

2006



United States Department of the Interior

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



MAR 28 2006

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 \$250.00 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
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

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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Division of Law Enforcement

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/LE INV 2004103105

MAR 10 2006

Memorandum

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

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 1
Portland, Oregon

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

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

INV Number: 2004103105

Title of Investigation: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) & (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Case Officer: Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

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

Amount Requested (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) \$ 250.00
\$ 500.00

Concurrence (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
A. J. Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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

Date 3/15/06

Date 3/16/2006

Date 3/21/06



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March 8, 2006

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

Through: Resident Agent in Charge
Boise, Idaho

From: Special Agent [redacted]
Boise, Idaho

Subject: Lacey Act reward

On January 24, 2006, [redacted] (INV # 2004103105) pleaded guilty to knowingly transporting wildlife (one black bear) to Utah that was unlawfully possessed in the State of Idaho in violation of the Lacey Act 3372 (a)(2)(A). This case was initiated based on information received from one cooperator [redacted] and further assisted by information received from a second cooperator [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

(Neither cooperating individual was given a CPI number)

Checks may be made payable to the names provided. Please send checks to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Office of Law Enforcement, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

3/10/06

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

Requested amount: \$250.00

(The proposed \$250.00 reward has been matched by Idaho Department of Fish and Game with funds from their Citizens Against Poaching account)

On April 29, 2004, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided critical information to Senior Conservation Officer (SCO) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) intent to illegally kill a big bear in Idaho. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted SCC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) immediately after (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) called (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with specifics on the bear (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) killed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided SCO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) sufficient information to allow SCO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to be present at a big game check station and personally contact (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his associate (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), and to check the bear in and collect the falsified Big Game Mortality Report.

A criminal information was filed in U.S. Magistrate Court charging (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with knowingly transporting in interstate commerce illegally acquired wildlife, to wit: one black bear, that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in exercise of due care, should have known had been taken, possessed, and transported in violation of or in a manner unlawful under the laws of the State of Idaho in violation of the Lacey Act, Title 16, United States Code, Section 3372 (a)(2)(A).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to the above charge on January 24, 2006. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed to three years probation, \$25.00 special assessment, \$3,000 in restitution payable to Idaho Fish and Game, 8 days in jail and three years revocation of hunting privileges nationwide.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who provided (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) an illegal black bear tag, was prosecuted in Adams County, Idaho for this offense. This is a violation of Idaho code I36-405(C)2(B).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to the above charge on July 14, 2005. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) paid \$400 in fines, 5 months revocation of hunting privileges and 18 months probation.

While (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was hesitant to testify, should the case go to trial, it is quite possible that the violations committed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would have gone undetected in the absence of the information he provided.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) already received his \$250.00 from the State of Idaho.

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

Requested amount: \$500.00

On June 17, 2004, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was interviewed by RAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Conservation Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) claimed he knew (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) brother but did not know (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that well. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) described the bear (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) brought in and was very cooperative in helping locate that bear hide that was being shipped to a tannery, Wildlife Fur Dressing Inc., in Ceres, California. Johnson provided a receipt for ABF trucking company that ultimately led to the seizure of the bear hide in Sacramento, California, by SAs (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also contacted the agents to inform that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) visited the taxidermist shop immediately after the agents departed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) said that, during this encounter, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) admitted to putting (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) tag on the bear so he could return in the Fall to hunt bear again. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also consented to make recorded phone calls to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) another witness in the case. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the agents a written statement and consented to testify at trial if necessary.

Reviewers Notes

Action:

Request for Reward Payment

Investigation Number:

INV #2004103105

Reward Recommended for:

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

Current Employer:

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

Amount Requested:

Reward Recommended for:

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

Current Employer:

Amount Requested:

\$500.00

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) This request for authorization for payment of rewards contains all of the minimum requirements set forth in LE Memo 35. The attached justification reveals the information Service agents and Idaho Department of Fish and Game officers received from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that was invaluable to the successful prosecution of both defendants, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Both witnesses agreed to testify if necessary. The case involves violations of Idaho state law and the Lacey Act for the unlawful take, possession and transport of a black bear from Idaho to Utah.

1. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the initial tip to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game that began the investigation and continued to cooperate and assist the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Service agents in their investigation.
2. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to describe the bear hide that was shipped to a tannery in CA and provide a receipt for the shipment for the agents. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that he wanted to ship the hide out (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) tag so he could shoot another in the fall. with

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game recently paid (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) \$250.00 for his assistance in the successful prosecution of the case. Region 1 would like to match that so each witness receives a total of \$500.00.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to violating the Lacey Act predicated Idaho State law and received 8 days in jail, 3 years probation, and \$3,000 restitution to Idaho Fish and Game. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty in Adams County, Idaho and was sentenced to 18 months probation, paid a fine of \$400.00 and lost hunting privileges for five months. The additional information provided summarizes elements further supporting the requests for monies to be paid to each of the individuals. Therefore, this reviewer recommends the request be approved.

Reviewer:

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

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

Date

3/15/06

Concur:

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

Date

3/15/06

Concur:

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

Date

3/15/06

Concur:

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

Date

3/16/06

Benito Perez,

Chief

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



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

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Title of Investigation:

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

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

Case Officer: Special Agent

Reward Recommended for

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

and

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

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

Amount Requested:

\$ 250.00

\$ 500.00

Concurrence

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

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

3/15/06

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March 8, 2006

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Through: Resident Agent in Charge
Boise, Idaho

From: Special Agent [REDACTED]
Boise, Idaho

Subject: Lacey Act reward

On January 24, 2006 [REDACTED] NV # 2004103105) pleaded guilty to knowingly transporting wildlife (one black bear) to Utah that was unlawfully possessed in the State of Idaho in violation of the Lacey Act 3372 (a)(2)(A). This case was initiated based on information received from one cooperator [REDACTED] and further assisted by information received from a second cooperator [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(Neither cooperating individual was given a CPI number)

Checks may be made payable to the names provided. Please send checks to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Office of Law Enforcement, [REDACTED] 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3/10/06



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USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 25486 - DFC
Denver, CO 80225

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Title	Administrative Officer
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Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE
MAIL STOP 99610

MAR 15 2006

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

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: 2003604208

Title of Investigation: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) D/B/A OAK CREEK ELK RANCH

Case Officer: Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

Statutory Authority for Reward: Lacey Act

Amount Requested: \$4,000

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

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

Acting

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

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

Attachment: Justification (Three pages)

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)

Occupation at the time of this investigation was billing clerk for Wade Martineau's dental clinic. Stoker has since been fired from this job because she reported Martineau's illegal activity.

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

N/A

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

INV 2003604208 -

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

, D/B A OAK CREEK ELK RANCH

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

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

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

Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. §3375(d). Payable from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

6. **Justification Statement:**

(i)

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

Based on the information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a "Be On the Lookout Alert" (BOLO) was sent to the port of Sweetgrass, Montana.

On 9/15/03, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) attempted to enter the United States with 48 straws of live elk semen. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) failed to declare the semen on three separate occasions. U.S. Customs seized the semen from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

At the time of this seizure, all semen imports into the United States were prohibited because of the Mad Cow and Chronic Wasting Disease outbreaks.

- (ii) *The number of subjects involved.*

One Subject:

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

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was indicted by a Federal grand jury on one count of felony smuggling and one count of felony Lacey Act. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to the Lacey Act felony. The smuggling charge was dismissed at the request of the United States.

After (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty a pre-sentence report was prepared by the Government and he appeared in Federal District Court for sentencing. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to three years of supervised release. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was ordered to submit to searches of his person, residence, employment, and vehicle. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was ordered to participate in a mental health treatment program. He was also ordered to cooperate in the collection of his DNA as directed by the U.S. Probation Office.

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

U. S District Judge (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) did not impose a fine or a jail sentence in this case. This was probably because (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was already in jail for the rape and witness tampering charges. The lack of fines paid in this case should not discourage the payment of the reward requested. The defendant was temporarily removed from jail in Utah to appear at the sentencing. After sentencing the defendant was returned to jail where he awaits trial. If convicted he will serve a long sentence. It is believed that these factors were considered by the judge in passing sentence regarding the wildlife felony. Other factors stated in open court include:

- During the sentencing the Judge stated that the pre-sentence report showed the defendant had expended extreme amounts of money to defending himself against

felony rape and witness tampering charges in the State of Utah. This expenditure "left virtually no assets to pay a fine".

- The judge did however, order the defendant to submit and provide a DNA sample as directed by the probation officer. This DNA sample is being used as evidence to convict [REDACTED] of charges that he drugged and raped a patient at his dental office.

(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 relationships 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 persons who will receive the rewards.*

[REDACTED]

(ix) N/A

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 and SA [REDACTED] will hand deliver to the recipient.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward

Case Number: INV: 2003604208

Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Region: SAC R-6

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)
Wasting Disease outbreaks. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided crucial information to successfully interdict the smuggling of the elk semen which would otherwise not discovered during a routine entry.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was indicted on one count of felony smuggling and one count of felony Lacey Act and pled guilty to the Lacey Act felony. The smuggling charge was dismissed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has been arrested and charged with rape and tampering with a witness in State court and was already in jail for the rape and witness tampering charges (if convicted will serve a long sentence). (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to cooperate in the collection of his DNA as directed by the U.S. Probation Office. U.S. District Judge Sam E. Hoddon did not impose a fine or a jail sentence in this case. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) exhausted all his funds answering to the felony rape and witness tampering charges in the State of Utah and it is believed the U.S. District Judge took this into consideration.

The reward requested is \$4,000, fair compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance to this investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) voluntarily came forward and provided critical information regarding (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) smuggling activity at the expense of losing her job and financial hardship. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also put herself at personal risk, knowing that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was dangerous, came forward with the information used to convict (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made the investigation and federal prosecution of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) possible.

Reviewer's Recommendations: This request meets the requirements in LE Memo 35 and payment from the Law Enforcement Reward Account for a Lacey Act felony conviction.

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

SSA

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

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

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

Deputy Chief

3/23/2006

Date

3/23/06

Date

3/24/06

Date

3/28/2006

Date



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By <u>William J. [Signature]</u>	
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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

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

INV Number: 2004600637

Title of Investigation:

Case Officer: SA

Reward Recommended for:

Statutory Authority for Reward: Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. §3375(d)

Amount Requested: \$ 4,000.00

Concurrence:

Approved:

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

Attachments: Justification (6 pages)

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.**

N/A

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

INV 2004600637

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

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

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

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

Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. §3375(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 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a volunteer hunter safety instructor for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

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

If (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had not come forward, the investigation would not have been possible.

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

In order to complete the mission and purpose of the USFWS/OLE, it is very important and critical to provide a monetary reward to those individuals who come forward and provide information to investigators.

(ii) The number of subjects involved.

To date, three (3) subjects have been charged and convicted in federal court in the District of Montana. One subject pled guilty to two Lacey Act felonies and two subjects pled guilty to one Lacey Act misdemeanor each. A total of fourteen (14) subjects have been charged and convicted/pled guilty in Montana state court.

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

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

was convicted on two felony Lacey Act Counts:

Charge: 16 USC §3372(a)(2)(A), 3373(d)(1)(B).

Fine: \$25,000.00.

Restitution: \$25,000.00 to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

Jail: 12 months on Counts I and II, to be served concurrent, for a total of 12 months. Effective 03/01/2006.

Probation: Two years of supervised release after incarceration. After incarceration and effective 02/28/2007 through 02/27/2009 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cannot hunt or trap and cannot accompany anyone hunting, fishing, or trapping, anywhere in the world or act as an outfitter, guide or broker, or intermediary for any other guide or outfitter.

Revocation of Privileges: In accordance with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plea agreement and effective on or about 02/06/2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will execute forms necessary to effectuate a **lifetime revocation** of his hunting privileges within the state of MT. MT is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact and accordingly, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting privileges in AK, AZ, CA, CO, GA, ID, IN, IA, MD, MN, MO, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WY and WA will be revoked for life.

Special Assessment: \$200.00

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

Frank (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was convicted on one Lacey Act misdemeanor Counts:

Charges: 16 USC §3372(a)(2)(A), 3373(d)(2).

Fine: \$2,500.00

Restitution: \$8,000.00 to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation earmarked for support of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Turn in Poachers/Crime stoppers program.

Probation: Two years supervised release. Effective 01/25/2006 through 01/24/2008, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cannot hunt, fish or trap and cannot accompany anyone hunting, fishing, or trapping, anywhere in the world or act as an outfitter, guide or broker or intermediary for any other guide or outfitter. Within 30 days after sentencing, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) shall draft a letter of apology, retracting the false claims made in his June 25, 2004 letter to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The language of this letter will be subject to prior approval by the counsel for the plaintiff and sent to all recipients of the June 2004 letter.

Revocation of Privileges: In accordance with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plea agreement and effective on 01/25/2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will execute forms necessary to effectuate a five year revocation of his hunting privileges within the state of MT. MT is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact and accordingly,

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting privileges in AK, AZ, CA, CO, GA, ID, IN, IA, MD, MN, MO, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WY and WA will be revoked from 01/25/2006 through 01/24/2011.

Special Assessment: \$25.00

Forfeitures: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will abandon and forfeit all right, title or interest in the 6X6 elk rack, taken from the elk killed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in February 2003.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was convicted of one Lacey Act misdemeanor Count:

Charge: 16 USC §3372(a)(2)(A), 3373(d)(2).

Fine: \$2,500.00

Restitution: \$16,300.00 to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Foundation earmarked for support of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks forensics laboratory.

Probation: Two years supervised release. Effective 01/25/2006 through 01/24/2008, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cannot hunt, fish or trap and cannot accompany anyone hunting, fishing, or trapping, anywhere in the world or act as an outfitter, guide or broker or intermediary for any other guide or outfitter. Within 30 days after sentencing, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) shall draft a letter of apology, retracting the false claims made in his June 25, 2004 letter to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The language of this letter will be subject to prior approval by the counsel for the plaintiff and sent to all recipients of the June 2004 letter.

REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES: In accordance with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plea agreement and effective on 01/25/2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will execute forms necessary to effectuate a five year revocation of his hunting privileges within the state of MT. MT is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact and accordingly, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunting privileges in AK, AZ, CA, CO, GA, ID, IN, IA, MD, MN, MO, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WY and WA will be revoked from 01/25/2006 through 01/24/2011.

Special Assessment: \$25.00

Forfeitures: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will abandon and forfeit all right, title or interest in the two 6X6 elk racks, taken from the elk killed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in January 2003 and the mule deer rack, taken from the mule deer killed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in December 2002.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged and convicted of the following state charges:

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

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

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

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was charged and convicted of the following state charge:

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

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

On January 25th, 2006, the primary defendant in this investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty in Federal District Court to two felony violations of the Lacey Act. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to serve 12 months in federal prison and serve three years of supervised release upon his release from prison. During his supervised release, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cannot hunt, fish, trap, or accompany anyone doing so, in the world and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cannot act as a guide, outfitter, booking agent or intermediary. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will also have his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges revoked in Montana and the other 17 wildlife violator compact states for life. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was ordered to pay a \$25,000.00 fine plus \$25,000.00 in restitution and required to forfeit all firearms and illegal wildlife to the government.

To date, the investigation and subsequent state and federal prosecution has resulted in the conviction of 17 defendants, the seizure and forfeiture of 16 trophy elk racks and mounts, two mule deer mounts, one black bear and one mountain lion hide. Over \$107,000.00 in fines and restitution have been assessed in state and federal court. Revocation of the defendants hunting privileges for Montana and the 17 wildlife violator compact states has totaled 49 years with an

additional 7 year worldwide hunting ban and one lifetime hunting ban.

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

All prosecutions concerning [REDACTED] conversations and observations 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.*

There is no known relationship to Service officers, employees, family members of any Service employee or any other person involved in the investigation.

However, [REDACTED] is a volunteer hunter safety education instructor for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

(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.*

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has recommended [REDACTED] receive a \$1,000.00 reward from the "TIP-MONT" Crime stoppers program. As of the date of this request, [REDACTED] has not received any funds from the state of Montana.

The \$1,000.00 reward from the Montana "TIP-MONT" Crime stoppers program was taken in to consideration when determining the amount of reward [REDACTED] should received from the USFWS/OLE.

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

[REDACTED]

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

None.

7. How to Issue the Checks.

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient

[REDACTED]

8. Where Checks Will be Mailed.

Please mail to SAC office in Region 6. SA [REDACTED] will hand deliver to recipient.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2004600637
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) et. al.
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 several Lacey Act convictions. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under LE Memo 35.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) The reward requested is \$4,000. Reward payment in this amount would be equitable (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance to the above named investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) voluntarily come forward and provided critical eye witness information regarding a conversation he overheard about the illegal hunting activities that three of the defendants were conspiring to initiate. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) exposed himself to possible severe repercussions by the main defendant in this investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance made the investigation and prosecution of the defendants in this case possible.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) This request clearly outlines (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) invaluable information and cooperation which led to the criminal convictions of 17 defendants. Without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) testimony, this investigation would not have occurred.

Reviewer: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
SSA Mary Holt

3/20/06
Date

Concur: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
SAC/INV

3/20/06
Date

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

3/20/06
Date

Concur: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Deputy (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

3/22/06
Date



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Office of Law Enforcement
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Portland, Oregon 97232-4181



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

DEC - 8 2006

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

INV Number

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

Title of Investigation:

[REDACTED]

Case Officer: Special Agent

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

Reward Recommended for:

[REDACTED]

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

Amount Requested: \$ 10,000.00

Concurrence:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
SAC, Branch of Investigations

12-20-06
Date

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
[Signature] Agent

12-20-06
Date

Processed:

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

12-20-06
Date

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

12/8/06

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Monetary Reward
Case Title: [REDACTED] 2004104379
Case Agent: SA [REDACTED] Torrance, CA

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward for [REDACTED] and concurs with the payment of the requested reward from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

[REDACTED] The attached justification outlines [REDACTED] assistance. [REDACTED] information regarding smuggling of rare tropical fish into the United States from Mexico by [REDACTED] also provided information regarding human smuggling. Those violations were concurrently investigated by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE was unable to pay [REDACTED] for information as their policies prevented payments to informants of other agencies.

Information provided by [REDACTED] put him in danger. In January, 2005, he was assaulted at his residence. Although a suspect was never identified, investigators and prosecutors believed the assault was related to information [REDACTED] had provided.

[REDACTED]

In June, 2006, [REDACTED] was sentenced to 46 months in prison and ordered to pay \$60,000.00 in fines (\$30,000.00 for wildlife crimes and \$30,000.00 for human smuggling). This successful prosecution would not have been possible without information provided by [REDACTED]

Reviewer:	SSA [REDACTED]	_____	_____
		Date	
Concur:	SAC/INV	_____	_____
		Date	
Concur:	DC/LEO	_____	_____
		Date	
Concur:	Deputy Chief	_____	_____
		Date	



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Arlington, VA 22203



JAN 7 2007

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 \$10,000 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
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

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

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Gub. No. - FY - Control No.	
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Final Pmt.	Partial Pmt.
Pay (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
Sign (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
Title <i>Admin. Officer</i>	
Gda/Svc Rec'd	
Log/Inv Rec'd	
Invoice to FC	1/7/07



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

DEC - 8 2006

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

INV Number: 2004104379

Title of Investigation: OPERATION ANGELFISH

Case Officer: Special Agent

Reward Recommended for:

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

Amount Requested: \$ 10,000.00

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

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12/8/06



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

370 Amapola Avenue, Suite 114
Torrance, CA 90501



In Reply Refer To:
INV 2004104379

December 7, 2006

Memorandum

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

Through: Resident Agent in Charge,
Office of Law Enforcement, Torrance, California

From: Special Agent [REDACTED]
Office of Law Enforcement, Torrance, California

Subject: Monetary Reward Request for [REDACTED]

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) From June 2004 through present, I have conducted an investigation titled Operation Angelfish, implicating several defendants involved in the smuggling of rare tropical fish and illegal immigrants into the United States from Mexico. In January 2005, the main defendant in the case [REDACTED] was named in a seven count felony indictment that included wildlife smuggling and false statement counts. In August 2005 [REDACTED] was named in a one count (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) felony information filed for smuggling illegal aliens into the United States from Mexico. In September 2005, [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to one count of smuggling approximately 160 Clarion angelfish into the United States from Mexico without declaring them to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (The Clarion angelfish are restricted from being exported from Mexico and are valued at up to \$2600 each.) He also pleaded guilty to one count of encouraging and inducing aliens to enter the United States in violation of Title 8 USC 1324. In multiple proffer sessions, Lightner admitted to being responsible for smuggling at least five loads of undocumented aliens into the country. In June 2006, [REDACTED] was sentenced to 46 months in prison and was ordered to pay a \$60,000 fine (\$30,000 for the wildlife crime and \$30,000 for the alien smuggling crime) with three years of probation after his release from prison.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) From September 2004 through August 2005, I worked consistently with the informant in the case [REDACTED] who provided information that was invaluable to the prosecution of the case. [REDACTED] as no criminal history and has not been charged or suspected of any wrong-doing while involved with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

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

In January 2005, the informant was physically assaulted as he entered his residence. The informant suffered minor lacerations and was bruised all over his head and body. The Assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to the case and I both believed, but were never able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was responsible for arranging the assault on the informant.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided information for prosecution; including who (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) sold the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) angelfish to and the amount he earned for the sales of the fish. In receiving this information, I was able to approximate the total number of fish that were illegally imported and was able to identify and corroborate testimony from individuals who had purchased the fish. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided me with names and identities of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) "business associates" and from the information obtained, I was able to pass on important facts to assist ICE and DEA special agents in their parallel investigations.

This approximate year-long investigation seriously impacted the life of the informant. He was tasked to meet with special agents involved in investigating (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) four other uncharged defendants and other "business associates," at all times of day and night. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F)

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

This memorandum serves as a recommendation for payment of a special financial award to the informant for his outstanding participation and assistance in working towards the prosecution of

defendants in Operation Angelfish. The informant went above and beyond the scope of providing assistance and support for law enforcement in this investigation. Because of the amount of time the informant spent assisting law enforcement on this case and the pain and suffering he had to undergo, I feel that a \$10,000 reward is appropriate to compensate the efforts performed by the informant.

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NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Monetary Reward
Case Title: OPERATION ANGELFISH - 2004104379
Case Agent: SA Erin Dean / Torrance, CA

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: Senior Special Agent (SSA) [REDACTED] has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward for [REDACTED] and concurs with the payment of the requested reward from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

This request meets criteria set forth in LE Memo 35. The attached justification outlines [REDACTED] assistance. [REDACTED] provided vital unsolicited information regarding smuggling of rare tropical fish into the United States from Mexico by [REDACTED] also provided information regarding human smuggling. Those violations were concurrently investigated by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE was unable to pay [REDACTED] for information as their policies prevented payments to informants of other agencies.

[REDACTED]

In June, 2006, [REDACTED] was sentenced to 46 months in prison and ordered to pay \$60,000.00 in fines (\$30,000.00 for wildlife crimes and \$30,000.00 for human smuggling). This successful prosecution would not have been possible without information provided by [REDACTED]

Reviewer:	[REDACTED] SSA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	12/18/06 Date
Concur:	SAC/INV [REDACTED]	12/18/06 Date
Concur:	[REDACTED] DC/LEO [REDACTED]	12/20/06 Date
Concur:	Deputy Chief	Date

2007

APR 27 2007

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 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),
(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) 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
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (3-9581949).

/s/ (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

cc: Surname
FWS/LE: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
4/26/07 inv (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),
(b)(7)(F)



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Portland, OR 97232-4181

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/LE INV: 2003105676

APR 20 2007

Memorandum

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

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

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 1 LE 6.8, we are requesting approval of a reward to the following individual from the Law Enforcement Reward Account. Complete justification is attached. If approved, please have check forwarded to this office.

Case File Number: 2003105676

Case Title:

Reward Recommended for:

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00

Concurrence:

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

Acting SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved:

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

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

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

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370 Amapola Avenue, Suite 114
Torrance, California 90501
310-328-1516



APR 18 2007

Memorandum

To: Special Agent in Charge
Office of Law Enforcement, Region 1

Through: Resident Agent in Charge [REDACTED]
Torrance, California

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

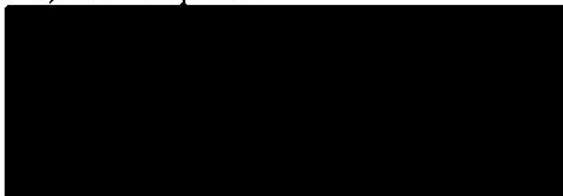
From: Special Agent [REDACTED]
Torrance, California

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

Pursuant to 1 E 6.8, request is hereby made for payment of a reward to [REDACTED] who has acted as a confidential informant for approximately five years. The following information is provided as per 1 LE 6.8 C:

(1) name, address, and occupation:



(2) Permanent identification number:



(3) Case number and title:

INV 2003105676; [REDACTED]

(4) \$2,500.00 is requested as payment of a reward to [REDACTED] for the following reasons:

- A. During the period of July 2003 to November 2003, [REDACTED] made several personal contacts with the subject of the investigation. During the course of the contacts, [REDACTED] obtained reliable information about the illegal export of chameleons from the State of Hawaii to the subject of the investigation.

- B. [REDACTED] used his contacts and knowledge of the field to gain rapport with the subject of the investigation. He risked his reputation in the reptile community due to his cooperation with FWS to work in a covert capacity and surreptitiously record conversations.
- C. If [REDACTED] did not offer his services to us, it is unlikely that the subject of the investigation would have been caught selling illegally imported chameleons from Hawaii.
- D. The subject had imported chameleons with an approximate wholesale value of \$9,000 and a retail value of approximately \$18,000.
- E. Criminal penalties were assessed and paid in the amount of \$2500 and two year probation for the subject. Based on the amount of the penalties and the degree of assistance provided, We feel that this is a reasonable reward amount.



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Arlington, VA 22203



APR 27 2007

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

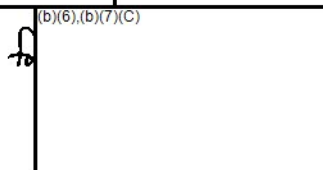
SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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Special Agent In Charge R-1
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

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Org. No.	99000-7-0193
Final Pmt.	Partial Pmt.
Paym.	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Sign.	(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Title	Admin. Officer
Gda/Svc. Rec'd	
Log/Inv. Rec'd	
Invoice to FC	4/27/07

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/LE INV: 2003105676

APR 20 2007

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)

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

In accordance with 1 LE 6.8, we are requesting approval of a reward to the following individual from the Law Enforcement Reward Account. Complete justification is attached. If approved, please have check forwarded to this office.

Case File Number: 2003105676

Case Title:

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

Reward Recommended for:

Amount Requested: \$2,500.00

Concurrence:

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

Acting SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved:

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

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Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Law Enforcement
370 Amapola Avenue, Suite 114
Torrance, California 90501
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Memorandum

To: Special Agent in Charge
Office of Law Enforcement, Region 1

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

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

Pursuant to 1 E 6.8, request is hereby made for payment of a reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), who has acted as a confidential informant for approximately five years. The following information is provided as per 1 LE 6.8 C:

(1) name, address, and occupation:

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

(2) Permanent identification number:

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

(3) Case number and title:

INV 2003105676;

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

(4) \$2,500.00 is requested as payment of a reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for the following reasons:

- A. During the period of July 2003 to November 2003, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made several personal contacts with the subject of the investigation. During the course of the contacts (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtained reliable information about the illegal export of chameleons from the State of Hawaii to the subject of the investigation.

- (b)(6),(b)(7)
(C)
- B. Mr. [REDACTED] used his contacts and knowledge of the field to gain rapport with the subject of the investigation. He risked his reputation in the reptile community due to his cooperation with FWS to work in a covert capacity and surreptitiously record conversations.
- C. If Mr. [REDACTED] did not offer his services to us, it is unlikely that the subject of the investigation would have been caught selling illegally imported chameleons from Hawaii.
- D. The subject had imported chameleons with an approximate wholesale value of \$9,000 and a retail value of approximately \$18,000.
- E. Criminal penalties were assessed and paid in the amount of \$2500 and two year probation for the subject. Based on the amount of the penalties and the degree of assistance provided, We feel that this is a reasonable reward amount.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Monetary Reward
Case Title: COX (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) - 2003105676
Case Agent: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) / Torrance, CA

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

This request meets criteria set forth in LE-35. The request outlines (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted with a Lacey Act investigation into the importation and sale of chameleons in California that were unlawfully taken in Hawaii. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) utilized his knowledge and relationships to gain rapport with the subject and record incriminating conversations, thereby risking his reputation in the reptile community and his safety. The retail value of the chameleons was approximately \$18,000.

The subject was assessed a \$2,500 criminal penalty and ordered to serve 2 years of probation for Lacey Act violations. This prosecution would have been impossible without the information (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided.

Reviewer:

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

Date 4/24/07

Concur:

SAC/LEO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Date 4/25/07



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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Law Enforcement
300 Westgate Center Drive
Hadley, Massachusetts 01035-9589

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/Region 5/OLE

AUG - 1 2007

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: **ACTING** Special Agent in Charge, Northeast Region
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: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
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: N/A
Amount Requested: \$1,000

Concurrence: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Date: 8/6/07
SAC, Branch of Investigations
Approved: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Date: 8/6/2007
Acting Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
Processed: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Date: 8/6/2007
Budget Officer

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Law Enforcement
405 N. French Road, Suite 120B
University Center
Amherst, New York 14228

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/Region 5/OLE-INV #2004505011

AUG - 1 2007

Memorandum

To: Special Agent in Charge, Office of Law Enforcement, Region 5

Through: Resident Agent in Charge, Valley Stream, New York

From: Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Amherst, New York

Subject: Request for Reward

This memorandum serves as a request to reward [REDACTED] for his significant assistance rendered to the Service resulting in the initiation of the [REDACTED] investigation.

During calendar year 2004, I encountered [REDACTED] while he was hunting migratory waterfowl in Erie County, New York. Having encountered [REDACTED] in similar situations in the past and developing a rapport with him, conversation naturally turned to waterfowl hunting. During that conversation [REDACTED] informed me about a guided sea duck hunt he had contracted a few seasons ago. [REDACTED] stated that he was unhappy with the trip as the hunting methods employed by the guide (and other guides operating in the immediate vicinity) were illegal. Mr. [REDACTED] was able to provide critical details such as the names of guides who he observed violating Federal waterfowl regulations, illegal methods employed, locations where these violations were occurring, booking information, and locations at which these trips embarked. [REDACTED] subsequently provided me with a sworn affidavit memorializing the same.

Further investigation of the allegations made by [REDACTED] led to the initiation of a Class I Covert Investigation into the unlawful hunting practices employed by commercial guides operating on the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. A total of eleven (11) commercial fishing guides were implicated in this investigation, to include every guide mentioned by [REDACTED]

The detailed information provided by [REDACTED] proved to be completely accurate and had he not been so forthcoming it is very likely that this investigation would not have been initiated for the lack of specific information. The intimate details of how and where the guides operated bolstered the direction of the investigation and contributed greatly to the safety of our covert

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agents. As a direct result of the assistance provided by [REDACTED], all eleven (11) commercial guides pled guilty to numerous violations of the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and nearly \$15,000 in fines was forfeited to the Government to be used for habitat conservation.

Based on the aforementioned facts I request that a reward in the amount of \$1,000 be issued to [REDACTED] in the form of a check which I will deliver to him personally.

Approved: _____

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

ACTING SAC – NE Region

Date: _____

8/1/07



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FWS/Region 5/OLE

AUG - 1 2007

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: **ACTING** Special Agent in Charge, Northeast Region
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: 2004505011
Title of Investigation: Cast & Blast
Case Officer: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Reward recommended for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

Statutory Authority for Reward: N/A
Amount Requested: \$1,000

Concurrence:

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

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Approved:

Acting Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date:

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FWS/Region 5/OLE-INV #2004505011

AUG - 1 2007

Memorandum

To: Special Agent in Charge, Office of Law Enforcement, Region 5

Through: Resident Agent in Charge, Valley Stream, New York

From: Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Amherst, New York

Subject: Request for Reward

This memorandum serves as a request to reward Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his significant assistance rendered to the Service resulting in the initiation of the Cast & Blast investigation.

During calendar year 2004, I encountered Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) while he was hunting migratory waterfowl in Erie County, New York. Having encountered Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in similar situations in the past and developing a rapport with him, conversation naturally turned to waterfowl hunting. During that conversation Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) informed me about a guided sea duck hunt he had contracted a few seasons ago. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he was unhappy with the trip as the hunting methods employed by the guide (and other guides operating in the immediate vicinity) were illegal. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to provide critical details such as the names of guides who he observed violating Federal waterfowl regulations, illegal methods employed, locations where these violations were occurring, booking information, and locations at which these trips embarked. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) subsequently provided me with a sworn affidavit memorializing the same.

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Approved: _____

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

ACTING SAC – NE Region

Date: _____

8/1/07

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2004505011
Case Title: Cast & Blast
Region: Northeast Region

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SAC-Northeast Region is requesting payment of a reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

All eleven (11) commercial hunting guides under investigation in this case pled guilty to numerous violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and forfeited a total of \$14,550 in fines. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance led to the initiation of the Cast and Blast investigation by providing specific information regarding violation of waterfowl regulations, the illegal methods used, as well as the locations where the illegal activity was occurring. Had he not come forward with this information, there might not have been an investigation.

Region 5 understands that there is no statutory authority in the MBTA to pay rewards. The Region would like this reward to be paid using the authority found in the Revenue Enhancement Act to pay a \$1,000 reward from the Washington Special Funds Account per LE Memo 35.

Review & Concur:

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

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

8/6/07

Concur:

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

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

Division Chief

Date

8/6/07

Concur:

Deputy Chief

Date

2008

JUN 20 2008

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 \$7,500 reward for an individual who provided crucial information resulting in saving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service thousands of dollars and investigative 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 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for the amount specified. Upon receipt, SAC, (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 - R-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) (703-358-1949).

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

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

cc: Surname

FWS/LE

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

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4401 N. Fairfax Drive (LE-3000)
Arlington, VA 22203



JUN 20 2006

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

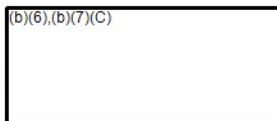
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

1 Federal Drive

Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 3

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

JUN - 6 2008

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

INV Number: 2005303455

Title of Investigation: BLACK AND WHITES

Case Officer: Special Agent

Reward Recommended for:

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

Amount Requested: \$ 7,500.00

Concurrence:

Concurrence

Approved:

Processed:

Budget Officer

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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)

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

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

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

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

BLACK AND WHITES, INV 2005303455

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

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

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

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the agents with the ability to conduct a covert investigation of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) role in the illegal feather trade using someone who was already accepted and trusted by the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Agents were able to utilize (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) "street credibility," his status as a Native American, and his familiarity with the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to immediately gain trust and acceptance of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Several past attempts to gather

evidence of the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) illegal feather sales failed because the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were suspicious of people with whom they had not previously dealt. It would have taken several years for a covert agent to gain the level of acceptance and trust that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had with the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). The financial savings to the Service that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided is difficult to quantify, however, it is undoubtedly substantial.

On May 25, 2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), President, Wildlife Center of Virginia, signed an affidavit in which he calculated the replacement cost for federally-protected migratory birds, specifically bald and golden eagles. In this affidavit, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) determined the reasonable replacement cost of a mature eagle was \$10,000.00 and an immature eagle was \$5,000.00. Using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) calculations, the U.S. District Court judge sentencing (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed that the value of eagles involved in the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) AND (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) investigation was over \$310,000.00. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) determined the reward value to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at \$7500.00 by calculating the average replacement cost between the mature and immature eagle replacement costs.

5. The authority for issuing the reward.

The Lacey Act, 16 USC 3372 *et seq.*

6. Justification

(i) This investigation, which involved special agents from Regions 3 and 6, focused on the illegal take, transportation, and sale of bald and golden eagles for use in the pow-wow circuit, in violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Lacey Act. This investigation focused on the illegal activity of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his sons, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a non-Native American (white) male who, for many years, traveled throughout the United States attending pow-wows and selling Native American handicraft items. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) first came to the attention of the Service in 1986 when agents purchased migratory bird parts from him. In 1986 and 1992, agents again purchased migratory bird parts from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Prosecution was not sought for any of these violations.

A 1994 Service investigation of Des Moines, Iowa, resident (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also documented (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) killing and selling of bald and golden eagles. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) visited (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence in Iowa where he saw eagle feet, heads, and complete tail fans. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) offered to sell (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) both bald and golden eagles. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) eventually purchased two golden eagle wings from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was not prosecuted for these violations either.

In 1995, Service agents entered [redacted] residence in a covert capacity. During this meeting, the agents observed eagle feathers and skulls among the Native American handicraft items [redacted] offered to sell an eagle feather bonnet to the agents for \$1000.00; however, this sale never occurred.

In late 1995, an individual provided information to the Service, saying [redacted] offered to sell him an eagle war bonnet for \$1,000.00 which was stolen from Montana. This person also stated [redacted] always carries a loaded .357 revolver.

In 2000, two of [redacted] and [redacted] were convicted in U.S. District Court for the unlawful killing and sale of bald and golden eagles. [redacted] was sentenced to 16 months in federal prison and [redacted] was sentenced to 10 months in federal prison. During the arrest of [redacted] a loaded .380 semi automatic handgun was discovered on [redacted] person. Even though [redacted] was previously convicted of felony assault in Iowa in 1977, the U.S. Attorney's office in Denver, Colorado, declined to initiate prosecution of [redacted] for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

[redacted]

The involvement of and risk to the nominee.

In July 2005, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] after the agent received information and eagle parts seized by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. These eagle parts were discovered during the service of a writ upon a vacant residence and were believed to be owned by [redacted]. A check of the National Eagle Repository records revealed that feathers matching the number and description of those in the residence had indeed been issued to [redacted]. SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] and conducted an interview to confirm [redacted] legal possession of the eagle parts. During the interview, SA [redacted] engaged [redacted] in a discussion of the unlawful take and sale of eagles. It was immediately apparent to SA [redacted] that [redacted] had a vast knowledge of individuals involved in the take and sale of eagles and eagle parts. [redacted] knowledge stemmed from his involvement in the pow-wow circuit for more than 20 years.

During and subsequent to this initial conversation, [redacted] confirmed that the [redacted] family remained highly involved in the illegal take and trade of eagles. [redacted] said he considered [redacted] to be a family member as [redacted] to [redacted] the mother of [redacted] and [redacted]

Because of [redacted] secretive ways and the large numbers of bald and golden eagles he was reportedly killing and selling, Service agents and an Assistant United States Attorney determined the Service should thoroughly investigate [redacted] to

determine the scope of his illegal activity. To accomplish this, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) asked (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) if he would be willing to assist with the investigation and document STREET's sale of eagle parts.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was initially reluctant to cooperate in this fashion because he considered (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) family and because he feared for his safety and that of his family. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cited (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) history of unpredictability, underhanded ways, and their propensity for violence. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) feared (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) because of his criminal past for crimes of violence and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for his drug use which created violent mood swings. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also feared (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) because (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) always carried a loaded firearm. With (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) many ties to the pow-wow community, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was concerned that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) and would seek to harm him. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

After several discussions with SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed to assist the Service in apprehending (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance was voluntary and not induced by a promise of any type of compensation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E)

Over the course of approximately eight months (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) met with the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in person on fifteen occasions and made fifteen recordings. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) wore a concealed body wire on all occasions and often traveled out of state to conduct meetings on behalf of the Government. While on one trip to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) spent countless hours during the investigation traveling, meeting with agents, meeting with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and providing information to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). These hours away were hard on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his family.

Within a month of [redacted] arrest, [redacted] and [redacted] confronted [redacted] on the Mesquakie Settlement. [redacted] told [redacted] that he heard [redacted] had been a snitch and busted [redacted] told [redacted] "If I find out you are the one that busted my [redacted] I will come back and put you in [redacted] the ground."

[redacted] was willing to testify in court, to face [redacted] and help prove the Government's case. This follow-through and willingness to cooperate through trial is somewhat rare and was extremely beneficial to the prosecution.

The significance to the resource.

Based on the information gained by [redacted] Service agents developed probable cause for the issuance of two federal search warrants. During the execution of the search warrant at [redacted] house in Colorado, migratory bird parts from a minimum of 81 birds were seized, including the parts from a minimum of 34 eagles. Many other eagle parts were observed at the residence and within vehicles but were not seized. One illegally taken mountain lion and one mule deer were also recovered.

During the arrest, [redacted] was interviewed by agents and later agreed to a proffer session with the agents. [redacted] was interviewed and proffered on five different occasions for more than 32 hours. [redacted] provided the following information which helps illustrate the significance of the pow-wow feather trade to the resource:

[redacted] began buying, selling, and killing eagles in 1972 as he started making Native American handicraft items and selling the items at various pow-wows across the nation.

-At the time of the interview, [redacted] was actively involved in the illegal feather trade market, dealing mostly in person with individuals at pow-wows or the storefronts of dealers.

[redacted] identified a total of 56 persons in 23 states and four countries involved in the take and sale of migratory bird parts, specifically eagles, hawks, scissor-tailed flycatchers, Anhinga, and flickers. At least 14 of these 56 persons are non-Native American (White), but agents expect this number to be much higher after further investigation.

-Of the 56 persons identified, all have sold or attempted to sell eagles and other migratory birds to [redacted] Some offered to sell a dozen eagles at one time.

-One person identified is an eagle buyer from New York who purchased at least 17 bald and golden eagles totaling \$23,315.00 from [redacted] on one occasion. A second sale was also documented totaling \$5,260.00 and containing at least nine additional eagles.

-One person from Minnesota is known to have at least 30-40 bald eagles for sale at any one time.

-The killing and selling of eagles and other migratory birds is seasonal in that large amounts of eagles can be bought at certain times of the year, such as following the winter killing season. In some areas, eagles can be purchased year-round.

Initially (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed to cooperate with the Service and offer assistance in the investigation of the identified dealers in eagle parts. However (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) later compromised the planned investigation and was no longer a viable investigative tool.

(ii) The number of subjects involved.

Three men were the main targets of this investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) identified and provided intelligence on 56 additional people. Many of these people will be targeted in future investigations initiated from the information supplied by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

On March 24, 2006 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged with two Lacey Act violations, two Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act violations and two Migratory Bird Treaty Act violations. On July 17, 2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to one Lacey Act count and one Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act count.

The conviction of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) ends the most significant Service feather trade case in recent times. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his accomplices' activities were significantly impacting migratory bird populations throughout the United States and furthering the illegal trade. The information (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided about other dealers was the direct result of the work of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). This information has been analyzed and will be disseminated to the appropriate jurisdiction(s). The information will further future investigations of individuals involved in the illicit feather trade.

The conviction of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has generated significant publicity within Iowa and presumably the feather market. The true deterrent factor within the illegal feather trade will never be known; however, it is anticipated the effect will be great. This investigation, which would not have been successful without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) help, has had and will continue to have a significant impact on the illicit trade in birds such as that of the eagle -- our Nation's symbol of freedom.

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

On May 9, 2008 [REDACTED] was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Iowa, by the Honorable Senior U.S. District Judge Ronald E. Longstaff [REDACTED] had earlier pleaded guilty to one Lacey Act count and one Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act count. The Federal Sentencing Guidelines called for a sentence of 24 to 30 months imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00. The defense argued that the defendant should be imprisoned for no more than 12-18 months. Nevertheless, the Judge sentenced the defendant to only six months in a community-based correction facility, six months of home confinement and two years of probation. No fine or restitution was ordered.

(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.

All prosecutions have been 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, employee, or the family members of any Service employee.

As previously noted, [REDACTED] is a former [REDACTED] having been married at one time to [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.

[REDACTED] received \$3250.00 as payment for information provided to agents during the investigation. The last payment to [REDACTED] was made in February 2006.

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

[REDACTED]

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

See #7 and #8 below.

7. How checks will be issued.

It is requested that a check be issued to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to minimize the risk of community awareness that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was compensated for help in the investigation. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will hand-deliver the \$7500.00 in cash to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

8. Where checks will be mailed.

The check should be mailed to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1306 N. 14th Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2005303455
Case Title: BLACK AND WHITES
Region: SAC- Region 3

Summary: The reward requested is for \$7,500. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. The investigation and prosecution of the main defendant in this case (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was a direct result of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance and expertise. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(6),(b)(7)(D) is, traveled to pow-wows in several different states, purchased illegal wildlife and recorded conversations with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and another defendant in the case. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a former relative by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and consequently, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) exposed himself to severe repercussions for assisting the Service. At the beginning of the investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) expressed concerns for his safety and for the safety of his family as he was aware that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had been convicted of felony assault in 1977 and that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) frequently carried a .380 handgun. Despite these concerns (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) continued the investigation and even agreed to testify in court if necessary to prosecute (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) received \$3250 as payment for information provided to agents during the investigation. The last payment was made to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in February of 2006.

In March 2006 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged with two Lacey Act violations, two Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act violations and two Migratory Bird Treaty Act violations. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was interviewed and during proffer sessions he provided information concerning 56 persons in 23 states and four countries involved in the take and sale of migratory bird parts. In July 2006, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to one Lacey Act count and one Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act count. In May of 2008, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced in U.S. District Court to six months in a community-based correction facility, six months of home confinement and two years probation. The conviction of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has generated significant publicity within Iowa and presumably the feather market. All prosecutions in this case have been completed.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward from the Law Enforcement Reward Account on a Lacey Act conviction. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under LE Memo 35.

Reviewer:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SAC/INV

Concur:

6/12/08
Date
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
REPORT#: 2005303455R016
APPROVED

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CASE TITLE

BLACK AND WHITES
SENSITIVE CASE

REPORT DATE
07/26/2007

CASE NUMBER
2005303455

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

REPORT STATUS
FEDERAL CRIMINAL
PROSECUTION PENDING

APPROVED BY

SAC/LE/Region 3

SUBJECTS OF REPORT

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) - TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

SYNOPSIS

On May 24, 2006, in the Southern District of Iowa, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged in a six count indictment, two counts each of violating the Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

On July 17, 2007, in the Southern District of Iowa, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to one count of violating the Lacey Act and one count of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

DISTRIBUTION

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

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Title: BLACK AND WHITES

INV #: 2005303455
Report #: 016

NARRATIVE

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

INDICTMENT OF

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

On May 24, 2006, in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged by the grand jury on two counts of violating the Lacey Act, two counts of violating the Migratory Bird and Treaty Act, and two counts of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (Attachment 1).

PLEA OF GUILTY BY STREET:

On July 17, 2007, in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, before Honorable Judge (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to count one and count six of the aforementioned indictment. No written plea agreement, only an oral agreement was recorded during the proceedings.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was informed in writing of his rights which he would give up if he chose to plead guilty. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) signed the statement in advance of his plea of guilty (Attachment 2).

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stipulated and agreed to a factual basis to which he would plead guilty (Attachment 3).

The Honorable Judge Longstaff accepted the factual basis, voluntariness and competency of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plea and accepted the plea agreement (Attachment 4).

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECTS:

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

Previously described in Report 001, dated 08/18/2005.

PRIOR VIOLATIONS:

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

Previously described in Report 001, dated 08/18/2005.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Title: BLACK AND WHITES

INV #: 2005303455
Report #: 016

WITNESSES:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
210 Walnut Street, room 827
Des Moines, IA 50309

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

LAWS VIOLATED:

By

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

Lacey Act:

Count 1: On or about September 28, 2005, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) did knowingly engage in conduct that involved the sale of wildlife with a market value in excess of \$350.00, to wit: the tail feathers of a Golden Eagle, and did knowingly sell and attempt to sell said wildlife, knowing that said wildlife was taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the Migratory bird Treaty Act, Title 16, United States Code, Section 703 and 707(b). All in violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(1) and 3373(d)(1)(B) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 2: On or about January 10, 2006, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) did knowingly engage in conduct that involved the sale of wildlife with a market value in excess of \$350.00, to wit: the wing and tail feathers of a Golden Eagle, and did knowingly sell and attempt to sell said wildlife, knowing that said wildlife was taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the Migratory bird Treaty Act, Title 16, United States Code, Section 703 and 707(b). All in violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(1) and 3373(d)(1)(B) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act:

Count 3: On or about September 28, 2005, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) did knowingly, without being permitted to do so by regulation as required by law, sell and offer to sell, migratory bird parts, to wit: the tail feathers of a Golden Eagle. In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Section 703 and 707(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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Count 4: On or about January 10, 2006, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) did knowingly, without being permitted to do so by regulation as required by law, sell and offer to sell, migratory bird parts, to wit: the wing and tail feathers of a Golden Eagle. In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Section 703 and 707(b) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act:

Count 5: On or about September 28, 2005, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, the defendant, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) without being permitted to do so by regulation as required by law, did knowingly and with wanton disregard for the consequences of his act, sell and offer to sell, the tail feathers of a Golden Eagle. In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 668, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 6: On or about January 10, 2006, in and about Madison County in the Southern District of Iowa and elsewhere, the defendant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) without being permitted to do so by regulation as required by law, did knowingly and with wanton disregard for the consequences of his act, sell and offer to sell, the wing and tail feathers of a Golden Eagle. In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 668, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

EVIDENCE:

None documented this reporting period.

SPECIAL FUNDS:

No special funds were used during this reporting period.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indictment.
2. Copy of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) statement in advance of plea of guilty.
3. Copy of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stipulation of facts.
4. Copy of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) minute entry proceedings.



United States Department of the Interior

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



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 \$12,000 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-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) (703-358-1949).

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

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Title	admin officer
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NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2002304563 and 2002505723
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and OPERATION NYANGA
Region: Region 3

Summary: This reward request is for \$12,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigations. These cases were initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding known illegal smuggling of African elephant ivory. Throughout the investigations (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) willingly used his import/export business as a front to establish links and communication via telephone and internet with individuals in Africa known to be involved in the illegal trade of ivory and animal bone. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also provided both his and his employees' time and expertise as well as his business equipment at no charge to the Service during the five (5) year investigations. To date, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has not received any compensation for his part in these investigations.

In 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) identified (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) as the central figure in a scheme to sell and smuggle raw elephant ivory from Cameroon. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) volunteered to communicate with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) via recorded telephone conversations and email and as a result (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtained numerous admissions. At the direction of the Service (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made two purchases from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that contained ivory from at least twenty three (23) African elephants valued at more than \$160,000. The first shipment from Cameroon was sent to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) partner in Montreal Canada and then repackaged and sent to the U.S. Ivory tusks in this shipment were concealed inside terra cotta pottery which had been labeled as art. The second ivory shipment concealed in terra cotta plant pots was sent directly to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

In December of 2003 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was arrested in Canada as part of a U.S. extradition request. In November of 2007, the Canadian Supreme Court dismissed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) final extradition appeal and ordered she be turned over to U.S. authorities.

In March 2008 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty as part of a plea agreement to two (2) felony Lacey Act and two (2) felony smuggling charges in U.S. District Court Northern District of Ohio. The judge in this case departed upward from the agreement and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to sixty (60) months incarceration, three (3) years supervised release, and ordered to pay a \$100,000 fine. All prosecutions in these cases are complete.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) originally came to the attention of the Service after he was charged with the unlawful purchase of a sperm whale tooth in 1999. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) fully cooperated during the investigation.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward from the Law Enforcement Reward Account on a Lacey Act conviction. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under LE Memo 35.

Reviewer:

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

8/21/08
Date

Concur:

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

8/21/08
Date

Concur:

SAC/INV
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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Date

Concur:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Division Chief (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Date

Concur:

AC Deputy Chief/OLE
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

8-21-08
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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AUG 15 2008

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 3

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: 2002304563 and 2002505723

Title of Investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and OPERATION NYANGA

Case Officer: Special Agent

Reward Recommended for:

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

Amount Requested: \$ 12,000.00

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

8-21-08

Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

8/21/08

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

8/21/08

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)(F)

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

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

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3. The INV number(s) and the title of the case.

INV 2002304563

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

INV 2002505723 - OPERATION NYANGA

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

Amount Requested: \$ 12,000.00

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

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

used his business Paypal account to further the government's investigation. traveled to and conducted business with Western Union and fronted some of his own money, for unexpected charges, to further the Service's undercover investigation.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made and received numerous telephone calls to/from Africa, all at his own expense. These numerous calls were made on behalf of the Service's investigation and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has never requested any compensation for them. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) taped all telephone calls in accordance with Service policy, and submitted all tapes to Service contact, Special Agent (SA) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) used his business to legitimize the Service's undercover investigation into the illegal ivory trade, which to-date involves an approximate retail value of \$160,000.00 in illegal elephant ivory, all smuggled into the United States as part of the investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) recently used a portion of one week to analyze and establish a value – including the compilation of spreadsheets for the government – for every elephant ivory sample contained in shipments received in Ohio from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in November 2002, and December 2003.

Recent evaluations have revealed that a December 2003 shipment received in Ohio by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) included ivory from at least twenty-one (21) elephants, while a November 2002 shipment included the ivory of two (2) elephants. It has also been established that an initial New York investigation (OPERATION NYANGA, later transferred to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) included the ivory of at least five (5) more elephants, totaling at least twenty-seven (27) impacted elephants.

Leading experts in the field have placed the current valuation on an adult elephant at approximately \$100,000.00. Under this valuation, with at least twenty-seven (27) affected elephants in this case, the impact and loss to the species stands at approximately \$2.7 million.

On August 6, 2008, U.S. District Court Judge John R. Adams ordered the main defendant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) incarcerated for 60 months on each of four (4) felony counts to which she pleaded guilty on March 21, 2008 (two (2) Lacey Act and two (2) smuggling charges) (all to be served concurrently). Judge Adams also ordered (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) placed on three (3) years of supervised release following her term of imprisonment. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was ordered to pay a \$100,000.00 fine to the U.S. District Court (for forwarding to the African Elephant Conservation Fund), and a \$400.00 criminal assessment. Should (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) fail to pay her fine, Judge Adams issued a standing order for her gross income to be garnished at 25% per month until the total fine is paid.

Judge Adams acknowledged that the investigation had substantiated the deaths of at least twenty-four (24) elephants, and he severely admonished (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for her crimes and role in the illegal ivory market which led to the killing of elephants. Judge Adams also stated that the penalty given her will hopefully act as a substantial deterrent to anyone who might think about perpetrating this type of criminal activity.

As a result of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance, the sentence received by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) on August 6, 2008, will act as a worldwide deterrent to smuggling, as well as notification to the world that the United States will actively pursue dealers in this illicit trade, even if they live and operate from third world countries.

The reward request of \$12 000.00 was determined by considering the following:

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)
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5. The authority for issuing the reward.

The authority for issuing this reward is The Lacey Act, Title 16, United States Code, Section 3375(d). Although the Lacey Act is the charged wildlife offense, this case is predicated on documented violations of the Endangered Species Act, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), African Elephant Conservation Act (AECA), and the Smuggling / False Labeling statutes.

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.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) During October 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to advise he had discovered that endangered species, including raw elephant ivory, were being advertised and offered for sale on the internet. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) identified (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in Cameroon, Africa, as the central person involved in the scheme. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F)

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

Between October - November 2002, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) communicated with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in Cameroon via telephone and thru the internet on behalf of the Service. After obtaining numerous taped and email admissions, Balda purchased a shipment of illegal raw elephant ivory from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). The raw ivory tusks were shipped and concealed inside terra cotta pottery, labeled as art, and sent by international courier from Cameroon, to Montréal, Canada.

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

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

During a 2003 contact (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) admitted to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that she had shipped ivory to other customers, including one in New York (known to be a Service special agent). Raw elephant tusks and elephant ivory carvings were again concealed inside pottery and declared as art.

By the end of 2003, sufficient evidence had been obtained to charge (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with multiple felony Lacey Act and smuggling violations. The two elephant ivory shipments sent to Ohio were valued together by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at more than \$160,000.00 and included parts from at least twenty-three (23) African elephants.

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

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) the Service could not have made the 125 pound bulk purchase of raw ivory in December 2003. Service agents are certain that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) was comfortable in making all of her admissions, and chose to send the December 2003 bulk shipment direct to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the United States. Additionally, it is certain that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would not have been extradited from Canada to the United States for anything less than the bulk shipment purchased as a result of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

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

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

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

Successfully extraditing (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) from Canada on wildlife charges is unique in and of itself. Having prosecuted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a major African dealer, for her role in the illegal elephant ivory trade sends a message to the world that even violators in third world countries are not immune from prosecution. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) sentencing of five (5) years imprisonment and a \$100,000.00 fine – one of the harshest wildlife sentences in Service history – is a significant deterrent that will send an additional message to would be violators.

(ii) The number of subjects involved.

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 1. [REDACTED] - The main subject who managed her operation from Douala, Cameroon, Africa.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2. [REDACTED] and the General Manager of Ports for Cameroon during 1998 to 2005.
3. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] The Canadian citizen who received the original November 2002 shipment from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] and reshipped it to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] in the United States.
4. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] in Cameroon.
5. Unknown DHL Employee in Cameroon - An individual paid by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] to assist in legitimizing Customs paperwork for the illegal elephant ivory shipments.
6. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] An artisan employed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] in Cameroon.
7. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] A U.S. citizen in Pennsylvania who received illegal shipments from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] and who was considered a business partner with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED].
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] - A U.S. citizen in California who purchased ivory carvings from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] during November 2002, and whom (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] used as a reference/marketing tool to show her (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] abilities to successfully smuggle illegal elephant ivory products into the United States.
9. UNSUB(s) - African dealer(s) who supplied (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] with illegal elephant ivory.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] was extradited from Canada to the United States prior to the initiation of any prosecution. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] while operating out of Africa, originally flew to Canada from Cameroon to visit family during December 2003. Pursuant to a Canadian provincial arrest warrant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] was arrested in Canada during February 2004, just prior to her scheduled return to Cameroon. This arrest warrant was part of the extradition request filed by the United States Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs, on behalf of the U.S. Attorney's Offices in the Northern District of Ohio, and Southern District of New York.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] fought her extradition to the United States from the date of her initial arrest, throughout all of the appeal processes, through to November 2007, when the Canada Supreme Court dismissed her final appeal and ordered that she be turned over to U.S. authorities. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] was officially extradited back to the Northern District of Ohio on December 21, 2007, to specifically face prosecution for violations she committed within the Northern District of Ohio and Southern District of New York.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was officially charged in the Northern District of Ohio via Grand Jury Indictment with two (2) felony Lacey Act counts for violations of Title 16, United States Code (USC), Section 3372(a)(1), and two (2) felony smuggling counts for violations of Title 18 USC Section 545.

Charges initiated against (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the Southern District of New York via Complaint involved two (2) felony Lacey Act counts for violations of Title 16 USC Section 3372(a)(1), and two (2) felony smuggling counts for violations of Title 18 USC Section 545.

On March 21, 2008, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge John R. Adams in Akron, Ohio, to the four (4) felony counts previously cited in the Northern District of Ohio Grand Jury Indictment. As a result of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) voluntary guilty pleas, and a cooperative plea agreement, the Complaint originally filed against (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the Southern District of New York was dismissed and used only as part of sentencing for similar conduct activities.

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

These individuals are Cameroon/African subjects involved in the conspiracy to smuggle elephant ivory into the United States and Canada. These subjects are all outside the jurisdiction of the United States, and the Services does not have an extradition agreement with Cameroon. Officials in Cameroon will be given the names of their country's subjects known to be involved in this investigation.

Agent's Note: During December 2007, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was convicted in Cameroon of embezzling \$85 million while acting as the General Manager of Ports in Cameroon. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced in Cameroon to 30 years in prison.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is a Canadian citizen who will be contacted by Environment Canada (EC). While EC is aware of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) involvement in this investigation, they have informed the Service that the Canadian Statute of Limitations has expired on the 2002 violations in which she conspired.

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

The U.S. Statute of Limitations expired on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2002 violations prior to any charges being filed by Region 1 special agents handling her investigation.

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

Although (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) entered into a plea agreement with the government, U.S. District Court Judge Adams refused to be bound by the agreement and indicated to all parties that he would depart upward as a result of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) violations.

The cooperative plea agreement required (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to:

- plead guilty to all four (4) felony counts as identified above;
- serve 30 months incarceration in a Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facility, followed by a three (3) year period of supervised parole;
- pay \$100,000.00 to the African Elephant Conservation Fund, to be paid in full by the end of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) parole period except, if (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) paid \$25,000.00 by the date of sentencing, the government would forgive the rest of the fine;
- pay a \$400.00 assessment to the U.S. Clerk of Court (\$100.00 per count).

On August 06, 2008, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) appeared before U.S. District Court Judge Adams at Akron, Ohio, and received the following sentence:

- sixty (60) months incarceration on each of four (4) felony counts to which SIYAM pleaded guilty on March 21, 2008 (two (2) Lacey Act and two (2) smuggling charges) (all to be served concurrently);
- three (3) years of supervised release following her term of imprisonment;
- pay a \$100,000 fine to the U.S. District Court (for forwarding to the African Elephant Conservation Fund);
- pay a \$400 criminal assessment (\$100.00 per count);
- Should (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) fail to pay her fine, Judge Adams issued a standing order for her gross income to be garnished at 25% per month until the total fine is paid.

Judge Adams acknowledged that the investigation had substantiated the deaths of at least twenty-four (24) elephants, and he severely admonished (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for her crimes and role in the illegal ivory market which led to the killing of elephants. Judge Adams also stated that the penalty given her will hopefully act as a substantial deterrent to anyone who might think about perpetrating this type of criminal activity.

All ivory seized during the course of this investigation is now considered forfeited to the government. This ivory, along with other ivory purchased during the course of the investigation, will be permanently transferred to the Service's National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository.

(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.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) All prosecutions are complete. Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Phillip J. Tripi, Cleveland, Ohio, feels that [redacted] reward should be \$20,000.00 given his assistance throughout this long term investigation, and in consideration of the harsh sentence given [redacted] by Judge Adams.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SA [redacted] has previously investigated and charged [redacted] via Violation Notice (VN) for the unlawful purchase of a sperm whale tooth in interstate commerce (INV 305000280). No other relationships exist between [redacted] his family, or any Service officers.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] has not received any compensation for his part in either of the two (2) Service investigations identified in this request. Similarly, [redacted] has not received any form of compensation over the past fiscal year for any other Service investigation.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted]

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

Please see #7 and #8 below.

7. **How checks will be issued.**

Please issue the check in the name of

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted]

8. **Where checks will be mailed.**

Please send the check to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 6100 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] will personally deliver the check to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted]



IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

1 Federal Drive

Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111

Memorandum

SEP 10 2008

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 3

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:

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

Title of Investigation: LAKE COUNTY MN WOLF KILL

Case Officer: Special Agent Brad Merrill/

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

Reward Recommended for:

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

Amount Requested: \$ 4 000.00

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

Concurrence:

09-16-2008

Date

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

09-17-08

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

9-18-08

Attachments

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

[REDACTED]

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

No number was requested or issued.

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

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

LAKE COUNTY MN WOLF KILL

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

Under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] requests that a reward be issued to [REDACTED] in the amount of \$4,000.00. The amount requested will compensate and reward [REDACTED] for his support of wildlife law enforcement, at significant personal expense.

The amount was derived by considering what contribution [REDACTED] made to the case and at what personal cost. The case would have gone nowhere were it not for [REDACTED] assistance. [REDACTED] cooperation included providing the identification of [REDACTED] the man responsible for killing two wolves. He helped the case agent gather evidence and then testified against his former hunting companion in front of a federal grand jury and during a federal trial. In providing information about the illegal take of threatened grey wolves [REDACTED] alienated himself from longtime friends and hunting companions and lost the ability to utilize a hunting area he had used for many years.

5. The authority for issuing the reward.

Endangered Species Act, 16 USC 1531 *et seq.*

6. Justification:

(i) Involvement of and Risk to Nominee

This investigation began when a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) Conservation Officer (CO) found two dead grey wolves in 2002 near a tree stand near Babbitt, Minnesota. The CO interviewed several members of a local hunting party, including [REDACTED] all of whom denied knowing about the dead wolves. The following day, [REDACTED] met with the CO and told him that [REDACTED] killed

the wolves and that the other hunting party members lied when they said they knew nothing about the wolf killings. He said [REDACTED] was going to destroy the rifle used to kill the wolves by cutting it up and throwing it in the Mississippi River. The CO contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service LE office in St. Paul and asked for investigative assistance. The CO asked that agents interview [REDACTED] as soon as possible. The CO eventually turned over the investigation to SA [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] continued to provide information throughout the course of the long investigation. He agreed to record conversations between himself and the other members of the hunting party. He provided information about a conspiracy among the hunting party to lie to the grand jury. [REDACTED] testified truthfully in front of a federal grand jury.

[REDACTED] became a pariah among his former hunting companions as they concluded that [REDACTED] provided information to law enforcement. The members of the hunting party expressed anger about [REDACTED] cooperation. Their conclusion was substantiated when [REDACTED] testified and outlined his cooperation at [REDACTED] trial. [REDACTED] was kicked out of the hunting shack he had used for many years once his cooperation became known.

Significance to the Resource

During 2002 and 2003, grey wolves were listed as a threatened species in Minnesota under the Endangered Species Act. Wolf shooting cases were notoriously difficult to solve as they often occurred in remote areas with few, if any, witnesses. The prevalent anti-wolf sentiment in Northern Minnesota added to this difficulty. [REDACTED] selflessly providing information to law enforcement helped create a deterrent effect that benefited Minnesota's population of threatened wolves and aided the population's recovery. The [REDACTED] hunting party was implicated in the killing of several wolves over a number of years. [REDACTED] prosecution undoubtedly deterred the hunting party from committing similar offenses. The grey wolf was removed from the Threatened Species List in 2007.

(ii) The number of subjects involved.

Four. Although [REDACTED] alone was charged, information was developed that other members of the hunting party had also killed wolves and had covered up [REDACTED] killing of the two wolves.

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

One person was charged with two counts of violating the Endangered Species Act by taking threatened Minnesota grey wolves. The defendant was found guilty at trial of killing one grey wolf. The judge said the Government could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that one of the canids killed was a purebred threatened grey wolf.

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

On September 3, 2008, [REDACTED] was sentenced in federal court to a fine of \$2,500.00 and a two year term of probation during which he may not hunt anywhere in the United States of America.

(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.

N/A

(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.

N/A

(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.

[REDACTED] has received no previous compensation.

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

[REDACTED]

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

Please see #7 and #8 below.

7. How checks will be issued.

The check should be made out to [REDACTED] and mailed to the St. Paul LE office for personal presentation.

8. Where checks will be mailed.

The check should be mailed to 445 Etna Street, Suite 45, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106.