can not hunt, fish, or trap or associate with anyone who is, he was ordered to pay restitution of \$5,000 to Nebraska's Raptor Recovery Center and to forfeit his Ruger Mini 14, .223 caliber rifle to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I recommend that because of the above stated facts, Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) be paid a \$1,500 reward for providing information and evidence in this case, that led to it's successful prosecution.

*(ii) The number of subjects involved.*

One subjects: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

*(iii) The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.*

One subject was charged and found guilty of charges stemming from a one count Information. The Information charged:

1. On or about February 7, 2002, in the District of Nebraska, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) without legal authorization, did knowingly and with wanton disregard for the consequences of his act, take (kill) a bald eagle in violation of [16 USC § 668(a)]

*(iv) The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.*

The defendant was ordered to pay restitution of \$5,000.00 and court costs of \$25.00 and he was required to forfeit his Ruger Mini-14, .223 rifle. Additionally, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to 36 months of probation, during which time he shall refrain from any hunting, fishing, or trapping in any state.

(v) N/A

*(vi) If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.*

No known relationship to Service officers, employees, or family members of a Service employee.

*(vii) The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.*

\$0.00

*(viii) The name of the person who will receive the reward.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(ix) None

**6. How to Issue the Checks.**

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient.

**7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.**

Please mail to SAC office in Region 6

## REVIEWER NOTES

**Action:** Request for Reward Payment  
**Case Number:** INV: 2002601183  
**Case Title:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Requested By:** Special Agent in Charge, Region 6  
**Requested For:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Amount Requested:** \$1,500.00

**Background:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Nebraska, notified a conservation officer of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission about a Bald Eagle carcass that her (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had found on their ranch. The Game and Parks Commission referred the investigation to a Service special agent, who promptly interviewed Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about the discovery. At a later date, Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reluctantly told her that the eagle had been shot by an employee of theirs. In spite of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reluctance to implicate the employee, Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) called the special agent back and apprized him of the situation.

As a result of Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance, the case agent was able to locate and interview the subject. Using detailed information provided by Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the special agent obtained a confession. The subject subsequently entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court and was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay \$5,000 restitution to Nebraska's Raptor Recovery Center.

Mrs. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made this case possible at great risk of alienating herself from her (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and neighbors in their tightly knit ranching community. Without her assistance, this case probably would not have been made.

**Comments and Recommendations:** This request meets all the criteria set forth in LE Memo 35. This reviewer recommends approval of the reward request, along with payment from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

9-30-03  
Date

2004



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check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Special Agent In Charge – R-7  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
1011 E. Tudor Road, Rm. 115  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the  
Administrative Officer  (703-358-1949).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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*for*

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Date	Administrative Officer
2/23/04	

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1011 E. Tudor Rd.

Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

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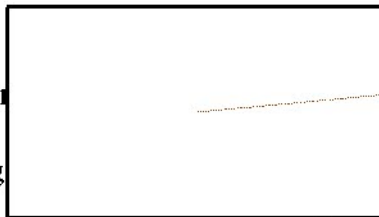
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Subject: Request for Payment of Reward



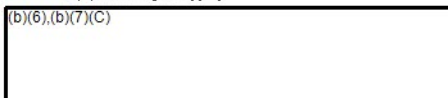
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

In accordance with LE Memorandum 35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual, justification is attached.

INV Number:

2001704230

Title of Investigation:



Case Officer:

Special Agent

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:



Statutory Authority for Reward: Endangered Species Act

Amount Requested:

\$500.00

Concurrence:



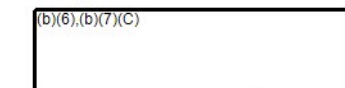
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Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:



Budget Officer

1/27/04  
Date

1-28-04  
Date

2/9/04  
Date

Attachment

## JUSTIFICATION

In October 2002, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) approached Service personnel from the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge to provide information regarding violations of the Refuge Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA.) The violations related to harassment of endangered steller sea lions. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) observed these violations while working on a foreign-owned cruise vessel that was unlawfully allowing passengers to disembark and use refuge lands without a Special Use Permit. The harassment of marine mammals has been an ongoing problem with inherent enforcement difficulties due largely to the remote nature of the violations.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information, together with previously documented MMPA violations committed by the cruise company, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) resulted in a \$15,000.00 settlement agreement. In addition, Special Use Permit conditions imposed by the Refuge enabled more efficient operations and better communication between the cruise sponsor and the Refuge. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Without Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) voluntarily relaying this information, this case may not have materialized. This case sent out a clear message that marine mammal harassment provisions will be enforced, and will hopefully result in better compliance by all tour operators.

I am requesting approval of a \$500.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to be paid from the LE Reward Account. The amount of the award is based on the specificity of the information Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided, the \$15,000 penalty that resulted, and the willingness of Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to voluntarily work with the Service and help us address this problem.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) resides at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his telephone number is (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). He is self-employed as a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Inc. He is also a corporate (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

If approved, please make the check out to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and send the check to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1011 E. Tudor Road, MS 151, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



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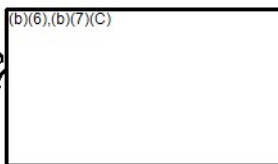
This authorizes you to make payment from the LE Reward Account (14x1611 – Payment of Rewards) in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the payment of an \$11,000 reward for an individual who provided crucial information resulting in saving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service thousands of dollars and investigator hours. Without the individual's cooperation, knowledge, and commitment, the investigation would not have been successful. To minimize the risk of the community learning the individual's name and due to the sensitivity of the case, I am authorizing that a check be issued in the name of the case agent, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for the amount specified. Upon receipt, Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will hand-deliver the reward payment to the informant. The check is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – Region 3  
USFWS – Office of Law Enforcement  
One Federal Drive, P.O. Box 45  
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-0045

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at 703/358-1949.

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## NOTES TO REVIEWER

**Action:** Request for reward  
**Case Number:** INV: 2002305062  
**Case Title:** IOWA ARMY AMMO PLANT  
**Region:** SAC R-3

**Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations:** Senior Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and concurs with the payment of the requested reward.

This request meets the criteria set forth in LE Memo 35. The attached justification outlines their assistance.

Reviewer:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

5/27/04  
Date

Concur:

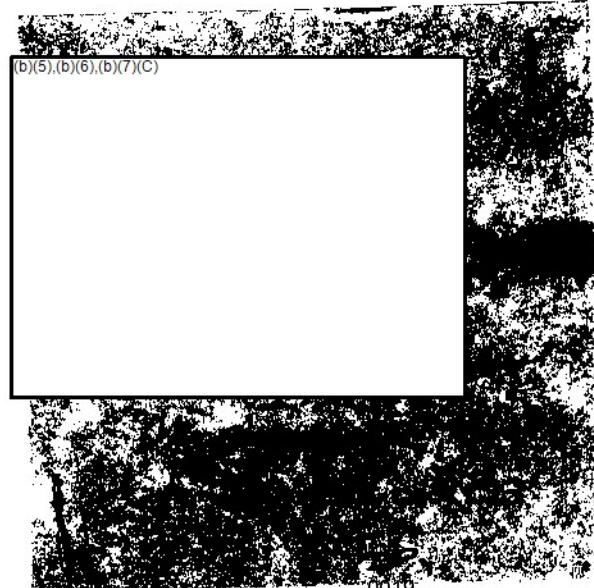
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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Date

Concur:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

One Federal Drive, P.O. Box 45  
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-0045

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

**MAY 25 2004**

From: Special Agent

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with LE Memorandum 35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Complete justification is attached.

INV Number: 2002305062

Title of Investigation: IOWA ARMY AMMO PLANT

Case Officer: Special Agent

Reward Recommended for:

Statutory Authority for Reward: (circle one) AECA ARPA BGEPA ESA LAC MMPA RTCA

Amount Requested: \$11,000.00 - See Note Below -  
~~\$10,000.00~~

Concurrent

Concurrence:

Approved:

Processed:

Attachments

Date

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Date

1. The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

- 2. The permanent Cooperating Private Individual (CPI) identification number, if applicable.**

(b)(7)(D)

- 3. The INV number and the title of the case.**

IOWA ARMY AMMO PLANT, INV 2002305062

4. The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.

Under the authority of the Lacey Act, I request that a reward be issued to [REDACTED] in the amount of \$10,000.00. The amount requested is to compensate and reward Ms.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. (C) \_\_\_\_\_ over a seven-month period, worked with agents on a daily basis, providing and analyzing intelligence, meeting with agents, and recording conversations with (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ first began providing information on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ poaching activities in 1990. During this time (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ did not request or ever receive any compensation for her information. Even though (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ was never prosecuted, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) \_\_\_\_\_ never stopped providing information, showing a great dedication to the wildlife resource.

donated over 300 hours to the investigation resulting in a [REDACTED] The reward would [REDACTED] donated hours saved [REDACTED] the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) many thousands of dollars and many thousands of investigator hours. Although the total cost savings to the Service cannot be calculated, the evidence, information, and personal contact with [REDACTED] provided by [REDACTED] in only seven months – might well have taken the Service years, if ever, to obtain at the same level of quality. Without [REDACTED] assistance, the Service would have had to conduct multi-agent surveillances, get an undercover agent accepted by [REDACTED] and make video/audio tapes of his admissions, all requiring additional agents, investigative hours and equipment at a significant cost to the Service and other ongoing investigations.

However, due to Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cooperation, the Service was able to conduct a multi-state, multi-jurisdictional investigation that has rarely been seen on such a level. Without her cooperation, knowledge, and commitment, the investigation would not have been successful. To date (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) have been convicted of illegally killing big game animals in Iowa and Colorado with a combined wildlife value of \$338,000.00.

The amount of this reward was determined by rounding the average to the nearest thousand of two values. The first value was established by determining the product of five percent of the value of the wildlife illegally taken by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the primary target of the investigation.

$$\$270,000.00 * 0.05 = \$13,500.00$$

The second value was established by determining the product of five times the hourly rate of the Iowa minimum wage scale and the hours that can be documented (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) worked on the investigation.

$$\$5.15 * 5 = \$25.75$$

$$\$25.75 * 330 \text{ hours} = \$8,497.50$$

The average of the two values:

$$\$13,500.00 + \$8,497.50 = \$21,997.50$$

$$\$21,997.50 / 2 = \$10,998.75$$

\$10,998.75 rounded down to the nearest even thousand = \$10,000.00

**5. The authority for issuing the reward.**

Lacey Act, 16 USC 3371 et seq.

**6. Justification statement.**

(i) A summary of the investigation and a specific description of the individual's involvement in that investigation; the significance of that involvement to the case; the risk, if any, to the individual of collecting the information provided; and the significance of the case to the resource.

**Background Summary**

This investigation involving Region 3 and Region 6 focused on the illegal take, transportation, and sale of big game animals, taken in violation of federal and/or state

laws, a violation of the Lacey Act. Crucial information was provided by [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) detailing [REDACTED] poaching habits for the past twenty years. Each year (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would travel to Colorado for the purpose of poaching deer and elk from restricted units, without permits, and with rifles during an archery-only season.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his associates would also take trophy white-tailed deer throughout Iowa.

The focus of their poaching was centered around the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) near Middletown, IA, but also included hunting closed areas such as a national forest, state parks, within city limits and trespassing onto private lands. [REDACTED] would (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

access the secure weapons facility without permits, using an illegal weapon, and not during any legal season of take for white-tailed deer. In both Colorado and Iowa

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would kill animals, removing only the antlers, leaving behind the rest of the animal to rot. [REDACTED] would subsequently sell the antlers from poached animals through antler auctions in Iowa and Missouri, and through private sales with antler buyers from his residence.

To date, three individuals have pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the Lacey Act. The three individuals have been sentenced or agreed to a total of 65 months imprisonment, \$18,000 in fines, \$47,500 in restitution, and five years supervised release.

The conviction of [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and those to follow, is the most significant Service case in recent times involving large scale commercial poaching of [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) deer and elk in multiple states. The activity of [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his hunting companions were significantly impacting the quality and quantity of trophy white-tailed deer in southern Iowa and trophy elk quality in western Colorado. Not only was [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) severely impacting a valuable resource, he was stealing from multitudes of law-abiding hunters, who are required to wait over eight years to hunt legally in trophy areas where [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) repeatedly killed trophy animals for only their antlers.

#### Involvement and Risk of Nominee

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) In November 2002, [REDACTED] came forward with significant information and evidence, including a photograph album depicting numerous illegally killed trophy animals by [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) along with at least five other individuals, was actively involved in poaching large numbers of trophy white-tailed deer from the IAAP and mule deer and elk from a trophy area on national forest lands in western Colorado. Initial information provided by [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his friends, had been poaching deer and elk for over 20 years and that [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was engaged in the sale of antlers from his home in southern Iowa. [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] only took the antlers and left the remainder of the animal to rot.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Based on conversations [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had with [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in September 2003, she supplied Service Special Agents with vital information which led investigators to a very large trophy bull elk which [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had killed illegally in Colorado and only removed the head. As [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) described, the set of antlers had been uniquely camouflaged by [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who carefully wrapped them with paper towels, covered them with duct tape, then painted them green before hoisting them into a large pine tree where they were

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) concealed with pine bows. [redacted] commonly stored antlers from large deer and elk he poached in this manner to avoid being caught in the field by game wardens.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] would then wait until the summer of the following year to retrieve illegal antlers and claim them as legal "pick-ups" should he be questioned. In addition, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] provided information that [redacted] was illegally killing trophy white-tailed deer within the IAAP. The IAAP is a secure weapons production facility in southeastern Iowa, covering approximately 22,000 acres and is strictly controlled by the Department of Defense. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] would sneak into the IAAP and kill trophy white-tailed deer, removing only the antlers. [redacted] would sell the illegally taken trophy deer through antler auctions.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Because of [redacted] secretive ways, the large number of trophy animals he was taking from federal lands, and their transportation and sale in interstate commerce, state and federal agents along with the Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Jeffrey Lang, felt they should investigate (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] thoroughly to determine the scope of his illegal activity. To accomplish this, agents and AUSA Lang approached [redacted] to determine if she would be willing to cooperate with the investigation and begin making audio/video tape recordings to obtain admissions by [redacted] concerning his illegal activity.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] who had been previously romantically involved with [redacted] initially was

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) [redacted] felt that [redacted] and at least one of his friends, were very unpredictable, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] feared that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F) [redacted]

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] or [redacted] reported association with law enforcement personnel and a local police department and feared [redacted] would learn of her cooperation before the investigation culminated, resulting in harm to her or her family.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) After several discussions with agents and AUSA Lang [redacted] finally agreed to allow her

(b)(7)(D) [redacted] conversations. [redacted] also traveled to Colorado and took investigators to the hunting area where [redacted] commonly poached trophy deer and elk, furthering greatly the investigation and probable cause needed for search warrants of [redacted] residence and those of his accomplices. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] was paid \$500 (POI) for the information provided to agents on the Colorado trip; (b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E) [redacted]

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E) [redacted] Over the course of approximately seven months, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] met with [redacted] at her (b)(7)(E) [redacted] many times and made nearly 40 recordings in which [redacted] admitted to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] killing numerous trophy white-tailed deer on the IAAP and numerous mule deer and elk

in western Colorado over the past 25 years. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at the request of agents, wore a concealed body wire on three occasions while away from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to record conversations with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was reluctant to be alone with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) fearing for her safety. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) further implicated over ten of his hunting partners in similar illegal activities. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) spent countless hours during the course of the investigation meeting with agents for debriefings, planning for future meetings with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and actually meeting with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). The hours donated to the furtherance of the investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) came at a financial sacrifice to (b)(7)(D) sacrifice to he (b)(7)(D)

Not only did (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) meet with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at her (b)(7)(D) but she put herself at great risk, to assist agents in the (b)(7)(E) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) convinced (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to leave his vehicle at a public parking area and travel to a different area in her vehicle, while agents placed the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(E). The installation of the beeper greatly helped agents in determining (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) travel habits and locations where he was storing unlawfully taken antlers for sale. Finding the large caches of antlers (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had stored at two locations, other than his residence, was crucial to proving the large scope of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) poaching activities. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) involvement with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) greatly assisted in obtaining search warrants for the antler caches.

Soon after the service of the search warrants, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) received a phone call at her residence from an unknown individual. The caller stated that if (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cooperated with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) This did not deter (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) from her continuing cooperation.

### Significance to the Resource

Based on recorded conversations (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agents were able to make undercover contacts with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) purchase illegally taken antlers, and document the interstate transportation and sale of illegally taken animals. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with her intricate knowledge of antlers would question (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the antlers sold to undercover agents. A trusting (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would confide in (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the truth about the illegal take and sale of the antlers sold to undercover agents. Without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance in the investigation, felony Lacey Act charges would not have been possible.

Based on information gained by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agents were able to develop probable cause for the issuance of nine federal search warrants, including the residence of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and many of his friends and relatives. During the execution of the search warrants, over 185 big game mounts were seized, along with numerous firearms (some stolen), a fully functional machine gun, and voluminous records which substantiated the taking and sale of over 100 big game animals by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his associates. During the issuance of the search warrants an additional 36 individuals were interviewed regarding their involvement in the poaching of trophy deer in Iowa and Colorado, and numerous evidentiary items were also recovered from the interviews.

Throughout the investigation [REDACTED] provided agents with very accurate information on historical and recent poaching activities of [REDACTED] and his associates. [REDACTED] was consistently accurate and provided detailed information on illegal acts committed by [REDACTED] ten years prior. [REDACTED] on numerous past occasions, provided anonymous information to the Iowa Turn In Poachers hotline. Even though the information provided at that time did not lead to the arrest and conviction of [REDACTED] still felt compelled to assist agents in stopping the senseless killing of animals. In meeting with AUSA Lang and agents, [REDACTED] was never promised a reward or any other monetary gain. Due to [REDACTED] involvement with [REDACTED] in the past, she was only guaranteed that she would not be prosecuted "for her spoken words." Without the assistance of [REDACTED] the agents and AUSA Lang agree the investigation of [REDACTED] would not have occurred. [REDACTED] assistance has saved the involved agencies countless investigative hours and money used to fund such a large investigation.

To date over 216 trophy white-tailed deer and elk have been seized as a part of the ongoing investigation of [REDACTED]. The quality and number of animals taken in Iowa and Colorado are a very significant detriment to the resource. Sportsman, hunters and wildlife watchers have lost countless opportunities to hunt and/or view these trophy animals. Wildlife and game biologists could not anticipate the unknown loss of animals within managed populations, therefore invalidating a sound management plan for future generations.

The impact of the [REDACTED] case has generated vast amounts of publicity within Iowa and Colorado. The true deterrent factor for like conduct by other poachers is unknown; however, sportsmen and the public alike are outraged at the conduct by [REDACTED]. This outrage has been carried to Iowa state legislators who have introduced new legislation attempting to stop and deter other poachers from the illegal take and commercialization of white-tailed deer. Iowa House file 2186 has been introduced and passed out of the Senate with a 49-0 vote, and is now awaiting Governor Vilsack's signature. House file 2186 increases the penalties for the take of trophy white-tailed deer up to \$20,000 for each trophy taken. House file 2186 is a result of the public's interest and concern stemming from the [REDACTED] investigation. The public recognizes the significant loss of resources and is attempting to deter future poaching activities.

(ii) The number of subjects involved.

Thirteen subjects are expected to be charged with federal and/or state wildlife violations as a result of this investigation.

(iii) The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.

On September 23, 2003, [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to two felony Lacey Act charges and one count of unlawful possession of a machine gun. In the plea [REDACTED]

admitted to the unlawful taking and sale of 45 illegally-killed trophy white-tailed deer, elk and mule deer in violation of state and federal wildlife laws. The animals were valued at \$270,000.

On December 29, 2003, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor Lacey Act violations. A sentencing date for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has not been set.

On January 28, 2004, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor Lacey Act violation. A sentencing date for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has been set for April 26, 2004.

Felony charges against four additional suspects related to the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) investigation are presently in the prosecution phase.

(iv) The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.

On January 7, 2004, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced in U.S. District court to 57 months in Federal prison, \$300 assessment, \$10,000 fine, \$30,000 restitution, and three years supervised release during which time (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is not to engage in hunting (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also voluntarily forfeited numerous trophy big game mounts, firearms, and hunting equipment.

On March, 10, 2004 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced in U.S. District court to eight months imprisonment, a term of supervised release of one year during which time (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) shall not hunt anywhere in the world or possess firearms, a \$5,000 fine, \$17,500 restitution, and a \$50 special assessment. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) requested to be held in custody until sentencing and is currently being held in the Scott County, IA jail. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) further agreed to forfeit numerous trophy big game mounts, firearms, and hunting equipment.

Pursuant to a plea agreement (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will be sentenced to one year supervised release, \$3000 fine, and \$25 special assessment.

Plea negotiations have been initiated with three of the four additional subjects facing felony wildlife charges. Plea negotiations will commence with the fourth subject in the near future. At this time SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) expects two of the suspects to agree to felony violations, with substantial imprisonment and fines, the two other suspects will agree to misdemeanor violations, due to significant cooperation. The misdemeanor convictions will also carry significant imprisonment (over 12 months) and fines.

(v) If all prosecutions have not been completed, a statement justifying payment of the reward before completion of such prosecutions and a statement that the prosecuting attorney has been advised of the request for reward and concurs with paying a reward while prosecution is still pending.

Payment of a \$10,000.00 reward to Ms. [REDACTED] is being requested before all prosecutions in the case are complete for two reasons. First, now that WATERS has been convicted and sentenced, Ms. [REDACTED] is not expected to testify against the other subjects as those cases were built based on search warrants and interviews. [REDACTED] has no direct knowledge of the crimes; she only provided the stage for [REDACTED] to provide the information. Second, the prosecutions of the other individuals may take a year or more to reach conclusion, unnecessarily delaying rewarding Ms. [REDACTED] for her hard work in a very significant investigation. AUSA Lang is aware of this reward request, concurs, and encourages paying the reward before all prosecutions are completed.

(vi) If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has ever had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family member of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.

The proposed reward recipient has not had any relationship with any Service officer(s), employee(s), or family member(s) of any Service employee(s).

Prusha has been previously romantically-involved with the main subject of the investigation, [REDACTED]

(vii) The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.

Prusha received \$500 (POI) for information provided to agents during a trip to Colorado with investigators on November 15, 2002 (FY 03). To date, no other monetary compensation has been received by [REDACTED] in this investigation or any other.

(viii) The name of the person who will receive the reward.

[REDACTED]

(ix) Circumstances, if any, requiring special check issuance procedures.

See #s 7 and 8 below.

7. **How Checks will be Issued.**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

8. **Where Checks will be Mailed.**

The check will be hand-delivered to Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) by Iowa Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



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Office of Law Enforcement  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive (LE-3000)  
Arlington, VA 22203



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Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) – Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,500.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R- 6  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
134 Union Blvd  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

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99000-4900

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Title: <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	
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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement

134 Union Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

JUN 01 2004

### Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2002605461

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Lacey Act

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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6-7-04

Date

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

6-10-04

Date

Processed:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Budget Officer

6/16/04

Date

Attachments

## **Reward Background Information As Per LE Memo 35**

### **1. Reward Recipient:**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

### **2. CPI - N/A**

### **3. Inv. #2002605461**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

4. A reward in the amount of \$2,500 is requested. This amount was arrived at by considering the importance of the investigation to the protection of the refuge and the fact that the case could not have been made without the direct testimony of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lives just outside of the closed area of the refuge and his future assistance with similar situations would be invaluable. This reward is thus meant to not only reward (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his assistance with this investigation, but to also encourage him to assist in the future despite all the involvement he had to incur during this investigation.

5. Statutory authority for this reward comes from the Lacey Act.

### **6. Justification Statement:**

(i) This investigation involved the illegal take of a buck white-tailed deer from a closed portion of Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Nebraska. Two individuals were involved with the violation which took place on 11/21/02. The subjects entered the closed area, killed the buck and subsequently transported the animal across state lines into Colorado and eventually Iowa. When confronted with the facts, the individuals denied the charges and took the matter to federal court. On 2/20/04 a trial was held in federal District Court in Lincoln, NE. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) willing decided to act as a witness in the trial and directly due to his testimony, both defendants were found guilty of all three charges each.

(ii) Two subjects were involved with this investigation.

(iii) Two subjects were charged with three charges each; Taking deer in a closed area of the refuge; Entering a closed area of the refuge; Transporting illegally taken wildlife (Lacey Act). Both were found guilty of all three charges.

(iv) Following the trial, the judge ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation which has now been completed. A date for sentencing has not yet been set.

(v) All prosecution has been completed. The reward is being requested now before

sentencing for several reasons. To begin with and as previously noted, this was a high priority case to the refuge which could not have been successfully prosecuted without [redacted] direct involvement. Because of [redacted] testimony, the two defendants were found guilty of all charges against them. The matter is now only awaiting sentencing by the judge. As a result of the case going to trial, [redacted] had to endure much more than he had anticipated and including having to travel from home and testify in a federal court room. All of this apparently seemed a bit much for [redacted] and it is hoped that the reward will help pacify all that he was put through. As previously noted, [redacted] of the refuge and for that reason and what he can do to keep poachers at bay, the refuge greatly desires to stay in good terms with [redacted]

(vi) NA

(vii) No compensation has been provided to [redacted] thus far.

(viii)

[redacted]

(ix) NA



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## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) – Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,500.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R- 6  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
134 Union Blvd., Suite 550  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Mountain-Prairie Region  
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:  
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Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

JUN 01 2004

### Memorandum

**TO:** Kevin Adams Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

**FROM:** Gary Mowad Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

**SUBJECT:** Request for Payment of a Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2004600464

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Amount Requested: \$ 1,500.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

6/7/04

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

6-21-04

Processed:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Date

6/23/04

Attachments:

1. Request and justification for reward payment.

**Attachment 1**  
**Request and Justification for Reward Payment**

1. **The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

2. **The permanent Cooperating Private Individual (CPI) identification number, if applicable.**

None issued to this individual.

3. **The INV number and the title of the case.**

INV 2004600464 -

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

4. **The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.**

\$1,500.00 The investigating Special Agent believes this amount of money legitimately compensates (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his efforts and the potential consequences that he exposed himself to by assisting with this investigation. In determining the amount to be paid, we considered that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) exposed himself to possible retribution that could have taken the form of physical assault, damage to his personal property (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) or simply being ostracized from the small community in which he lives. In addition to providing information that

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) had been destroyed to prevent detection of the crime. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) identified the shooter of the bear and personally took SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to the crime scene where the bones of the bear were recovered allowing the case to be proven.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) The bear killed in this case was a female grizzly bear that is listed as threatened in the State of Montana. The value of this bear was \$20,000. The bear was wearing a research collar and the value of the research lost when this bear was killed and her collar destroyed has not been calculated, but is substantial. If (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had not come forward with the information, this crime may have gone undetected. Had (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) not been willing to guide the Agent to the crime scene many several thousand dollars in travel and per diem would have been used to search the area in an attempt to find the evidence found at the scene.

In short, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made the prosecution of this HIGH PRIORITY case possible at the risk of bodily harm and loss of income.

Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who is the Resident Agent in Charge for the State of Montana, and the Assistant United States Attorney handling the case, concur that payment of a reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the amount of \$2,000 is appropriate.

5. **The authority for issuing the reward.**

Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. §1540(d). Payable from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

6. **Justification statement.**

(i) In justification of expenditure of reward funds and as a preface to this request, [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] Montana. [REDACTED] is a small agricultural community with extensive ranching interests and is an area with much resentment against the federal government, specifically the Endangered Species Act.

On 01/14/04, [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED] via telephone to inform him that [REDACTED] had unlawfully killed a grizzly bear.

On 01/15/04, [REDACTED] told SA [REDACTED] that he had learned from his conversation with other people that [REDACTED] had illegally killed a grizzly bear and had then destroyed the radio collar that the bear was wearing. [REDACTED] had also been told the general location of this crime. On his own, [REDACTED] found what he believed to be the bones from the unlawfully taken bear.

On 01/21/04, [REDACTED] gave SA [REDACTED] a written statement and led him to the bones of the bear killed by [REDACTED].

The recovery goals for the grizzly bear in Montana have been met. At this time the Service is proceeding with the de-listing of the grizzly bear in Montana and Wyoming. The present recovery plan contains a mortality cap for the total number of bears killed, as well as for the number of female bears killed. If either of these caps is exceeded de-listing cannot occur. It is extremely important to the Service's grizzly bear program to offer, and pay, rewards to encourage private citizens to provide information about unlawfully taken bears. The payment of rewards for information, as in this case, provides the incentive for others to furnish information to the Service. The fear that such information would be passed on to the Service in the future serves as a deterrent to those who want to kill grizzly bears.

(ii) *The number of subjects involved.*

One subject: [REDACTED]

(iii) *The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.*

[REDACTED] was issued a Violation Notice for the unlawful take of a grizzly bear and forfeited collateral in the amount of \$2,000. The Violation Notice charged:

1. [REDACTED] did knowingly take a threatened species, to wit; a grizzly bear in violation of [16 USC §1538(a)(1)(B), and 18 USC §2, and 50 CFR 17.40(b)(1)(i)(A), and
2. Possessing, carrying, transporting and delivering an endangered species in violation of [16 USC §1538(a)(1)(B), (a)(1)(D) and 1540(b)(1), and 18 USC §2, and 50 CFR 17.21(d)(1)].

(iv) *The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.*

\$2,000

(v) *If all prosecutions have not been completed, a statement justifying payment of the reward before completion of pending prosecutions.*

N/A all prosecutions in this case have been completed.

(vi) *If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.*

No known relationship to Service officers, employees, or family members of a Service employee.

(vii) *The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.*

\$0.00

(viii) *The name of the person who will receive the reward.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(ix) *Circumstances, if any, requiring special check issuance procedures.*

None. Send check to SAC Office in Denver.



# United States Department of the Interior



## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

### Office of Law Enforcement

134 Union Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

JUN 01 2004

#### Memorandum

**TO:** Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

**FROM:** Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

**SUBJECT:** Request for Payment of a Reward

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2003603447

Title of Investigation: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) POLAR BEAR

Case Officer: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Marine Mammal Protection Act

Amount Requested: \$ 1,500.00

Concurrence: SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

Approved: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

Processed: Budget Officer

Date

Attachments:

1. **The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

Self Employed Taxidermist,

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

2. **The INV number and the title of the case.**

INV 2003603447

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

POLAR BEAR

3. **The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.**

\$1,500.00 – The investigating Special Agent believes this amount of money legitimately compensates (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his efforts and what he exposed himself to by assisting with this investigation. In determining the amount to be paid, we considered (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lost income by not mounting the polar bear. In Canada taxidermists routinely receive \$1,500 to mount a polar bear. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also acted as an agent of the Service, recording phone calls, documenting that the polar bear had been shot by the defendant, the approximate location of where the polar bear had been killed, and that the subject had in fact imported the polar bear into the United States. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) delivered the hide to the Colorado Division of Wildlife and eventually to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). In short, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made this case possible at personal risk and with a selfless loss of income. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

4. **The authority for issuing the reward.**

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) - Washington Office Special Funds Account

5. **Justification statement.**

(i) In justification of expenditure of reward funds, and as a preface to this request, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) which is a small agricultural community with extensive ranching interests and is an area with a lot of resentment of the federal government.

On 05/14/03 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) received a unsealed polar bear hide belonging to the defendant for taxidermy. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) suspected, based on prior experience with the defendant, that the bear had not properly entered the country. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted the local Colorado Division of Wildlife Officer who in turn called SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) checked with DMA and determined that the Defendant had not properly imported the bear (or declared or sealed it), thereby violating the MMPA and the Lacey Act. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

On 07/29/03 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) acting at the request of SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) attached a recording device to his phone, and called the defendant and determined that the defendant had imported the bear unlawfully into the United States from Canada. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) requested that the defendant fax him any permits for the bear, and eventually received two facsimiles from the defendant containing invalid

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) permits. [redacted] maintained the integrity of the facsimiles and turned them over to SA [redacted] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] phone call to the defendant provided the necessary evidence to seek a conviction. The  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) defendant paid a \$4000 Violation Notice for unlawfully importing a polar bear into the United  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) States and abandoned the hide to the government for violations of the MMPA and Lacey Act. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Throughout the investigation [redacted] provided SA [redacted] with timely and accurate information. This information was critical in the development of the investigation and ultimately in gaining the convictions against the defendant. Had this information not come to light in a timely manner, the investigation would not have been initiated and the defendant would not have been prosecuted.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Throughout this stressful time period, potential damage to his personal property, and potential loss of taxidermy business, [redacted] kept his composure and was able to gain valuable additional information and avoid detection. The Fish and Wildlife Service was completely unaware of the polar bear import and would not have been able to investigate and/or prosecute without [redacted] information and cooperation.

(ii) *The number of subjects involved.*

One subject: [redacted] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(iii) *The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.*

One subject was charged and found guilty. The Violation Notice charged:

1. The unlawful possession of a marine mammal unlawfully imported into the United States in violation of 50 CFR 18.13(b).

(iv) *The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.*

The Defendant paid a fine of \$4000 and abandoned the bear pursuant to violations of the Lacey Act and the MMPA.

(v) N/A

(vi) *If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.*

No known relationship to Service officers, employees, or family members of a Service employee.

(vii) *The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.*

\$0.00

(viii) *The name of the person who will receive the reward.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(ix) None

**6. How to Issue the Checks.**

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient.

**7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.**

Please mail to SAC office in Region 6

**NOTES TO REVIEWER**

**Action:** Request for Payment of a Reward  
**Case Number:** INV: 2003603447  
**Case Title:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) POLAR BEAR  
**Region:** SAC R-6

**Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations:** Senior Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward from the WO Special Funds Account on a Marine Mammal conviction. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under LE Memo 35.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) This request clearly outlines (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) valuable information/cooperation which led to criminal conviction of the defendant.

Reviewer:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

6/03/04

Date

Concur:

SAC/INV

Date

Concur:

Division Chief

Date

## NOTES TO REVIEWER

**Action:** Request for Payment of a Reward  
**Case Number:** INV: 2003603447  
**Case Title:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) POLAR BEAR  
**Region:** SAC R-6

**Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations:** Senior Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward and found the reward was justified but the request specifically ask payment from the Law Enforcement Reward Account on a Marine Mammal conviction. The investigation was reviewed which showed an abandonment occurred and not a forfeiture action, not consistent with LE Memo 35. Payment of the reward should come from the WO Special Funds Account to meet the criteria set forth in LE Memo 35.

**Reviewer's Actions and Results:** On 06/01/2004, SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted ASAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who will ascertain forfeiture under the Lacey Act or abandonment of property. When the appropriate reward account is determined the request will be resubmitted to SAC/ INV. Note: There exist a typo error in the INV number on the cover page which was corrected to read 2003603447 not 20036013447.

On 06/01/2004, ASAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) telephoned and stated it was mistake at their end. ASAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated they would resubmit and request for payment under authorization for WO Special Funds Account. SSA will hold on to this request waiting resubmittal.

On 06/02/2004, SAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) telephoned and stated the reward requested ~~was resubmitted~~ with the proper reward request for money from the special funds account. SAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated the amount of the request has been reduced to \$1,500 from the previous amount of \$2,000.

On 06/03/2004, SSA received the request for payment under authorization for WO Special Funds Account and found it conformed to the requirements under LE Memo 35. The justification clearly demonstrated Smith's assistance in providing valuable information/cooperation which led to criminal conviction of the defendant

Reviewer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

6/03/04  
Date

Concur:

SAC/INV

Date

Concur:

Division Chief

Date

# LEMIS 2000 Investigations Subsystem - Case Summary Data

Case Number: 2003603447

Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Case Status: *Disposition Of Property Pending*  
Case Officer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) - SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Officer Info.  
Case Reports / Cumulative hrs: 3 report(s) / 75 hour(s)  
Date of Last Case Report: 06/02/2004  
Region(s) Covered: 6  
Ecoregion(s) Covered: *None Identified*  
All Case LIDs: P250990: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

## Case Report Summary (3 report(s) linked to this case)

Report Number: 2003603447R001

Report Date: 09/15/2003

Reporting Officer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) - SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Act Covered: MMA

Report Synopsis: This report documents the investigation of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for the unlawful import of a polar bear hide in violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Lacey Act. On 07/10/97, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was issued a USFWS permit to import a polar bear from Canada which he claimed was killed in 1988. At (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) request that permit was amended on 07/25/97, to allow the import of the polar bear from Mexico, as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) claimed the bear had already been shipped to Mexico. The permit was conditional on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtaining a CITES re-export permit from Mexico and declaring the bear at a designated port of entry for inspection and sealing as required by law. The permit expired and was never used. In 05/03, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) caused the delivery of a polar bear hide to Taxidermist (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for taxidermy work. The hide was unsealed. During a recorded telephone conversation between (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and Taxidermist (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) claimed he killed the bear in Canada in 1988 and that it was legal. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) subsequently faxed copies of USFWS permits issued in 1997 in an attempt to convince (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the bear had been legally obtained and imported.

Report Number: 2003603447R002

Report Date: 12/18/2003

Reporting Officer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA0469

Act Covered: MMA

Report Synopsis: In 10/03, Nunavut Wildlife Service Investigator (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) located the Polar Bear Hunter Kill Return completed for a polar bear reported killed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) on 05/19/88.

Report Number: 2003603447R003

Report Date: 06/02/2004

Reporting Office: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) - SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Act Covered: MMA

Report Synopsis: Pursuant to an agreement with USDOJ Trial Attorney R. Anderson in 03/04, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) paid a \$4000 Violation Notice for the unlawful import of a polar bear (Attachment #1). On 03/31/04, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) abandoned the polar bear to the USFWS (Attachment # 2).

## Case Info Remarks:

None

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION  
REPORT#: 2003603447R003**

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*CASE TITLE*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

*REPORT DATE*

06/02/2004

*CASE NUMBER*

2003603447

*REPORTING OFFICER*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

- SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

*REPORT STATUS*

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY  
PENDING

*APPROVED BY*

*SUBJECTS OF REPORT*

*SYNOPSIS*

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Office of Law Enforcement  
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AUG 24 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

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FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

*for*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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99000-4900



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement

134 Union Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80228

JUN 25 2004



## Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

Subject: Request for Payment of a Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to Law Enforcement Memorandum, LE-35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Justification is attached.

INV Number: 2001602328

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: Lacey Act [16 USC 3375(d)]

Amount Requested: \$ 1,500.00

Concurrence

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

ons

7-11-04  
Date

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

7-12-04  
Date

Processed:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Budget Officer

8/15/04  
Date

1. **The name, address, occupation, and employer (when appropriate) of the individual for whom the reward is requested.**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

2. **CPI number if applicable.**

N/A

3. **The INV number and the title of the case.**

INV 2001602328– PRAIRIE HARVEST,

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

4. **The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.**

\$1,500.00 – The investigating Special Agent believes this amount of money adequately rewards Dooley for her efforts and what she exposed herself to, by assisting with this investigation. In determining the amount to be paid, we considered that because of her assistance with this investigation, she had to quit her job with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Additionally, as a result of problems with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) related to her assistance with this investigation, he withheld payment of her salary for the last two weeks that she worked at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) willingness to come forward with the information necessary to start this investigation and her continued assistance with this investigation made her a target for retribution by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). In addition to withholding her paycheck, he filed a false police report accusing her of stealing from the business (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also caused her problems within the community by spreading malicious rumors about her. In spite of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) actions, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) continued to provide information and explanations of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) business operations, knowing she was doing so at great personal risk and with a selfless loss of income.

5. **The authority for issuing the reward.**

Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. § 3375(d). The Lacey Act Reward Account

6. **Justification statement.**

- (i) On September 12, 2001, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) after she had contacted the WO/LE office and USDA to report violations by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a wildlife meat business. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a detailed report on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) business operation and a long list of clients and customers who purchased wildlife meat and other products. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

provided information that Hauff was selling bear gall bladders to an oriental subject in Alaska and that he was selling snake meat, which he claimed to be cobra, to the Netherlands using falsified papers.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the information to initiate this investigation knowing that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would probably try to retaliate, which he did by continuing to deny payment of her wages. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that she was providing the information because she was concerned that people might be injured or become ill because of the common business practices engaged in by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) concerning the food products at his business. She said she reported the violations because she found out they were illegal, inappropriate, and ethically wrong.

Throughout the investigation, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided detailed and accurate information on the operation of this business, contacts for possible illegal sales of wildlife, updated information on other possible witnesses, and updated information to use in obtaining a search warrant. This information was critical to the development of the investigation and ultimately assisted the Service in obtaining convictions under the Lacey Act. The Fish and Wildlife Service was aware of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) business, but had not been able to investigate potential violations due to lack of information. Had (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) not provided this information in a timely manner, the investigation would not have been initiated and the violations would have continued.

As we all know, without people like (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who are willing to assume the risks associated with reporting a violation, wildlife enforcement agencies would be much less effective. People like (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) account for a large part of the success of an effective wildlife law enforcement program and we should take the opportunities we can as an agency to reward these people.

*(ii) The number of subjects involved.*

One on this investigation.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his business (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) There is a separate investigation on Bear Country, USA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) which is utilizing some of the same information to pursue Lacey Act charges on those defendants.

*(iii) The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged with Lacey Act violations and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of the Lacey Act for interstate sale of bear gall bladders.

*(iv) The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case.*

The defendant was ordered to pay a \$3,000.00 fine, \$8,320.00 in restitution, and was sentenced to one year of probation.

(v) *Have all prosecutions have been completed?*

Yes, all prosecutions have been completed.

(vi) *If the proposed reward recipient has at present or has had any relationship with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or any family of such person, the details of that relationship must be provided.*

No known relationship to Service officers, employees, or family members of a Service employee.

(vii) *The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the case, and the total amount of compensation that individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case.*

\$0.00

(viii) *The name of the person who will receive the reward.*

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(ix) *Special issuance procedures.*

None

**6. How to Issue the Checks.**

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient.

**7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.**

Please mail to SAC office in Region 6, Lakewood, Colorado.

## NOTES TO REVIEWER

**Action:** Request for reward to be paid to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Case Number:** INV- 2001602328  
**Case Title:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Region:** 6

**Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations:** Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has reviewed the accompanying request for payment of a reward for Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and concurs with the request.

This request meets the criteria set forth in LE Memo 35. The attached justification outlines Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance in this investigation. This successful prosecution would not have been possible without the assistance provided by Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

With Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance in this investigation, the Service successfully prosecuted the individual for violations of the Lacey Act. The individual in this investigation was sentenced to one year probation, a fine of \$3,000.00 and restitution in the amount of \$8,320.00.

Reviewer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 7-7-04  
Date

Concur: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 7-11-04  
Date



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Office of Law Enforcement  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive (LE-3000)  
Arlington, VA 22203



SEP 13 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) - Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,000.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge - R- 2  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
500 Gold Avenue, SW, Room 9021  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

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99000-4900

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Title: <u>Administrative Officer</u>	
Gda/Svc Rec'd	
Log/Inv Rec'd	
Invoice to FC <u>9/13/04</u>	

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

## NOTES TO REVIEWER

**Action:** Request for reward  
**Case Number:** INV: 2003205595  
**Case Title:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Region:** SAC R-2

**Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations:** Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and concurs with the payment of the requested reward.

This request meets the criteria set forth in LE Memo 35. The attached justification outlines their assistance.

Reviewer:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

7/12/04  
Date

Concur:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
for O.I. SAC/INV

7/12/04  
Date

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



United States Department of the Interior  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE



Office of Law Enforcement  
500 Gold Ave., SW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE

July 7, 2004

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: (A) Special Agent in Charge, Region 2

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

In accordance with LE Memorandum 35, I request approval of payment of a reward to the following individual. Complete justification is attached.

INV Number: 2003205595

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officers: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

and

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: (circle one) AECA ARPA BGEPA ESA LAC MMPA RTCA

Amount Requested: \$ 1000.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

for SAC, Branch of Investigations

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

Date

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Attachment

In accordance with Law Enforcement Memorandum LE-35, we are requesting the payment of a monetary reward in the amount of \$1,000.00 to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a witness, for his prompt reporting and assistance in the criminal investigation a whooping crane that was killed by defendant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (INV-2003205595).

This award amount was derived subjectively based on the evaluation of the scope, consequence, and national significance of the high profile endangered species that was killed by defendant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a waterfowl hunter. This investigation and the subsequent federal prosecution in Dallas, Texas received national news coverage profiling the instant case and past shootings of whooping cranes. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) prompt reporting of his observations of the defendant's actions to law enforcement lead to a swift apprehension and recovery of the freshly slain whooping crane in the defendant's possession.

Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a power (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Texas and an avid (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was on vacation and camped at Lake Bardwell in Ellis County, Texas on November 14, 2004. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was on Lake Bardwell placing his decoys for the opening of the North Texas duck hunting season that would begin on November 15, 2004. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) noted the defendant (later to be identified as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)) passed him by operating a camouflage boat. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lingered in the area observing the exact location of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting position and hunting activities.

Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) decided to return to his camp and while underway, heard gunshots emanating from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting position. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) returned to a vantage point to observe that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was hunting ducks out of season. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) immediately returned to his camp and notified local law enforcement officials that resulted in the apprehension of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) by a Texas game warden at Lake Bardwell just prior to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) departure. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had hidden the dead whooping crane and denied killing anything other than waterfowl. Additionally, Ellis County was closed to the hunting of sandhill cranes. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) later claimed that he believed that he had killed a sandhill crane.

On May 14, 2004, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced for a one count violation of the Lacey Act before U.S. District Judge Jerry Buckmeyer, Dallas, Texas, to serve six months in federal custody, a \$2,000 fine, and one year of supervised release. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) abandoned his Browning shotgun that he used to shoot the whooping crane to the Service. Additionally, as a condition of supervised release, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting privileges and possession of a firearm were suspended in the United States and elsewhere. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) incarceration was one of the stiffest penalties ever adjudicated in a whooping crane killing prosecution.

A monetary reward of \$1,000 is recommended for Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Without Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) alertness, willingness to independently conduct a surveillance of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting activity, and promptness in reporting a hunting violation in progress, the apprehension would not have had such a speedy resolution. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a complete and accurate statement of the events and was willing to testify in the government's case if called upon to do so.

Should this reward amount be approved the check can be forwarded to the Ft. Worth duty station for presentation to Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) by SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).



FILE COPY

Surname:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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SEP 22 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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Special Agent In Charge – R- 1  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

911 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232-4181

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

01/19/04

#356

cc: Surname  
FWS/LE

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

/21/04



IN REPLY REFER TO:

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

Division of Law Enforcement  
911 NE. 11th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232-4181  
Telephone 503-231-6125

**AUG 18 2004**

**Memorandum**

**To:** Chief, Office of Law Enforcement  
Washington, D.C.

**From:** Special Agent in Charge, Region 1  
Office of Law Enforcement, Portland, Oregon

**Subject:** Request for Payment of Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

In accordance with Law Enforcement Memorandum LE-35, I request approval for payment of three rewards to the following individuals. Complete justification is attached.

**File Number of Investigation:**

INV

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

**Title of Investigation:**

**Case Officer:**

SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

**Reward(s) Recommended for:**

**Amount(s) Requested:**

\$ 2,500.00

\$ 1,000.00

\$ 1,000.00

**Statutory Authority for Reward:**

ESA

**Concurrence:**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Special Agent in Charge, Branch of Investigations

**Approved:**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Division of Law Enforcement

**Processed:**

Budget Officer

9/19/04  
Date

9-20-04  
Date

**Attachment**



United States Department of the Interior  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement  
1387 S Vinnell Way, Suite 341  
Boise, Idaho 83709  
Telephone (208) 378-5333



August 12, 2004

To: Special Agent In Charge, Office of Law Enforcement  
Portland, Oregon

Through: Craig Tabor  
Resident Agent In Charge

From: [Redacted]  
Special Agent

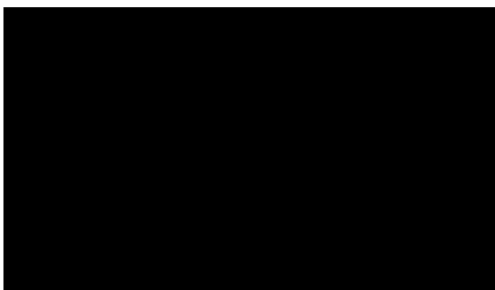
Subject: Endangered Species Act reward

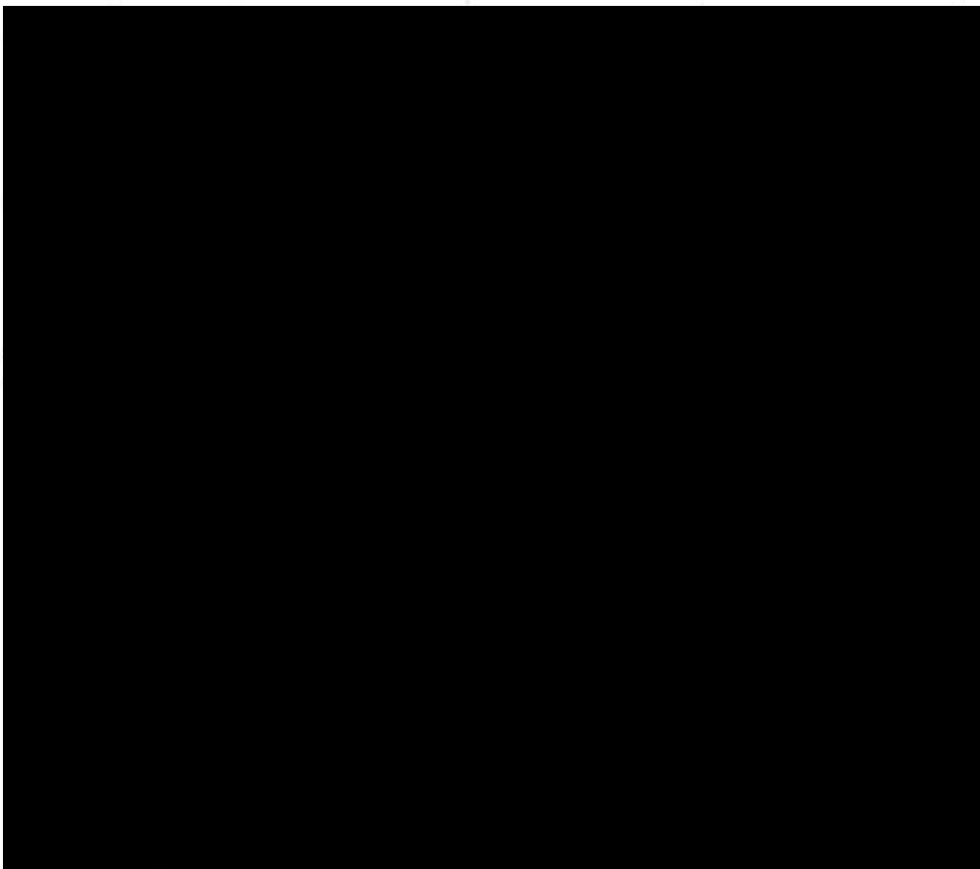
On July 29, 2004, [Redacted] (INV # 2004101062) pleaded guilty to the unlawful take, possession and transport of a threatened species; that is one (1) gray wolf (*Canis lupis*), in violation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This case was initiated based on a call from one individual, and investigators afterwards received significant continuing assistance from this individual and two other cooperating witnesses.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

[Redacted] the first witness to come forward, heard a news release (03-107) issued by RAC and SA [Redacted] about two wolves illegally killed near Pierce, Idaho in November 2003. [Redacted] said he heard the radio announcement and the reward being offered. In this particular release, the reward was \$10,000 (\$5,000/wolf). [Redacted] said he would not have turned in [Redacted] if there was not a chance for the reward money. [Redacted] then introduced the agents to the [Redacted]. The [Redacted] are significant because they are close [Redacted] of the [Redacted] besides [Redacted] is [Redacted].

(1)





(2) None of the cooperating individuals was given a CPI number.

(3) INV # (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) Case title: [REDACTED]

(4) [REDACTED] Requested amount: \$2,500.00

In December 2003, six weeks after he heard the news release, [REDACTED] decided to call the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) to report a wolf shooting in Elk River, Idaho. [REDACTED] decided the monetary reward was worth the risk. The risk included, but was not limited to, being banished by his peers and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (the [REDACTED] and also being known as a rat (informant) in the community. In north Idaho, where this incident occurred, the rural communities are tough, relentless and very tight lipped. This illegal shooting was known directly by sic (6) individuals and indirectly by countless people. The monetary reward of \$5,000 is a significant portion of these residents's income. Yet no one else had come forward on this case or the two other illegally shot wolves the news release was initially for.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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In January, arrangements were made for [REDACTED] to show SA [REDACTED] the site where the wolf carcass was last seen. During this visit, the campsite was located but the snow was too deep to locate the carcass. The carcass was recovered under five (5) feet of snow in February 2004 at the campsite initially shown by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also introduced SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], the two other cooperating individuals in the investigation. The [REDACTED] were close friends with the subject and [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] had known the [REDACTED] about five years. [REDACTED] also told SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of a friend that was with him at the same time he saw the wolf carcass.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Requested amount: \$1,000.00

Requested amount: \$1,000.00

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) In December 2003, [REDACTED] introduced SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) The [REDACTED] provided a critical time line, people associated with [REDACTED] hunt, and the vehicle and camper descriptions involved in [REDACTED] wolf shooting. The [REDACTED] were beneficial in providing up to date weather information at the campsite location, along with cooperating in making recorded phone calls to [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] were significant in this case because they risked the loss of their (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] he [REDACTED]

(5) Endangered Species Act Reward Account

(6)(i) The carcass was located in February 2004 at the campsite originally shown by [REDACTED] in January 2004. [REDACTED] involved a friend of his that also saw the carcass at the same time. The information provided by the [REDACTED] also proved to be reliable and substantiated. The tailless carcass was subsequently sent to the NFWFL. The necropsy proved the wolf was shot. With further information provided by the [REDACTED] the wolf tail was located at [REDACTED] residence and his premeditated mindset was substantiated in an interview with an individual who was identified to investigators by the [REDACTED].

(6)(ii) [REDACTED], another subject of the investigation, was thought to have transported the tail from the campsite to [REDACTED] house, but this was not substantiated. No prosecution was sought for [REDACTED].

(6)(iii) [REDACTED] was prosecuted for the unlawful take, possession, and transport, of a threatened species; that is one (1) gray wolf (*Canis lupis*), in violation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, Title 16, United States Code, Sections 1538(a)(1)(G) and 1540(b)(1).

(6)(iv) [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to the above charge on July 29, 2004. [REDACTED] agreed to one year probation, \$25.00 special assessment, \$21,252 in restitution payable to Idaho Fish and Game in one year, and one year revocation of hunting privileges nationwide.

(6)(v) George W. Breitsameter, AUSA District of Idaho, concurs with the reward.

(6)(vi) To the best of SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) knowledge, the reward recipients are not or have not had any relationships with any Service officer, with any family member of any Service officer, or with any other person involved in the investigation or family member of such person.

(6)(vii) The above requested amounts are going to be matched with the same amount from the non-government organization the "Defenders of Wildlife". No additional compensation was given or will be given for this case.

(6)(viii) See number 4 above (three individuals).

This case proved to be a significant case against the widespread poaching of wolves on the non-essential experimental population in Idaho. To date, this has been the largest sum of restitution payable for the illegal take of a gray wolf.

The checks may be made payable to the names provided. Please send checks to US Fish & Wildlife Service/LE,  911 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Division of Law Enforcement

911 NE. 11th Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97232-4181

Telephone 503-231-6125

AUG 18 2004

### Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement  
Washington, D.C.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 1  
Office of Law Enforcement, Portland, Oregon

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with Law Enforcement Memorandum LE-35, I request approval for payment of three rewards to the following individuals. Complete justification is attached.

File Number of Investigation: INV-2004101062

Title of Investigation:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer:

SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward(s) Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Amount(s) Requested: \$ 2,500.00 \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Statutory Authority for Reward: ESA

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Branch of Investigations

Date

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Chief, Division of Law Enforcement

Date

Processed:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Budget Officer

Date

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United States Department of the Interior  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement  
1387 S Vinnelli Way, Suite 341  
Boise, Idaho 83709  
Telephone (208) 378-5333



August 12, 2004

To: Special Agent In Charge, Office of Law Enforcement  
Portland, Oregon

Through: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Resident Agent in Charge

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Special Agent

Subject: Endangered Species Act reward

On July 29, 2004 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (INV # 2004101062) pleaded guilty to the unlawful take, possession and transport of a threatened species; that is one (1) gray wolf (*Canis lupis*), in violation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This case was initiated based on a call from one individual, and investigators afterwards received significant continuing assistance from this individual and two other cooperating witnesses.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the first witness to come forward, heard a news release (03-107) issued by RAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about two wolves illegally killed near Pierce, Idaho in November 2003. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) said he heard the radio announcement and the reward being offered. In this particular release, the reward was \$10,000 (\$5,000/wolf). (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) said he would not have turned in (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) if there was not a chance for the reward money. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) then introduced the agents to the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). The (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) are significant because they are close friends of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) besides (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

(1) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)

Employee (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) ID. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is currently working as a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

**Mailing Address:**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

**Employer**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

is currently working as a

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

**Mailing Address:**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

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is currently working as a

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(2) None of the cooperating individuals was given a CPI number.

(3) INV # 2004101062; Case title

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(4)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Requested amount: \$2,500.00

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Office of Law Enforcement  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive (LE-3000)  
Arlington, VA 22203



SEP 22 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

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FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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99000-4900

Org. No. - FY - Control No.	99000-4-0583
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Pay	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Sign	
Title	Administrative Officer
Gda/Svc Rec'd	
Log/Inv Rec'd	
Invoice to FC	9/22/04



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Arlington, VA 22203



SEP 22 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) -- Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,000.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge - R- 1  
USEWS - Office of Law Enforcement

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

99000-4-0584  
99000-4900

Orig. No. - FY - Control No.	
99000-4-0584	
Final Pmt.	Partial Pmt.
Payee	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)</span>
Sign:	
Title:	Admin Officer
Gde/Svc Rec'd	
Log/Inv Rec'd	
Invoice to FC	9/22/04



IN REPLY REFER TO:

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

Division of Law Enforcement  
911 NE. 11th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232-4181  
Telephone 503-231-6125

**AUG 18 2004**

**Memorandum**

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement  
Washington, D.C.

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 1  
Office of Law Enforcement, Portland, Oregon

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with Law Enforcement Memorandum LE-35, I request approval for payment of three rewards to the following individuals. Complete justification is attached.

File Number of Investigation: INV-2004101062

Title of Investigation:

Case Officer:

Reward(s) Recommended for:

Amount(s) Requested: \$ 2,500.00 \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Statutory Authority for Reward: ESA

Concurrence: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Special Agent in Charge, Branch of Investigations

Approved: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Chief, Division of Law Enforcement

Processed: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
Budget Officer

9/19/04  
Date

9-20-04  
Date

9/20/04  
Date

Attachment



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TO: Chief, Finance Center

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SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) – Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,500.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R- 1  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

99000-4-0582  
99000-4900

Orig. No. - FY - Control No.	99000-4-0582
Final Pmt.	Partial Pmt.
Paym.	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Sign:	
Title:	Assistant Dir. for
Gda/Svc Rec'd	
Log/Inv Rec'd	
Invoice to FC	9/22/04



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DEC 23 2004

Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

## MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

This authorizes your payment of a reward from the LE Reward Account (14x1611) – Payment of Rewards in accordance with legislative authority as provided by the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981.

I have approved the issuance of a \$3,000.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-2  
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement  
P.O. Box 329  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

99000-5-0135  
99000-4900



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement  
500 Gold Ave., SW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103



In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/LE

November 8, 2004

### Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

In accordance with LE Memorandum 35, I request approval of payment of a reward(s) to the following individual(s). Complete justification is attached.

INV Number: 2002202919

Title of Investigation: Spring Orchid Specialties

Case Officer: SA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reward Recommended for:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Statutory Authority for Reward: (circle one) AECA ARPA BGEPA ESA LAC MMPA RTCA

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Amount Rec

Concurrence

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Approved:

Acting

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

12/20/04

12/20/2004

12/21/04

### Attachments

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) In accordance with Law Enforcement Memorandum LE-35, I am requesting the payment of a monetary reward in the amount of \$3,000.00 to [redacted] a cooperating private individual for his assistance in the criminal investigation of CITES protected orchids being smuggled in to the United States for commercial sale (INV 2002202919). If approved, please send the check to the SAC, Region 2.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) The award amount was derived subjectively based on the evaluation of the scope, outcome, and importance of the case and the crucial role that Mr. [REDACTED] played in the investigation. This past year, Mr. [REDACTED] on his own volition, contacted the Service with information involving the continuous illegal import (smuggling/trafficking) of CITES I listed Tropical lady slipper orchids (*Phragmipedium*) perpetrated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their propensity for the international trafficking of illicit endangered orchids.

Mr. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED] Texas, and is an orchid enthusiast and collector himself. He made contact through the internet and over the telephone with [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Texas, area. [REDACTED] offered him smuggled "phrags" from Peru at a discounted price and advised him that he had direct contacts in Peru to import more of the same and other species. Mr. [REDACTED] contacted the Service and agreed to contact [REDACTED] (no CPI number assigned) and purchase the CITES I listed "phrags" in cooperation with this investigation. Mr. [REDACTED] was able to gain the confidence of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Given his relationship with [REDACTED], more information was obtained and an international ring of conspiracy and criminal activity was brought to light. Based on information obtained during these two buys, agents in the Albuquerque and Houston RAC Districts coordinated and processed a search warrant for [REDACTED] home in [REDACTED] Texas. Intelligence was also being processed and disseminated to the Miami RAC District to assist with import/smuggling activities.

Through evidence obtained from Mr. [REDACTED] and the search warrant, [REDACTED] of Peru, owner of [REDACTED] was identified as the main source for the illicit smuggling of these internationally listed species of orchids. [REDACTED] a college student in the United States, was also identified as a possible money courier for both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The conspiracy lasted from January 1999 through October 2003. It was discovered that [REDACTED] would obtain a CITES permit for artificially-propagated specimens of particular orchids and then include in the shipment specimens of species not included in the CITES permit, falsely labeling the protected species. [REDACTED] would then provide a code or "key" to Norris that would aid him in deciphering the false labels and information on the permit to identify the true species of orchids being imported. In one shipment importing 1,145 specimens, 490 of them were in fact CITES I listed species of orchids. The shipments smuggled into the United States from Peru were valued in court at \$45,000 in some instances during the indictments and evidence hearings.

On March 11, 2004, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the southern District of Florida, were indicted for the international trafficking of CITES I listed orchids, conspiracy, and false statements. Both were indicted on eight counts each for the above violations of Federal law. [REDACTED] was arrested in March at the Miami airport two weeks after agents entered the warrant into TECS/NCIC based on the indictment. [REDACTED] was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals pending his plea hearing and INS was notified. On May 13, 2004, [REDACTED] pleaded guilty and was then placed on bond (with the help of [REDACTED] assets) and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors and investigators on other criminal activity and against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was subsequently sentenced to twenty-one months imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine. On June 21, 2004, [REDACTED] pled guilty to seven of the smuggling and conspiracy charges. On October 6, 2004, [REDACTED] was sentenced to seventeen months imprisonment and two years of supervised release.

It should be noted that Mr. [REDACTED] provided complete cooperation throughout this investigation and assisted with securing and storing the evidence purchased. He agreed to testify, if necessary, to assist investigators. Mr. [REDACTED] information was crucial in the Government's successful indictments and pre-trial motions in Court. A reward of \$3,000 is well deserved in this case as it brought two co-conspirators and criminals to justice and will serve to deter a growing incidence of highly prized orchid species trafficking and collecting on an international level. This case generated local, national, and international media attention as to the level of illicit black market trafficking, and value placed on endangered wildlife and plants.