

2010



United States Department of the Interior

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



FEB 17 2009

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 \$5,000.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check should be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-1
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 9
Sherwood, OR 97140-0009

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

fa

99000-0-0086
99000-4900

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 \$5,000.00 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
P.O. Box 9
Sherwood, OR 97140-0009

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)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 2/17/2010:INV#

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



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
P.O. Box 9
Sherwood, Oregon 97140-0009
Telephone 503-521-5300



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

JAN 15 2010

Memorandum

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

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region
Sherwood, Oregon

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 F.W. 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:
Address:

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

Occupation:

INV Number and Title: 2007104966, PEND OREILLE COUNTY GRIZZLY

Amount of Reward: \$5,000

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: (circle one) AECA/AHA/ARPA/BGEPA/ESA/LAC/MMPA/MBTA/RTCA/WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: See N

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

Concurrence:

SAC, District of Investigations

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

Date

1-27-2010

Approved:

Chi

Date

1-27-10

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

1-27-2010

Attachments

Justification for Reward Payment:

On October 1, 2007, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was hunting in the Lone area of Pend Oreille County, WA. When he returned to his hotel room in Lone he saw two men transferring a bear from one pickup into another. When he approached the pickup he immediately recognized the bear as a grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*). Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told the two subjects it was a grizzly bear and made mental notes of their description and their actions following his statement. As one of the vehicles sped away, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made note of the license plate number and returned to his room to report the incident to the Washington Department of Wildlife. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) gave a detailed description of the suspects, suspect vehicle and the bear including a precise description of the wounds. Several days later, Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) received the complaint and followed up by contacting Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) recalled the license number and suspect descriptions and said he was willing to assist in any way possible. Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) conducted checks of the license plate and learned it was from the Moses Lake area. Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted the Lone Hotel and learned two additional Moses Lake area residents were staying at the Lone Hotel during the reported incident. Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) next contacted Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the Moses Lake area. Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to determine from the information and the accurate suspect description by Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the suspect description closely matched that of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

Officer (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) then contacted SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who obtained photo montages containing photos of both suspects. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) presented the montages to Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who immediately identified (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) as one of the persons transferring the bear between vehicles. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) next pointed to the photographs of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and said they looked like one of them was at the scene. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided detailed information about the encounter which allowed SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to obtain a search warrant for the suspect vehicle. The U.S. Attorney who reviewed the search warrant stated the suspect description and other information from the witness was paramount in the success of obtaining this search warrant.

On October 17, 2007, agents contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in the Moses Lake area. Both individuals initially tried to deny killing a grizzly bear but due to the precise information from Connors and other investigative information, agents were able to obtain confessions from both defendants. The defendants showed agents where they buried the carcass on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) near Warden, WA.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were subsequently charged with one violation each of the Endangered Species Act and one violation of the Lacey Act. On January 11, 2010, they both pled guilty to a violation of the Lacey Act pursuant to a plea agreement. The defendants were sentenced to five years probation, two years hunting suspension, \$3,000 criminal fine, and \$14,857 in restitution to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Recovery Program and both must attend a hunter safety course.

The grizzly bear in Washington (*Ursus Arctos*) is listed as threatened in the State of Washington. The bear was removed from an area listed as the Cascades Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone. The bear has a lengthy research history. The bear was tagged with a yellow ear tag number 22 when it was killed. It was first radio collared in 1994 as a five year old sub-adult. The grizzly has given birth and raised at least seven cubs since first collared in 1994. There is no history of

human conflicts with this bear. The loss of this specimen has a significant impact on the continued recovery of grizzlies in Washington.

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

does not have a criminal history and is not a paid informant in this or any other investigation. He did not know the defendants or agents involved and did not report this out of animosity or favor toward any party involved in the investigation. He came forward only out of concern for the wildlife resources of Washington and the United States. He has not been promised or offered any compensation and no reward has been advertised. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) offered to testify if needed. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2007104966
Case Title: PEND OREILLE COUNTY GRIZZLY
Region: Region 1

Summary: This reward request is for \$5,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in this investigation. This case was initiated and successfully prosecuted as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

On October 1, 2007, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was hunting in Pend Oreille County, WA. When he returned to his hotel room in Lone, WA, he saw two men transferring a bear from one pickup into another. When he approached the pickup he immediately recognized the bear as a grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*). After Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told the two subjects it was a grizzly bear the vehicles sped away, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made note of the license plate number and returned to his room to report the incident to the Washington Department of Wildlife. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a detailed description of the suspects, suspect vehicle and the bear including a precise description of the wounds.

Due to the specificity of Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) statement, and corroboration by the investigating agents, Service agents were able to execute a search warrant on the suspect vehicle to collect additional evidence. The U.S. Attorney who reviewed the search warrant affidavit stated the suspect description and other information from Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was paramount in the success of obtaining the search warrant.

The subjects initially denied killing a grizzly bear. Aided by the precise information from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agents were able to obtain confessions and the location of the carcass from both defendants.

Both subjects were subsequently charged with one violation each of the Endangered Species Act and one violation of the Lacey Act. On January 11, 2010, they both pled guilty to a violation of the Lacey Act pursuant to a plea agreement. The defendants were sentenced to five years probation, two years hunting suspension, \$3,000 criminal fine, and \$14,857 in restitution to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Recovery Program and both must attend a hunter safety course.

The grizzly bear in Washington (*Ursus Arctos*) is listed as threatened in the State of Washington. The bear that was killed has a lengthy research history. It was first radio collared in 1994 as a five year old sub-adult. The grizzly has given birth and raised at least seven cubs since first collared in 1994. There is no history of human conflicts with this bear. The loss of this specimen has a significant impact on the continued recovery of grizzlies in Washington.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) does not have a criminal history and is not a paid informant in this or any other

investigation. He did not know the defendants or agents involved and did not report this out of animosity or favor toward any party involved in the investigation. He came forward only out of concern for the wildlife resources of Washington and the United States. He has not been promised or offered any compensation and no reward has been advertised. [redacted] offered to testify if needed. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: This request meets the criteria set forth in 16 U.S.C. 1540 (d) and 450 FW? SSA [redacted] has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward to [redacted] and concurs with the payment of the requested reward.

Review: [redacted]
[redacted] SSA [redacted]

1/26/2010
Date

Concur: [redacted]
SAC/INV [redacted]

1/27/2010
Date

Concur: [redacted]

1-27-10
Date

Concur: Deputy Chief/OLE [redacted]

Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
P.O. Box 9
Sherwood, Oregon 97140-0009
Telephone 503-521-5300



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

JAN 15 2010

Memorandum

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

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region
Sherwood, Oregon

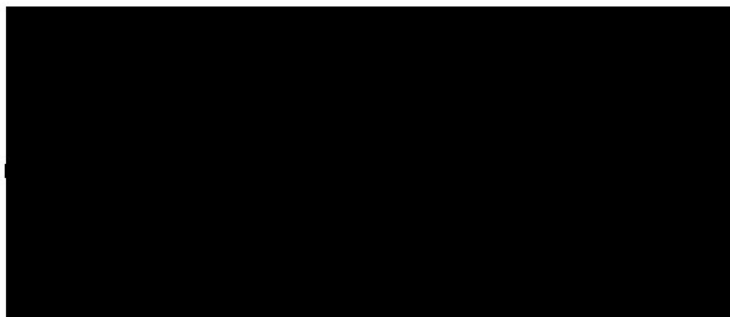


(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:
Address:



Occupation:
INV Number and Title:
Amount of Reward:
Prior Compensation:

Statute: (circle one) AECA/AHA/ARPA/BGEPA/ESA/LAC/MMPA/MBTA/RTCA/WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: See Next Page

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

1-27-2010
Date

Approved:

Chi

1-27-10
Date

Processed:

Budget Officer

1-27-2010
Date

Attachments

Justification for Reward Payment:

On October 1, 2007, [REDACTED] was hunting in the Lone area of Pend Oreille County, WA. When he returned to his hotel room in Lone he saw two men transferring a bear from one pickup into another. When he approached the pickup he immediately recognized the bear as a grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*). [REDACTED] told the two subjects it was a grizzly bear and made mental notes of their description and their actions following his statement. As one of the vehicles sped away, [REDACTED] made note of the license plate number and returned to his room to report the incident to the Washington Department of Wildlife. [REDACTED] gave a detailed description of the suspects, suspect vehicle and the bear including a precise description of the wounds. Several days later, Officer [REDACTED] received the complaint and followed up by contacting [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled the license number and suspect descriptions and said he was willing to assist in any way possible. Officer [REDACTED] conducted checks of the license plate and learned it was from the Moses Lake area. Officer [REDACTED] contacted the Lone Hotel and learned two additional Moses Lake area residents were staying at the Lone Hotel during the reported incident. Officer [REDACTED] next contacted Officer [REDACTED] in the Moses Lake area. Officer [REDACTED] was able to determine from the information and the accurate suspect description by [REDACTED] the suspect description closely matched that of [REDACTED]

Officer [REDACTED] then contacted SA [REDACTED] who obtained photo montages containing photos of both suspects. SA [REDACTED] presented the montages to [REDACTED] who immediately identified [REDACTED] as one of the persons transferring the bear between vehicles. [REDACTED] next pointed to the photographs of [REDACTED] and said they looked like brothers and one of them was at the scene. [REDACTED] provided detailed information about the encounter which allowed SA [REDACTED] to obtain a search warrant for the suspect vehicle. The U.S. Attorney who reviewed the search warrant stated the suspect description and other information from the witness was paramount in the success of obtaining this search warrant.

On October 17, 2007, agents contacted [REDACTED] in the Moses Lake area. Both individuals initially tried to deny killing a grizzly bear but due to the precise information from [REDACTED] and other investigative information, agents were able to obtain confessions from both defendants. The defendants showed agents where they buried the carcass on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were subsequently charged with one violation each of the Endangered Species Act and one violation of the Lacey Act. On January 11, 2010, they both pled guilty to a violation of the Lacey Act pursuant to a plea agreement. The defendants were sentenced to five years probation, two years hunting suspension, \$3,000 criminal fine, and \$14,857 in restitution to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Recovery Program and both must attend a hunter safety course.

The grizzly bear in Washington (*Ursus Arctos*) is listed as threatened in the State of Washington. The bear was removed from an area listed as the Cascades Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone. The bear has a lengthy research history. The bear was tagged with a yellow ear tag number 22 when it was killed. It was first radio collared in 1994 as a five year old sub-adult. The grizzly has given birth and raised at least seven cubs since first collared in 1994. There is no history of

human conflicts with this bear. The loss of this specimen has a significant impact on the continued recovery of grizzlies in Washington.

██████ does not have a criminal history and is not a paid informant in this or any other investigation. He did not know the defendants or agents involved and did not report this out of animosity or favor toward any party involved in the investigation. He came forward only out of concern for the wildlife resources of Washington and the United States. He has not been promised or offered any compensation and no reward has been advertised. ██████ offered to testify if needed. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2007205397
Case Title: EXL Petroleum, LP.
Region: Region 2

Summary: This reward request is for \$3000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

This case was initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the take of migratory bird in a petroleum overflow pit. As a result of this information and his actions, investigators discovered this pit to be an ongoing industrial hazard to migratory birds and other native wildlife. During the subsequent weeks of the investigation, investigators pulled an additional eight (8) birds from this pit. In the meantime, for his efforts, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was removed from his position for his cooperation and was forced to find another job.

To date, the subject has not received any compensation for his part in this investigation.

EXL Petroleum, LP. was issued a one count violation notice for Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703 violations. EXL Petroleum, LP, paid a \$15,025.00 violation notice for MBTA violations and remediated the industrial hazard site with costs totaling over \$20,000.00.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward and determined payment justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. The requested amount for the reward is \$3,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for Rodriguez's efforts and assistance. The reward amount would help cover (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) travel expenses during this investigation.

Reviewer:

6/9/10
Date

Concur:

6/9/10
Date

Concur:

Division Chief/LE Ops

Date

Concur:

Deputy Chief/OLE

6.9.10
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Division of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 329
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103
(505) 248-7889



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

pic 5/25/10

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

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

INV Number and Title: 2007205397, EXL Petroleum, LP.

Amount of Reward: \$3,000.00

Prior Compensation: Zero

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: See

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

Concurrence:

Date

Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Attachments

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

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

Employed and still in the
the future.

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

and willing to work with special agents in

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

INV 2007205397

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

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

The requested amount for the reward is \$3,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F) efforts and assistance. The reward amount would help cover Rodriguez's travel expenses during this investigation.

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

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

Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703. Payable from the ~~Law Enforcement Reward Account.~~

6.9.10
no Special Funds Account

5. **Justification statement.**

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

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

This was indirectly admitted to agents during mediation with EXL Petroleum Corporate Managers. This investigation ultimately resulted in a fine amount of \$15,025.00 for EXL Petroleum as well as a requirement to remediate the site and make it safe for migratory birds and native wildlife. The cost of the site remediation totaled over \$20,000.00. Without Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not have known about this illegal activity.

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.*

One subject/corporation was involved, EXL Petroleum, LP.

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

EXL Petroleum, LP. paid the collateral one count violation notice, W0883967, of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703. Payment received in full by CVB on April 20, 2010.

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

EXL Petroleum, LP. paid in full \$15,025.00 a violation notice for MBTA and remediated Industrial hazard site totaling over \$20,000.00 with the assistance of the United States Attorney's Office in Midland, Texas.

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

All prosecutions in this investigation 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.

(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),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F)

has received no monetary compensation for his assistance.

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

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

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

None.

6. How to Issue the Checks.

Make check payable to

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

7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.

Please mail the check to Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in Lubbock, TX. Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will deliver the check to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) in person, and insure procedures set forth in LE - 35 are followed regarding the payment of this reward.

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

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

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

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

L/R9/FWS/DOI

06/15/2010 09:31 AM

To: [redacted] R2/FWS/DOI@FWS

cc: [redacted] /RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Jill

bcc: [redacted]

O/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS

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

Subject: Payment of Reward

FYI - A \$3,000 check is being fedexed to you today for payment of a reward relating to INV 2007205397.

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

Chief, Branch of Planning and Analysis
Office of Law Enforcement
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office: 703-358-1949 Fax: 703-358-2346



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Division of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 329
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103
(505) 248-7889



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
5/25/10

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

INV Number and Title: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) [REDACTED]

Amount of Reward: \$3,000.00

Prior Compensation: Zero

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

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

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

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

Processed: [REDACTED]

Budget Officer

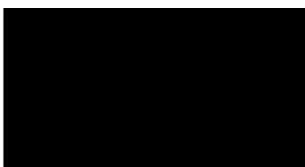
Date

Date

Date

Attachments

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



Employed and still in the petroleum and gas industry and willing to work with special agents in the future.

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

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

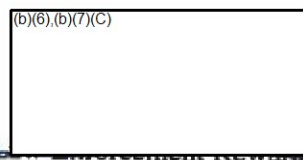


3. The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how that amount was derived.

The requested amount for the reward is \$3,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for [REDACTED] efforts and assistance. The reward amount would help cover [REDACTED] travel expenses during this investigation.

4. The authority for issuing the reward.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703. Payable from the [REDACTED] Account.



6.9.10

no Special Funds Account

5. Justification statement.

(i) As a result of [REDACTED] initial complaint and information, multiple violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act were discovered in an overflow pit owned and operated by [REDACTED]. Despite having a conflict of interest with his employer, [REDACTED] (a subcontractor for [REDACTED]) and the obvious negligence on behalf of [REDACTED] reported the pit to be in violation of law and rescued two night herons from the oil pit and transported them over 100 miles to a bird rehabilitation facility. As a result of this information and action, investigators discovered this pit to be an ongoing industrial hazard to migratory birds and other native wildlife. During the subsequent weeks, investigators pulled an additional eight (8) birds from this pit. In the meantime, for his efforts, [REDACTED] was removed from his position at [REDACTED] for his cooperation and was forced to find another job. This was indirectly admitted to agents during mediation with [REDACTED]. This investigation ultimately resulted in a fine amount of \$15,025.00 for [REDACTED] as well as a requirement to remediate the site and make it safe for migratory birds and native wildlife. The cost of the site remediation totaled over \$20,000.00. Without [REDACTED] assistance, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not have known about this illegal activity.

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.*

One subject/corporation was involved, [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED] paid the collateral one count violation notice, W0883967, of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 USC 703. Payment received in full by CVB on April 20, 2010.

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

[REDACTED] paid in full \$15,025.00 a violation notice for MBTA and remediated Industrial hazard site totaling over \$20,000.00 with the assistance of the United States Attorney's Office in Midland, Texas.

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

All prosecutions in this investigation 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.

(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 monetary compensation for his assistance.

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

[REDACTED]

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

None.

6. How to Issue the Checks.

Make check payable to [REDACTED]

7. Where Checks Will be Mailed.

Please mail the check to Special Agent [REDACTED] in Lubbock, TX. Special Agent [REDACTED] will deliver the check to [REDACTED] in person, and insure procedures set forth in LE - 35 are followed regarding the payment of this reward.



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

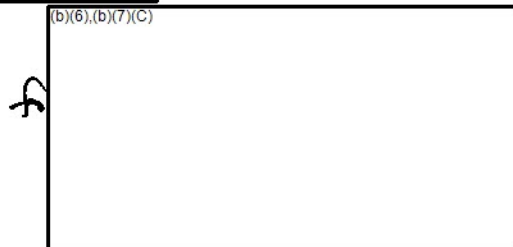
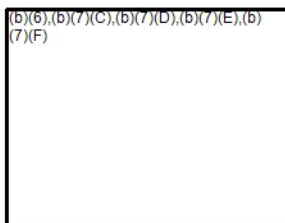
SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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 \$1,000 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-4
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 380
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

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





United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

DEC 7 2010

Memorandum

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

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

INV Number/Title: INV

Amount of Reward: \$1000.00

Prior Compensation: N/A

Statute: 16 USC 1540(e)(3) Endangered Species Act

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account CD-B30

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

SAC, Branch of Investigations

01/03/11
Date

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

1/6/2011
Date

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

Budget Officer

1/7/2011
Date

Justification:

The Sykes Creek Manatee Kill Investigation began in July 2010 with the report of a vessel striking and killing a West Indian Manatee, while the vessel was operating on full plane in violation of the Sykes Creek Slow Speed Manatee Protection Zone. Through SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) investigation, information was obtained from witnesses as well as an admission of guilt obtained from the vessel operator (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) admitted to operating his vessel in knowing violation of the Slow Speed Manatee Protection Zone despite having received prior state and federal violation notices for the same offence. An interview with Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who was a passenger on the vessel at the time of the strike, established that Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) knew he had struck and seriously wounded a manatee while operating his vessel in violation. It was further determined that Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) not only failed to report the strike but quickly fled the scene and conspired to cover up the incident in order to avoid apprehension.

During the course of the investigation a federal search warrant was obtained to search and seize Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) vessel located at his residence in (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) for evidence relating to the manatee strike. In addition, a seizure warrant was later obtained to retain the boat in the custody of USFWS-OLE pending criminal forfeiture pursuant to the Endangered Species Act. While in the custody of USFWS-OLE it was determined that the trailer Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) used to transport the seized vessel had been stolen from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), Division of Law Enforcement in December 2008.

On November 15, 2010, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty in Federal Court in Orlando, FL to the "take" of an endangered species, in violation of 16 U.S.C. 1538(a)(1)(B) & 1540(b)(1), the Endangered Species Act. As part of the signed plea agreement (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed to the forfeiture of assets in the form of his vessel which was used to "take" the West Indian Manatee.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) became involved in this case at the very beginning when he witnessed Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) vessel strike the manatee while fishing near the spot where the strike occurred. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted the FWC Dispatch Center to report the vessel strike, additionally providing a description and direction of travel of the involved vessel. As a result of Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) report, FWC Officers were able to locate the suspect vessel a short distance from the site of the strike and identify the persons on board. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his passenger denied having been involved in the incident so FWC referred the case to USFWS-OLE for follow up investigation.

After receiving notification of the vessel strike, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) conducted a detailed interview with Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the events surrounding the incident. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a two page detailed sworn statement. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) volunteered to take SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and an FWC Officer on his personal vessel to the site of the manatee strike in order to convey the most accurate information possible in regarding what he observed and at what distances. During this site visit aboard his vessel, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also pointed out to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the house where the suspect boat was normally stored. Despite (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

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

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

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: Sykes Creek Manatee Kill
Region: Region 4

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for the efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. This case was initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

The Sykes Creek Manatee Kill Investigation began in July 2010 with Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) report of a vessel striking and killing a West Indian Manatee, while the vessel was operating on full plane in violation of a Manatee Protection Zone. As a result of Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) report, FWC Officers were able to locate the suspect vessel a short distance from the site of the strike and identify (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) as the operator.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided a detailed sworn statement and volunteered to take SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and an FWC Officer on his personal vessel to the site of the manatee strike in order to convey the most accurate information possible in regarding what he observed and at what distances. During this site visit aboard his vessel, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also pointed out to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the house

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

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

On November 15, 2010, Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty in Federal Court in Orlando, FL to the "take" of an endangered species, in violation of the Endangered Species Act. Prior to this case there had been not been a successful criminal prosecution involving the "take" of a West Indian Manatee by watercraft.

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

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

Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) came forward only out of concern for the wildlife resources of Florida and the United States. He has not been promised or offered any compensation and no reward has been advertised. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) offered to testify if needed. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: This request meets the criteria set forth in 16 U.S.C. 1540 (d) and 450 FW2. SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and concurs with the payment of the requested reward. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Reviewer:

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

SSA

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

12/27/2010
Date

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

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

1/3/11
Date

Concur:

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

Dep. Chief

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

1/7/11
Date

2011

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge - R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
1011 E. Tudor Road, Room 155
Anchorage, AK 99503-6199

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

William C. Woody

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

cc: Surname

FWS/LE

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

5/5/2011



United States Department of the Interior

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



MAY - 5 2011

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge - R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
1011 E. Tudor Road, Room 155
Anchorage, AK 99503-6199

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

W

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

William C. Woody

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



IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

1011 E. Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199



FWS/OLE

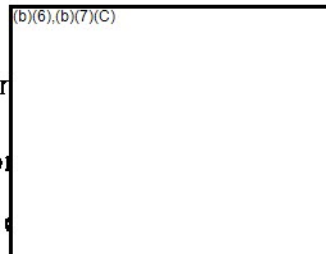
APR -5 2011

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

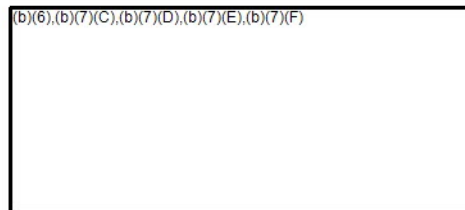
From: Special Agent in Charge – Region

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward



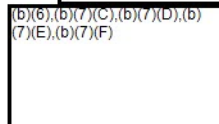
In accordance with 450 FW 2, Section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of Recipient:



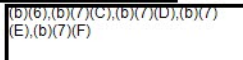
Address:

Occupation:

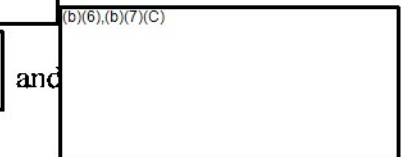
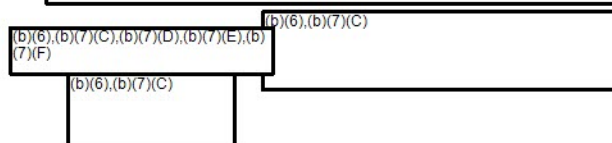
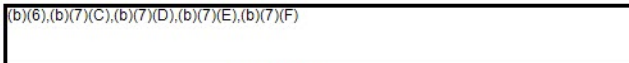


Employer:

CPINumber:



INV Number and Title:



Amount of Reward:

\$2,500.00

Prior Compensation:

None

Statute:

*AECA/AIA/ARPA/BGEPA/ESA/LAC/
MMPA/MBTA/RTCA/WBCA*

Reward Account:
(Circle one)

Law Enforcement Reward Account
Washington Office Special Funds Account



Justification:

Information provided to the USFWS/OLE Fairbanks RAC Office by

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

and

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

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

In INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) information provided by the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lead to the indictment and conviction of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) on Lacey Act and MMPA charges, for illegally selling and shipping a raw polar bear hide to a covert FWS agent. This resulted in a jail sentence for the subject, and recovery of the polar bear.

In INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) information provided by the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) lead to the charging of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for illegally selling and shipping a raw polar bear hide to a covert FWS agent. This resulted in each subject paying \$2,275 in collateral for violation of the MMPA, and recovery of the polar bear.

Concurrence

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

4/13/11
Date

Approved:

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

Chief of Law Enforcement

4-13-11
Date

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

4/13/2011
Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Region: Region 7

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,500. These cases were initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information provided by Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has resulted in the successful Federal prosecutions in the above referenced cases.

He has not been promised or offered any compensation and no reward has been advertised. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) offered to testify if needed. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded.

Although Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has not been threatened at this time, he lives and works in a small community and his cooperation with the Service could adversely affect himself AND the success of his business. Both cases involve illegal activities with Polar Bears. Enforcement of high profile endangered species is the highest priority with the Service. Because of these factors, we believe \$2,500, is equitable compensation for the efforts and assistance in the above named investigations.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: This request meets the criteria set forth in 16 U.S.C. 1540 (d) and 450 FW2. SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and concurs with the payment of the requested reward.

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

SSA

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

Date

Apr. 12, 2011

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

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

Date

4/13/11

Concur:

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

Dep. Chief

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

Date

4/13/11

(b)(5)

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,500.00 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-3
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 45, Federal Bldg
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

If mailed after May, 27, 2011, please forward check to address below.

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS – Office of Law Enforcement
5600 America Blvd., Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

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

William C. Woody

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

cc: Surname

FWS/LE

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

6/13/2011:INV

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



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

MAY 18 2011

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,500.00 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(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-3
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 45, Federal Bldg
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

If mailed after May, 27, 2011, please forward check to address below.

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS – Office of Law Enforcement
5600 America Blvd., Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

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)
to
William C. Woody



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building
1 Federal Drive
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

Reply Refer To:

MAY 3 2011

FWS/LE

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 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV # and Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) HORSE BAIT WOLF

Amount of Reward: \$1,500

Prior Compensation: none

Statute: ESA

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

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

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

Approved:

Chief, OLE

Date

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Attachments

1. Reward justification.

On 3/15/2011 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) Conservation Officer (CO) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding a wolf killing.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

LLC (WHC) which is located near Rapid River, Michigan. During the conversation, the member of the club told (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) He also told

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that the wolves were killed near a horse carcass that was placed out on a frozen pond.

The area where WHC was situated was very remote and contained more than one thousand (1000) acres of land. The MDNRE used a fixed wing plane which was able to locate the horse carcass from the air. Using the specific information (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided, CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to investigate the location and recover one (1) wolf carcass which had been recently killed. If

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had not contacted CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with this information, it is probable the death of the wolf would have remained unknown. Subsequent searches of WHC failed to locate a second wolf carcass.

There were very few individuals who had access to WHC during the time frame the wolf was killed. Only four (4) individuals had been predator hunting at WHC during this time. CO

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and Special Agent (SA) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were able to identify two (2) primary suspects during subsequent interviews and analysis of physical evidence. During a second interview of one (1) of the suspects, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were able to document a detailed confession of the wolf killing. The suspect was issued a Violation Notice (VN) for violating the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which totaled \$3,500. The suspect paid the VN the same day it was issued.

The wolf issue in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (UP) is a sensitive and highly-debated topic. Many of the sportsmen see the wolf as a predator that kills too many of the deer they hunt each year, and they continue to be killed in alarming numbers. Individuals who kill wolves are very secretive about their actions and most of the time wolf cases are not solved or even discovered. It is important for the citizens in the UP to get involved with the education and preservation of this species. Rewarding citizens who report incidents such as this will only bolster their cooperation with law enforcement and enhance the protection of the species.

This reward is authorized under the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1540(e)(3). The amount of the reward was based on the restitution amount paid by the subject. Since this was an ESA violation, the reward money should come from the Law Enforcement Reward Account as cited in USFWS OLE Service Manual 450 FW 2. There are no circumstances that require a special check to be issued.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: Horse Bait Wolf
Region: Region 3

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,500, based on the restitution amounts in the districts forfeiture of collateral schedule. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. As a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a subject in this investigation was identified and paid a Violation Notice for violating the ESA which totaled \$3,500

On 3/15/2011, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) Conservation Officer (CO) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding a wolf killing. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about a conversation he had with a member of the Whitefish Hunt Club, LLC (WHC) which is located near Rapid River, Michigan. During the conversation, the member of the club told (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that one of his friends had killed two (2) wolves at WHC. He also told (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that the wolves were killed near a horse carcass that was placed out on a frozen pond. The area where WHC was situated was very remote and contained more than one thousand (1000) acres of land. The MDNRE used a fixed wing plane which was able to locate the horse carcass from the air. Using the specific information (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided, CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was able to investigate the location and recover one (1) wolf carcass which had been recently killed. If (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had not contacted CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) with this information, it is probable the death of the wolf would have remained unknown. Subsequent searches of WHC failed to locate a second wolf carcass.

There were very few individuals who had access to WHC during the time frame the wolf was killed. Only four (4) individuals had been predator hunting at WHC during this time. CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and Special Agent (SA) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were able to identify two (2) primary suspects during subsequent interviews and analysis of physical evidence. During a second interview of one (1) of the suspects, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were able to document a detailed confession of the wolf killing. The suspect was issued a Violation Notice (VN) for violating the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which totaled \$3,500. The suspect paid the VN the same day it was issued.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. Since this was an ESA violation, the reward money should come from the Law Enforcement Reward Account as cited in USFWS OLE Service Manual 450 FW 2. There are no circumstances that require a special check to be issued.

Reviewer:

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

5/9/11
Date

Concur:

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

5/9/11
Date

Concur:

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

5/9/11
Date

Deputy Chief/OLE



United States Department of the Interior

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



5/9/2011

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MAY 18 2011

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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


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

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 45, Federal Bldg
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

If mailed after May 27, 2011, please forward check to address below.

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS – Office of Law Enforcement
5600 American Blvd., Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

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)

William C. Woody

DONE

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

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

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 45, Federal Bldg
Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

If mailed after May 27, 2011, please forward check to address below.

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS – Office of Law Enforcement
5600 American Blvd., Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

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

William C. Woody

(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) 5/13/2011:INV

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),
(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: Vermillion County Indiana Whooping Crane
Region: Region 3

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,500. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. As a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) subjects in this investigation were identified and convicted in state court (USA declined prosecution).

A reward of up to \$2,500 was offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the name of the adult subject (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). At that point of the investigation, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was unknown to the investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided specific information concerning (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) involvement. This information was later substantiated (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana declined prosecution. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and the juvenile were charged in Indiana State Court, Vermillion County, Indiana. The juvenile pled guilty to one count of the Unlawful Taking of an Endangered Species. The juvenile received a \$1.00 fine and court costs and probation fees of approximately \$364.00, plus a monthly supervision fee of \$25.00. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to one count of Providing False Information. He received a one year jail sentence, all suspended, a \$1.00 fine, and court costs and probation fees of approximately \$314.00, plus a monthly supervision fee of \$20.00.

At the time (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) came forward the investigation was at a standstill. All leads had been exhausted. Without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) help the investigation may still be unsolved. There is no (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:

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

SAC/INV

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

Concur:

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

Deputy Chief/OLE

5/9/11
Date

5/9/11
Date

5/9/11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Office of Law Enforcement



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

MAY 3 2011

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] Agent in Charge, Branch of Special Operations

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

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

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

Vermillion County Indiana Whooping Crane

Amount of Reward: **\$2,500**

Prior Compensation: **None**

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / **ESA** / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) **Law Enforcement Reward Account** or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: See attachment 1.

Concurrence:

Approved:

Processed:

Budget Officer

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

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

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

Date

Date

Date

Attachments

06/29/09

LAW ENFORCEMENT

This investigation was initiated due to the shooting of a whooping crane in Vermillion County, Indiana, in November 2009.

A reward of up to \$2,500 was offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved. [REDACTED] provided the name of the adult subject [REDACTED]. At that point of the investigation, [REDACTED] was unknown to the investigation. [REDACTED] provided specific information concerning [REDACTED] involvement. This information was later substantiated during the interviews of [REDACTED] and the juvenile subject. [REDACTED] was interviewed. [REDACTED] denied involvement, but as a result of the information he provided, and other information developed, the juvenile subject was interviewed a second time. [REDACTED]

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana declined prosecution. [REDACTED] and the juvenile were charged in Indiana State Court, Vermillion County, Indiana. The juvenile pled guilty to one count of the Unlawful Taking of an Endangered Species. The juvenile received a \$1.00 fine and court costs and probation fees of approximately \$364.00, plus a monthly supervision fee of \$25.00. [REDACTED] pled guilty to one count of Providing False Information. He received a one year jail sentence, all suspended, a \$1.00 fine, and court costs and probation fees of approximately \$314.00, plus a monthly supervision fee of \$20.00.

There are less than 500 whooping cranes in the world, all of which are in the North America. This crane and her mate were the only two whooping cranes in the eastern population to successfully hatch, and raise a chick in the wild.

At the time [REDACTED] came forward the investigation was at a standstill. All leads had been exhausted. Without [REDACTED] help the investigation may still be unsolved. There is no known safety risk to [REDACTED] although she was a [REDACTED] who at the time, was close to [REDACTED]

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-6
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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

William C. Woody

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

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

6/10/2011:2008601201

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-6
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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

William C. Woody

(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) 6/10/201

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



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

JUN 10 2011

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-6
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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

for

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

William C. Woody

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Region: Region 6

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

This case was initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) regarding the unlawful take and interstate trade in bobcats. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a man with whom he had a close relationship, for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) illegal trapping of bobcats in Colorado and his illegal sale of the skins to a Montana buyer. He provided information regarding (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) use of firearms, which was significant given (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) status as a convicted felon. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) recorded calls at the direction of the Government and used his relationship with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to successfully introduce an undercover agent acting as a bobcat skin buyer.

Following the covert portion of the investigation, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was interviewed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) admitted that 90% of the bobcats he took in 2008 were illegal and 50% of the bobcats he took from 2004 through early 2007 were illegal. According to investigators, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) activities resulted in the loss of approximately 30 bobcats (male and female) per year for 5 years. The investigator termed the impact "devastating" to the local population of bobcats and estimates it will have many years for the population to recover.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty in the U.S. District Court in Colorado. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to a felony count of Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act and a felony count of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to misdemeanor violations of the Lacey Act and was sentenced to 5 years probations, during which time she cannot possess a firearm, hunt or fish. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information was critical to the investigation. According to the reward request, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance was of such significance that it is highly unlikely this case would have been successful without that assistance." In providing this assistance, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also compromised (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) with the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). They reside in a small town in Colorado and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) cooperation with the Government became public during the prosecutions. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

To date, the subject has not received any compensation for his part in this investigation.

1.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward and determined payment is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. The requested amount for the reward is \$2,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance.

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

6/8/11
Date

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

6/8/11
Date

Concur: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Deputy Chief/OLE

Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mountain-Prairie Region
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:
134 Union Blvd., Suite 550
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

In Reply Refer To:

FWS/LE INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),
(b)(7)(F)

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Address: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Occupation: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Employer: N/A
INV Number and Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),
(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Amount of Reward: \$2000.00

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: Lacey Act

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification:

In November 2007, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) received information from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and possible wildlife violations. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was aware of his activities and he provided information that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had in past years (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

and was continuing that year, to trap bobcats by use of leg hold traps, a violation of Colorado state wildlife regulation. He also stated that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using two guns while checking his traps even though

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by him is a violation of federal law.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) further stated (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) Based on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information received from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a joint Service and CDOW investigation was initiated and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) continued to assist investigators throughout that investigation.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided both information and investigative assistance that helped to substantiate violations of both federal and state wildlife laws involving both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and further developed through the investigation was corroborated through an undercover purchase of bobcat hides and service of a search warrant at

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence. The success of this investigation led to admissions and eventually guilty pleas from both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated 90% of the bobcats he took during 2008 were illegal and that about 50% of the bobcats (approximately 45) he checked in from 2004 through early 2007 were illegally taken by use of leg hold traps. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) admitted to using leg hold traps during the 2007 and 2008 bobcat season and he admitted to selling bobcat hides to the fur buyer in Montana as well as to an individual from Kansas which was actually a FWS undercover agent. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also admitted to removing seals from bobcats and reusing those seals on bobcats caught after the close of the season and he also admitted to using firearms

on several occasions. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided statements that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using leg hold traps to catch bobcats. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also admitted she made false statements when having the bobcat hides sealed at CDOW offices, falsely claiming she killed the bobcats while hunting and by use of live traps. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) took most of the bobcats by leg hold trapping. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) said she made the false statements while having the bobcats sealed

because (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) checked in the bobcats. The investigation was also able to corroborate information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was selling bobcat hides to a fur buyer in Montana. The investigation documented that the fur buyer had bought bobcat hides from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 6 to 8 times over a 3 year period.

Due to the success of this investigation, both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reached plea agreements and pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Colorado. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to the felony charge of Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act and the felony charge of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act Trafficking and the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act False Records. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

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

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

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

United States Federal Court, District of Colorado, to 5 years probation and assessed \$50 in court costs for violations of the Lacey Act that included the Interstate Transport of Illegally Taken Wildlife and False Labeling provisions. As part of the probation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is not to possess firearms or hunt and fish during the term of the probation. Additionally, both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also pled guilty and were sentenced to a variety of State wildlife violations. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

This reward is requested because information and assistance provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) directly contributed to the success of this investigation and led to the successful prosecution of both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and his (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) It should also be recognized that by assisting the government Mr.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was forced to violate a long (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) between he and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) That

friendship allowed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to obtain current and timely information for the investigators to conduct surveillance and gather evidence. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the investigators with important information about (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), his character and personal characteristics and he recorded telephone calls with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtaining direct statements by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to further this investigation and aid in the prosecution. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also agreed to and did introduce an undercover agent to the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and evidentiary items were purchased because of this introduction. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also attempted to assist in getting (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) out of the house before the search warrant was executed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assistance was of such significance that it is highly unlikely this case would have been successful without that assistance.

Additionally, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assumed some level of personal risk in reporting (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) illegal activities and in providing assistance to the government during the investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of the property where the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) Although (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) is currently in Federal prison and the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) it is expected they will return to the community once he is released from prison. The community is quite small and while to date, there have been no threats made against (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) are aware he assisted the government in their investigation of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) It should also be noted that the illicit activities conducted by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had a huge negative impact on the resources in that area. For this area to lose an average of at least 30 bobcats (male and female) per year for the last 5 plus years was devastating to the local bobcat population. It will take many years for the bobcat population to recover in this area.

For the reasons outlined above, it is requested and recommended that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) be paid a reward in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Concurrence:

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

6/8/11
Date

Approved:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
ACT. Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

6/8/11
Date

Processed:

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

6/9/11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mountain-Prairie Region
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:

Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:

134 Union Blvd., Suite 550
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV 2008601201

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

INV Number and Title: [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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

Amount of Reward: \$2000.00

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: Lacey Act

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification:

In November 2007, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) received information from [REDACTED] and possible wildlife violations. [REDACTED] had a close relationship with [REDACTED] and was aware of his activities and he provided information that [REDACTED] had in past years

and was continuing that year, to trap bobcats by use of leg hold traps, a violation of Colorado state wildlife regulation. He also stated that [REDACTED] was using two guns while checking his traps even though [REDACTED] was a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by him is a violation of federal law. [REDACTED] further stated [REDACTED] was selling his bobcats to a fur buyer in Montana. Based on information received from [REDACTED], a joint Service and CDOW investigation was initiated and [REDACTED] continued to assist investigators throughout that investigation.

[REDACTED] provided both information and investigative assistance that helped to substantiate violations of both federal and state wildlife laws involving both [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED]. Information provided by [REDACTED] and further developed through the investigation was corroborated through an undercover purchase of bobcat hides and service of a search warrant at [REDACTED] residence. The success of this investigation led to admissions and eventually guilty pleas from both [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] stated 90% of the bobcats he took during 2008 were illegal and that about 50% of the bobcats (approximately 45) he checked in from 2004 through early 2007 were illegally taken by use of leg hold traps. [REDACTED] admitted to using leg hold traps during the 2007 and 2008 bobcat season and he admitted to selling bobcat hides to the fur buyer in Montana as well as to an individual from Kansas which was actually a FWS undercover agent. [REDACTED] also admitted to removing seals from bobcats and reusing those seals on bobcats caught after the close of the season and he also admitted to using firearms on several occasions. [REDACTED] provided statements that [REDACTED] was using leg hold traps to catch bobcats. [REDACTED] also admitted she made false statements when having the bobcat hides sealed at CDOW offices, falsely claiming she killed the bobcats while hunting and by use of live traps. [REDACTED] stated (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] took most of the bobcats by leg hold trapping. [REDACTED] said she made the false statements while having the bobcats sealed because [REDACTED] was a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] could not possess a firearm and it might raise suspicion if he checked in the bobcats. The investigation was also able to corroborate information provided by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) [REDACTED]. The investigation documented that the fur buyer had bought bobcat hides from [REDACTED] 6 to 8 times over a 3 year period.

Due to the success of this investigation, both [REDACTED] reached plea agreements and pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Colorado. [REDACTED] pled guilty to the felony charge of Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act and the felony charge of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and [REDACTED] pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act Trafficking and the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act False Records. On October 15, 2010, [REDACTED] was sentenced in United States Federal Court, District of Colorado, to 27 months of prison, 3 years of supervised release and \$200 in court costs for Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act's Interstate Trafficking and False Records Provisions and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) [REDACTED] was sentenced in United States Federal Court, District of Colorado, to 5 years probation and assessed \$50 in court costs for violations of the Lacey Act that included the Interstate Transport of Illegally Taken Wildlife and False Labeling provisions. As part of the probation [REDACTED] is not to possess firearms or hunt and fish during the term of the probation. Additionally, both [REDACTED] also pled guilty and were sentenced to a variety of State wildlife violations.

This reward is requested because information and assistance provided by [REDACTED] directly contributed to the success of this investigation and led to the successful prosecution of both [REDACTED] and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED]. It should also be recognized that by assisting the government, Mr. [REDACTED] was forced to violate a long (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] he and [REDACTED] That

friendship allowed [REDACTED] to obtain current and timely information for the investigators to conduct [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E) [REDACTED] provided the investigators with important information about [REDACTED] (b)(7)(F) [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] obtaining direct statements by [REDACTED] to further this investigation and aid in the prosecution. [REDACTED] also agreed to and did introduce an undercover agent to the [REDACTED] and evidentiary items were purchased because of this introduction. [REDACTED] also attempted to assist in getting [REDACTED] out of the house before the search warrant was executed. [REDACTED]'s assistance was of such significance that it is highly unlikely this case would have been successful without that assistance.

Additionally, [REDACTED] assumed some level of personal risk in reporting [REDACTED] illegal activities and in providing assistance to the government during the investigation. [REDACTED] lives within 5 miles of the property where the [REDACTED] lived during the time the investigation was conducted. Although [REDACTED] is currently in Federal prison and the [REDACTED] no longer live on this property, it is expected they will return to the community once he is released from prison. The community is quite small and while to date, there have been no threats made against [REDACTED], his neighbors are aware he assisted the government in their investigation of [REDACTED]. It should also be noted that the illicit activities conducted by [REDACTED] had a huge negative impact on the resources in that area. For this area to lose an average of at least 30 bobcats (male and female) per year for the last 5 plus years was devastating to the local bobcat population. It will take many years for the bobcat population to recover in this area.

For the reasons outlined above, it is requested and recommended that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] be paid a reward in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Concurrence:

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

SAC, Branch of Investigations

6/8/11
Date

Approved:

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

ACTING Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

6/8/11
Date

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

6/9/11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mountain-Prairie Region
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:

Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:

134 Union Blvd., Suite 550
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV 2008601201

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

INV Number and Title: 2008601201 - [REDACTED]

Amount of Reward: \$2000.00

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: Lacey Act

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification:

In November 2007, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) received information from [REDACTED] and possible wildlife violations. [REDACTED] had a close relationship with [REDACTED] and was aware of his activities and he provided information that [REDACTED] had in past years

and was continuing that year, to trap bobcats by use of leg hold traps, a violation of Colorado state wildlife regulation. He also stated that [REDACTED] was using two guns while checking his traps even though [REDACTED] was a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by him is a violation of federal law. [REDACTED] further stated [REDACTED] was selling his bobcats to a fur buyer in Montana. Based on information received from [REDACTED], a joint Service and CDOW investigation was initiated and [REDACTED] continued to assist investigators throughout that investigation.

[REDACTED] provided both information and investigative assistance that helped to substantiate violations of both federal and state wildlife laws involving both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Information provided by [REDACTED] and further developed through the investigation was corroborated through an undercover purchase of bobcat hides and service of a search warrant at [REDACTED] residence. The success of this investigation led to admissions and eventually guilty pleas from both [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated 90% of the bobcats he took during 2008 were illegal and that about 50% of the bobcats (approximately 45) he checked in from 2004 through early 2007 were illegally taken by use of leg hold traps. [REDACTED] admitted to using leg hold traps during the 2007 and 2008 bobcat season and he admitted to selling bobcat hides to the fur buyer in Montana as well as to an individual from Kansas which was actually a FWS undercover agent. [REDACTED] also admitted to removing seals from bobcats and reusing those seals on bobcats caught after the close of the season and he also admitted to using firearms on several occasions. [REDACTED] provided statements that [REDACTED] was using leg hold traps to catch bobcats. [REDACTED] also admitted she made false statements when having the bobcat hides sealed at CDOW offices, falsely claiming she killed the bobcats while hunting and by use of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) live traps. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] took most of the bobcats by leg hold trapping. [REDACTED] said she made the false statements while having the bobcats sealed because [REDACTED] was a convicted felon, could not possess a firearm and it might raise suspicion if he checked in the bobcats. The investigation was also able to corroborate information provided by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was selling bobcat hides to a fur buyer in Montana. The investigation documented that the fur buyer had bought bobcat hides from [REDACTED] 6 to 8 times over a 3 year period.

Due to the success of this investigation, both [REDACTED] reached plea agreements and pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Colorado. [REDACTED] pled guilty to the felony charge of Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act and the felony charge of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and [REDACTED] pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act Trafficking and the misdemeanor charge of Lacey Act False Records. On October 15, 2010, [REDACTED] was sentenced in United States Federal Court, District of Colorado, to 27 months of prison, 3 years of supervised release and \$200 in court costs for Conspiracy to Violate the Lacey Act's Interstate Trafficking and False Records (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Provisions and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. [REDACTED] was sentenced in United States Federal Court, District of Colorado, to 5 years probation and assessed \$50 in court costs for violations of the Lacey Act that included the Interstate Transport of Illegally Taken Wildlife and False Labeling provisions. As part of the probation [REDACTED] is not to possess firearms or hunt and fish during the term of the probation. Additionally, both [REDACTED] also pled guilty and were sentenced to a variety of State wildlife violations.

This reward is requested because information and assistance provided by [REDACTED] directly contributed to the success of this investigation and led to the successful prosecution of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It should also be recognized that by assisting the government, Mr. [REDACTED] was forced to violate a long standing friendship that existed between he and [REDACTED]. That (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

friendship allowed [REDACTED] to obtain current and timely information for the investigators to conduct surveillance and gather evidence. [REDACTED] provided the investigators with important information about [REDACTED] his character and personal characteristics and he recorded telephone calls with [REDACTED] obtaining direct statements by [REDACTED] to further this investigation and aid in the prosecution. [REDACTED] also agreed to and did introduce an undercover agent to the [REDACTED] and evidentiary items were purchased because of this introduction. [REDACTED] also attempted to assist in getting [REDACTED] out of the house before the search warrant was executed. [REDACTED]'s assistance was of such significance that it is highly unlikely this case would have been successful without that assistance.

Additionally, [REDACTED] assumed some level of personal risk in reporting [REDACTED] illegal activities and in providing assistance to the government during the investigation. [REDACTED] lives within 5 miles of the property where the [REDACTED]s lived during the time the investigation was conducted. Although [REDACTED] is currently in Federal prison and the [REDACTED] no longer live on this property, it is expected they will return to the community once he is released from prison. The community is quite small and while to date, there have been no threats made against [REDACTED], his neighbors are aware he assisted the government in their investigation of [REDACTED]. It should also be noted that the illicit activities conducted by [REDACTED] had a huge negative impact on the resources in that area. For this area to lose an average of at least 30 bobcats (male and female) per year for the last 5 plus years was devastating to the local bobcat population. It will take many years for the bobcat population to recover in this area.

For the reasons outlined above, it is requested and recommended that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] be paid a reward in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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

[REDACTED]
SAC, Branch of Investigations

6/8/11
Date

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

[REDACTED]
Acting Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

6/8/11
Date

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

[REDACTED]
Budget Officer

6/9/11
Date

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 \$4,000 reward to [REDACTED] Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check [REDACTED] ed to:

Special Agent In Charge R-6
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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

William C. Woody

[REDACTED]

cc: Surname C. Pieters
FWS/LE [REDACTED] 7/8/11 [REDACTED]



United States Department of the Interior

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



JUL 12 2011

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 \$4,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-6
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

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

for

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

William C. Woody

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C);(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Region: Region 6

Summary: This reward request is for \$4,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

On October 18, 2009, a dead Grizzly bear was found on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. The bear had been shot and the feet removed.

With no leads, the Service put out a \$4,000 Reward for Information and distributed flyers throughout the community. Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) came forward and provided critical information including the identity of the suspect. Both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and the shooter are tribal members. The agent notes that it is exceedingly rare for Blackfeet tribal members to come forward to the Service with information about the illegal acts of other tribal members.

Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was threatened by the suspect after she provided information to the case agent. Despite the threat of possible harm, she continued to meet with the case agent to provide information "because it was the right thing to do." Based on the information provided by Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the suspect was interviewed and the suspected admitted to the killing the grizzly bear.

The suspect pled guilty to two counts of violating the ESA. No other persons came forward in the investigation to provide information. According to the case agent, "if Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had not come forward, the investigation may never have reached a successful conclusion."

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SSA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward and determined payment is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. The requested amount for the reward is \$4,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance.

Reviewer:

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

7/5/2011

Date

Concur:

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

7/5/11

Date

Concur:

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

7/6/11

Date

Deputy Chief/OLE



United States Department of the Interior
U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement

P.O. BOX 25486 - DFC

DENVER, CO 80225

Phone: (303) 236-7540



June 30, 2011

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 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval of payment regarding 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: TWO MEDICINE GRIZZLY

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

Reward Recommended for: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

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

Amount Requested: \$ 4,000.00

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

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

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

7/5/11
Date

7/6/11
Date

7/6/2011
Date

Attachment

The information regarding the individual for whom the reward is requested (i.e. name, address, occupation, and employer - when appropriate):

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

The INV number and the title of the case:

INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) TWO MEDICINE GRIZZLY

The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how the amount was derived:

\$4,000.00 – This amount of money would be equitable compensation for Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance she provided during this investigation. By voluntarily coming forth and providing information to officers, Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) exposed herself to possible physical harm and threats. Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was even threatened by the suspect after she provided information to the case agent. As a

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)
(D)
Native American, Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

The authority for issuing the reward:

Endangered Species Act, Title 16 United States Code Section 1540(e)(3). The reward is payable from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

Justification statement:

Prior to Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) initial contact with law enforcement officers, there were no leads in this investigation. Most investigations involving grizzly bears that are just found dead remain unsolved and are closed without any suspect ever being identified. As a result of Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) information, including identifying the suspect, the suspect was interviewed and eventually admitted to killing the grizzly bear. The suspect pled guilty to two counts of violation of the Endangered Species Act. He was sentenced to a \$500 fine and three years of probation. During the term of probation, the suspect is also not allowed to hunt.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was the only person to come forward during this investigation, even though several other tribal members had knowledge of the illegal killing of the grizzly bear. Throughout the

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) investigation, Ms. [redacted] willingly met with investigators and provided them information critical to the investigation, including completing an affidavit. If Ms. [redacted] had not come forward, the investigation may never have reached a successful conclusion. Even though Ms. [redacted] realized (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Ms. [redacted] displayed much concern and genuine interest in conserving this species for future generations to come (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

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

In order to complete the mission and purpose of the USFWS, Office of Law Enforcement, it is extremely important and critical to provide a monetary reward to the individuals who come forward and provide information to investigators. This is especially true for individuals like Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] that have a much closer relationship to our natural resources and have a much larger stake in the fight for conservation. It is very significant that a Blackfeet Tribal member came forward and provided information pertinent to a criminal investigation. It is hoped that the payment of the reward in this investigation will lead other tribal members to come forward with information relevant in criminal investigations.

Number of subjects involved and names: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

One subject [redacted]

The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

On May 17, 201 [redacted] pled guilty to two counts of violation of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1538(a)(1)(G) and 50 CFR 17.40(b)(i)(B)). He was sentenced to a fine of \$500, three years of probation, including a condition that he not hunt during the term of his probation.

The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case:

Due to the indigent nature of the suspect, a \$500 fine was assessed.

If all prosecutions have not been completed, a statement justifying payment of the reward before completion of pending prosecutions:

All prosecutions in this investigation have been completed.

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.

The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in this case, along with the total amount of compensation the individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case:

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

has received no monetary compensation for her assistance.

The name of the person who will receive the reward:

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

Circumstances, if any, requiring special check issuance procedures:

There are no special check issuance procedures SA [redacted] is aware of.

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

How to issue the check:

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient,

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

Where should the check be mailed:

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

Special Agent
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
920 Bootlegger Trail
Great Falls, MT 59404

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

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

Upon receipt of the check, SA [redacted] will deliver the check to Ms. [redacted] in person. SA [redacted] will insure the procedures set forth in 450 FW 2 are followed regarding the payment of this reward.

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

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



\$4,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION

Up to \$4,000 offered for information leading to the identification and prosecution of the person or persons involved in the killing of grizzly bears in Montana.

On October 1, 2009, a grizzly bear was found dead near Marias Pass in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. The bear's claws had been removed.

On October 18, 2009, a grizzly bear was found dead on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation near Badger Creek. The bear's claws had been removed.

Individuals with information they believe may be helpful should contact one of the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Great Falls, MT at 406-761-2286

Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department at 406-338-7207

TIP-MONT at 1-800-847-6668

Killing a grizzly bear is a violation of the Endangered Species⁰⁴⁴¹ Act, Title 16 United States Code 1538 Title 50 Code of Federal



United States Department of the Interior
U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement

P.O. BOX 25486 - DFC

DENVER, CO 80225

Phone: (303) 236-7540



June 30, 2011

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval of payment regarding 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] GRIZZLY

Case Officer: SA

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

Reward Recommended for: [REDACTED]

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

Amount Requested: \$ 4,000.00

Concurrence:

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

Approved:

Acting

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

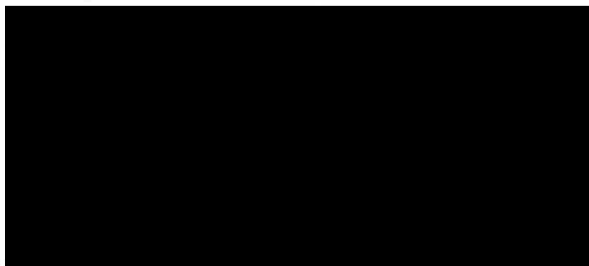
7/5/11

7/6/11

7/6/2011

Attachment

The information regarding the individual for whom the reward is requested (i.e. name, address, occupation, and employer - when appropriate):



The INV number and the title of the case:

INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),
(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) [REDACTED] GRIZZLY

The amount of reward requested, including an explanation of how the amount was derived:

\$4,000.00 – This amount of money would be equitable compensation for [REDACTED] efforts and assistance she provided during this investigation. By voluntarily coming forth and providing information to officers, [REDACTED] exposed herself to possible physical harm and threats. [REDACTED] was even threatened by the suspect after she provided information to the case agent. As a Native American, [REDACTED] faces possible repercussions from other tribal members. It is very unusual for a Native American to assist in an investigation involving other tribal members and items possibly used for religious purposes, such as grizzly bear parts. The reward amount of \$4,000 is just compensation for providing evidence and assistance to the investigators. Reward posters offering a reward of \$4,000 had previously been distributed throughout the Blackfeet Nation asking for information leading to the identification and prosecution of the person involved in the killing of this grizzly bear.

The authority for issuing the reward:

Endangered Species Act, Title 16 United States Code Section 1540(e)(3). The reward is payable from the Law Enforcement Reward Account.

Justification statement:

Prior to [REDACTED] initial contact with law enforcement officers, there were no leads in this investigation. Most investigations involving grizzly bears that are just found dead remain unsolved and are closed without any suspect ever being identified. As a result of [REDACTED] information, including identifying the suspect, the suspect was interviewed and eventually admitted to killing the grizzly bear. The suspect pled guilty to two counts of violation of the Endangered Species Act. He was sentenced to a \$500 fine and three years of probation. During the term of probation, the suspect is also not allowed to hunt.

[REDACTED] was the only person to come forward during this investigation, even though several other tribal members had knowledge of the illegal killing of the grizzly bear. Throughout the

investigation, [REDACTED] willingly met with investigators and provided them information critical to the investigation, including completing an affidavit. If [REDACTED] had not come forward, the investigation may never have reached a successful conclusion. Even though [REDACTED] realized her cooperation may become public, she still came forward and cooperated with the investigators "because it is the right thing to do" and she was willing to testify on behalf of the government. [REDACTED] displayed much concern and genuine interest in conserving this species for future generations to come. Her assistance, tenacity and dedication never faltered, and she displayed great pride as a Native American in preserving the grizzly bear for a cause much greater than herself.

In order to complete the mission and purpose of the USFWS, Office of Law Enforcement, it is extremely important and critical to provide a monetary reward to the individuals who come forward and provide information to investigators. This is especially true for individuals like [REDACTED] that have a much closer relationship to our natural resources and have a much larger stake in the fight for conservation. It is very significant that a Blackfeet Tribal member came forward and provided information pertinent to a criminal investigation. It is hoped that the payment of the reward in this investigation will lead other tribal members to come forward with information relevant in criminal investigations.

Number of subjects involved and names:

One subject: [REDACTED]

The number of subjects charged, the nature of those charges, and the results of any prosecutions:

On May 17, 2011, [REDACTED] pled guilty to two counts of violation of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1538(a)(1)(G) and 50 CFR 17.40(b)(i)(B)). He was sentenced to a fine of \$500, three years of probation, including a condition that he not hunt during the term of his probation.

The total fines, jail terms, civil penalties, and forfeitures of property obtained in the case:

Due to the indigent nature of the suspect, a \$500 fine was assessed.

If all prosecutions have not been completed, a statement justifying payment of the reward before completion of pending prosecutions:

All prosecutions in this investigation have been completed.

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.

The total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in this case, along with the total amount of compensation the individual has been paid within the last fiscal year for any case:

[REDACTED] has received no monetary compensation for her assistance.

The name of the person who will receive the reward:

[REDACTED]

Circumstances, if any, requiring special check issuance procedures:

There are no special check issuance procedures SA [REDACTED] is aware of.

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

How to issue the check:

Make check payable to the name of the reward recipient, [REDACTED]

Where should the check be mailed:

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

Special Agent
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
920 Bootlegger Trail
Great Falls, MT 59404

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

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

Upon receipt of the check, SA [REDACTED] will deliver the check to [REDACTED] in person. SA [REDACTED] will insure the procedures set forth in 450 FW 2 are followed regarding the payment of this reward.

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



\$4,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION

Up to \$4,000 offered for information leading to the identification and prosecution of the person or persons involved in the killing of grizzly bears in Montana.

On October 1, 2009, a grizzly bear was found dead near Marias Pass in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. The bear's claws had been removed.

On October 18, 2009, a grizzly bear was found dead on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation near Badger Creek. The bear's claws had been removed.

Individuals with information they believe may be helpful should contact one of the following:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Great Falls, MT at 406-761-2286

Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department at 406-338-7207

TIP-MONT at 1-800-847-6668

Killing a grizzly bear is a violation of the Endangered Species Act, Title 16 United States Code 1538, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 17 and may result in criminal penalties of up to \$25,000 and/or six(6) months in jail or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**



Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 20 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R-4
FWS/Office of Law Enforcement
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30345

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

/s/

William C. Woody

Cc: Surname

FWS/OLE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) /20/11



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 20 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$2,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R-4
FWS/Office of Law Enforcement
1875 Century Boulevard
Atlanta, GA 30345

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

for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
William C. Woody

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Region: Region 4

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,000. A reward payment in this amount would be fair compensation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above investigation. This case was initiated as a direct result of information provided by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided key information to initiate the investigation and assisted by introducing an undercover covert officer. The covert officer was able to substantiate the information. When confronted by the Service the subject confessed and eventually plead guilty to one ESA and one Lacey Act charge.

On January 19, 2011, the subject pleaded guilty to one ESA and one Lacey Act charge. The subject was sentenced to 12 month probation. (Judgment Attached)

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward from the Lacey Act Reward Account on an ESA and Lacey Act offence guilty plea. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:

Concur:

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

L. J. ASHLEY

7/12/11
Date

Concur:

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

Deputy AS/OLE

7/19/11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement
1875 CENTURY BOULEVARD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30345



In Reply Refer To:

FWS/LE INV

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

July 12, 2011

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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

From:

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

Acting Special

n 4

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

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

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

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

Amount of Reward: \$2,000

Prior Compensation: NONE

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification:

At the time of the investigation, Mr. [REDACTED] was employed by Jorge L. [REDACTED] and lived in close proximity to [REDACTED] provided key information to the investigation and introduced covert officer, Ranger [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Department of Environmental and Natural Resources to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was involved in the illegal possession and sale of sea turtle meat. [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was looking for someone to install an illegal cable box. [REDACTED] offered to introduce Ranger [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] by telling [REDACTED] that Ranger [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED]. After [REDACTED] introduced Ranger [REDACTED]

Concurrence:

[REDACTED]

SAC/ Branch of Investigations

Approved:

[REDACTED]

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

[REDACTED]

Budget Officer

7/12/11
Date

7/17/11
Date

7/20/11
Date

Attachments:

[REDACTED] Judgment



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement
1875 CENTURY BOULEVARD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30345



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV 2007402536

July 12, 2011

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

From: Luis Santiago, Acting Special Agent in Charge Division 4

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),
(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

Amount of Reward: \$2,000

Prior Compensation: NONE

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification:

At the time of the investigation, [REDACTED] was employed by [REDACTED] and lived in close proximity to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided key information to the investigation and introduced covert officer, Ranger [REDACTED] of the Puerto Rico Department of Environmental and Natural Resources to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was involved in the illegal possession and sale of sea turtle meat. [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was looking for someone to install an illegal cable box. [REDACTED] offered to introduce Ranger [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] by telling [REDACTED] that Ranger Calderin was a cable technician, who installs megacable boxes for a fee. After [REDACTED] introduced Ranger [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was hired by [REDACTED] for the installation of an illegal cable box in [REDACTED] residence. With the authorization of Special Assistant United States Attorney Silvia Carreño, the illegal cable box was installed. Ranger [REDACTED] received a sample of seasoned Hawksbill sea turtle meat and recorded incriminating statements from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was found guilty of two (2) counts to an Information for violating the Lacey and Endangered Species Acts.

Concurrence:

[REDACTED]

7/12/11
Date

Acting
Approved:

[REDACTED]

7/17/11
Date

Processed:

[REDACTED]

7/20/11
Date

Budget Officer

Attachments:

[REDACTED] Judgment

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 20 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$3,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R-6
P.O. Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225-0486

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

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

 William C. Woody

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

Cc: Surname

FWS/OLE (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 20/11



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 20 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$3,000 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge – R-6
P.O. Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225-0486

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)

William C. Woody

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

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: Rhino Power
Region: Region 6

Summary: This reward request is for \$3,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided Service special agents with information on individuals who contacted (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) seeking to either purchase or sell rhinoceros horns. Specifically, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided information on (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). This information lead to a sale/bust and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were arrested for purchasing 4 rhinoceros horns.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) each plead guilty to one charge of Smuggling Goods from the United States (18 USC 554). Both were sentenced to serve 6 months in federal prison and 3 years probation. The horns and 12,850 Euro were forfeited to the government.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reviewed the accompanying Request for Payment of Reward and determined payment is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. The requested amount for the reward is \$3,000.00. This amount would be equitable compensation for Powers efforts and assistance. Powers involvement in the investigation was purely voluntary.

Reviewer:
Concur:

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

7-18-11
Date

Concur:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Deputy Chief/ALL

7-19-11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mountain-Prairie Region
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:

Post Office Box 25486

Denver Federal Center

Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:

134 Union Blvd., Suite 550

Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

July 11, 2011

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

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

Address:

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

Occupation:

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

Employer: Self

Cooperating Private Individual (CPI) Number:

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

INV Number and Title: #

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

RHINO POWER

Amount of Reward: \$3,000.00

Prior Compensation: POI - \$800.00 (10/28/2010)

Statute: Endangered Species Act

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: Please see attachment: Justification

Concurrence:

S

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

7-18-2011
Date

Approved:

Acting

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

7/19/11
Date

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

7/20/2011
Date

Attachments:

1. Justification (2 pages)

JUSTIFICATION

On August 20, 2010, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] a Cooperating

DN-4065 showed SA [REDACTED] emails that had been sent from a man who identified himself as [REDACTED] stated he was from Ireland. The emails from [REDACTED] discussed [REDACTED] desire to locate and purchase rhinoceros heads and horns from DN-

SA [REDACTED] in an undercover capacity, introduced himself to [REDACTED] via email, and began a dialogue with [REDACTED] to sell rhino horns that SA [REDACTED] had in possession. After several email exchanges and telephone contacts [REDACTED] had two subjects, later identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] come to Colorado to personally meet with SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

On September 9, 2010, SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Colorado. The meeting entailed dialogue about the sale of rhino horns to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from SA [REDACTED]. Both subjects talked about ways of smuggling the rhinoceros horns from the United States to Ireland using shipping containers full of antique furniture. Their intentions were to hide the rhino horns inside a chest of drawers filled with little antiques and package the chest of drawers in a way that no one would find the horns. No transactions were conducted during this meeting.

SA [REDACTED] continued to stay in contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] via emails and telephone contacts. SA [REDACTED] sent photographs of rhinoceros horn he had available for sale. [REDACTED] continued to remain involved with the investigation as an advisor and facilitator of emails and telephone messages with the Irish subjects.

On November 13, 2010, SA [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] once again met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Colorado. The intention of this meeting was to sell four rhinoceros horns to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] produced the horns and [REDACTED] paid SA [REDACTED] 12,850 Euro for the horns (\$17,600.00 USD). Upon completion of the transaction, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left the residence and were arrested by agents and officers after entering into their rental vehicle. A search of the rental vehicle, after arrest, produced packaging material, boxes, and a chest of drawers, all believed were to be used in the smuggling of the rhino horns out of the U.S.

On November 29, 2010, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were indicted in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 371, Conspiracy, 18 U.S.C. §§ 554, 2, Smuggling Goods from the United States, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(2)(A), 2, Laundering of Monetary Instruments.

On May 3, 2011, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) both appeared in U.S. District Court, in Colorado, and each pleaded guilty to one charge of 18 U.S.C. 554, Smuggling Goods from the United States (predicate violation of federal law, the Endangered Species Act). Both (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were sentenced at this same time. Each subject to serve 6 months in federal prison and 3 years of probation. The rhinoceros horns and 12,850 Euro were forfeited to the government.

Through this investigation it became clear that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were a part of a larger group of Irish subjects involved with many different criminal activities and enterprises. The group known as the Rathkeale Rovers or Irish Travelers, has been associated with criminal activity inside the United States and worldwide. The group is well known for violence and strong-arming being associated with their criminal activity. The safety risk for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E) was, and continues to be, medium to high. Many of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) family members attended the court proceedings and showed signs of great disappointment and anger as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(F)

It is anticipated that the impact of this investigation will carry renewed deterrence in the commercialization of rhinoceros horn. The rhinoceros is under extreme pressures as the value of the horn has sky rocketed above that of the most illicit of illegal drugs. Rhinoceros poaching has increased severely as the horn value has increased and it is hopeful these types of investigations will lead to international deterrence.

The amount of the reward has been valued based on the extensive and valuable assistance provided by Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) the value of the wildlife involved in the investigation, and the money seized and forfeited by the unlawful commercialization of the rhino horn (\$17,600.00). Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) involvement in this investigation was purely voluntary and the danger that has been a part of this investigation should not go unnoticed.



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Mountain-Prairie Region
Office of Law Enforcement



MAILING ADDRESS:
Post Office Box 25486
Denver Federal Center
Denver, Colorado 80225-0486

STREET LOCATION:
134 Union Blvd., Suite 550
Lakewood, Colorado 80228-1807

July 11, 2011

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 6
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: Self

Cooperating Private Individual (CPI) Number: [REDACTED]

INV Number and Title: [REDACTED]

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

Amount of Reward: \$3,000.00

Prior Compensation: POI - \$800.00 (10/28/2010)

Statute: Endangered Species Act

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification: Please see attachment: Justification

JUSTIFICATION

On August 20, 2010, Special Agent (SA) Curtis Graves met with [REDACTED] throughout this investigation, who had information regarding the sale and purchase of rhinoceros horn. [REDACTED] stated that due to the nature of [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) he had been contacted by several different subjects who desired to sell and purchase rhino horn. The contacts were received by [REDACTED] in the form of emails and telephone messages.

[REDACTED] showed SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) emails that had been sent from a man who identified himself as [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) stated [REDACTED] The emails from [REDACTED] discussed [REDACTED] desire to locate and purchase rhinoceros heads and horns from [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E) to [REDACTED], via email, and began a dialogue with [REDACTED] to sell rhino horns that SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) had in possession. After several email exchanges and telephone contacts [REDACTED] had two subjects, later identified as [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and [REDACTED] come to Colorado to personally meet with SA [REDACTED]

On September 9, 2010, SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] residence in [REDACTED] The meeting entailed dialogue about the sale of rhino horns to [REDACTED] from SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Both subjects talked about ways of smuggling the rhinoceros horns from the United States to Ireland using shipping containers full of antique furniture. Their intentions were to hide the rhino horns inside a chest of drawers filled with little antiques and package the chest of drawers in a way that no one would find the horns. No transactions were conducted during this meeting.

SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) continued to stay in contact with [REDACTED] via emails and telephone contacts. SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) sent photographs of rhinoceros horn he had available for sale [REDACTED] continued to remain involved with the investigation as an advisor and facilitator of emails and telephone messages with the [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F)

On November 13, 2010, SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and [REDACTED] once again met with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] The intention of this meeting was to sell four rhinoceros horns to [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) produced the horns and [REDACTED] paid SA [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 12,850 Euro for the horns (\$17,600.00 USD). Upon completion of the transaction, [REDACTED] left the residence and were arrested by agents and officers after entering into their rental vehicle. A search of the rental vehicle, after arrest, produced packaging material, boxes, and a chest of drawers, all believed were to be used in the smuggling of the rhino horns out of the U.S. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

On November 29, 2010, [REDACTED] were indicted in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 371, Conspiracy, 18 U.S.C. §§ 554, 2, Smuggling Goods from the United States, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(2)(A), 2, Laundering of Monetary Instruments.

On May 3, 2011, [REDACTED] both appeared in U.S. District Court, in Colorado, and each pleaded guilty to one charge of 18 U.S.C. 554, Smuggling Goods from the United States (predicate violation of federal law, the Endangered Species Act). Both [REDACTED] were sentenced at this same time. Each subject to serve 6 months in federal prison and 3 years of probation. The rhinoceros horns and 12,850 Euro were forfeited to the government.

Through this investigation it became clear that [REDACTED] were a part of a larger group of Irish subjects involved with many different criminal activities and enterprises. The group known as the [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been associated with criminal activity inside the United States and worldwide. The group is well known for violence and strong-arming being associated with their criminal activity. The safety risk for [REDACTED] was, and continues to be, medium to high. Many of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] family members attended the court proceedings and showed signs of great disappointment and anger as the sentences were given. These family members are able to frequent the United States and [REDACTED] is under constant vigil to make sure he is safe from any repercussions that may come from the family members.

It is anticipated that the impact of this investigation will carry renewed deterrence in the commercialization of rhinoceros horn. The rhinoceros is under extreme pressures as the value of the horn has sky rocketed above that of the most illicit of illegal drugs. Rhinoceros poaching has increased severely as the horn value has increased and it is hopeful these types of investigations will lead to international deterrence.

The amount of the reward has been valued based on the extensive and valuable assistance provided by [REDACTED], the value of the wildlife involved in the investigation, and the money seized and forfeited by the unlawful commercialization of the rhino horn (\$17,600.00). [REDACTED] involvement in this investigation was purely voluntary and the danger that has been a part of this investigation should not go unnoticed.

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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

William C. Woody

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

cc:

FWS/LE:

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

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

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

/12/11:INV

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

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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

William C. Woody

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

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

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

FWS/LE:MFord: 9/12/11:INV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)



United States Department of the Interior

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



SEP 14 2011

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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

for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
William C. Woody

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



United States Department of the Interior
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

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

INV Number and Title:

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

. ET AL. - LACEY ACT

Amount of Reward: \$2500

Prior Compensation: \$0

Statute: LAC

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification:

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

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) hunted and killed brown bears on the Alaska Peninsula for three consecutive years. The area (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) hunted, Unit 9E, was restricted to one bear every four years for nonresidents (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) first hunted in Unit 9E in 2007. In 2008, and then again in 2009, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) returned to Alaska and hunted brown bears in Game Management Unit 9E using the name and date of birth of another person. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) used the assumed identity to purchase fraudulent nonresident Alaska hunting licenses and contract guided hunts.

Alaska's hunting Unit 9E, has a restriction which only allows nonresident hunters to be eligible to obtain a brown bear permit every four years. The State of Alaska has determined this regulation is necessary to sustain a healthy population by preventing the over harvest of the brown bear species in this particular area of the state.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

owner of D&C Expeditors, provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted in the shipment and tracking of the 2009 bear rug from his company's Anchorage office to the Butte, Montana office where the taxidermy is performed and then assured delivery to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has helped and is still helping Service special agents on many cases, not just the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) case. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

On August 11, 2011 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty to one felony count of violating the Lacey Act and one felony count of Identity Theft in connection with the two illegal Alaska brown bear hunts. The Judge sentenced (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to pay a \$50,000 fine to the Lacey Act reward account, \$15,150 restitution to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) \$1300 restitution to the State of Alaska, 3 years probation with no hunting anywhere, forfeiture of the .416 Ruger rifle and the 2009 bear, and submit to a mental health evaluation.

Although there have been no threats directed at (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) at this time, he owns a business which is supported by the hunting community. His assistance with a Service investigation could adversely affect future business. He was not promised or offered any compensation and no reward for information was advertised. His willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded. The amount of the requested reward was based on the valuable evidence, cooperation, and participation given during the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) case and the fact that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has also been helpful in previous cases and continues to work with Service special agents to this day. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

7/6/11

Date

9/6/11

Date

9/12/2011

Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward

Case Number:

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

Case Title:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) et al – Lacey Act

Region:

Region 2

Summary: There are two (2) reward requests both for \$2,500 for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) Mr.

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

and Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) was as an (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

The requested reward payments would be equitable compensation for their efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. As a direct result of information they provided, the subject in this investigation was identified and convicted in federal court.

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

assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation.

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

was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) of

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

provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (AKA

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

assisted in the shipment and tracking of the 2009 bear rug from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)

Anchorage office to the Butte, Montana office where the taxidermy is performed and then assured delivery to

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence in Florida.

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

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

assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation.

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

was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

administrative assistant for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to

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

had also kept detailed notes of her interactions with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (AKA

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

and shar (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Information supplied by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was also a key part in obtaining a search warrant for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

residence. When the US Magistrate in Florida requested fresh information before

issuing a search warrant, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) gladly cooperated with Service special agents and placed a recorded phone call to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). During this phone call (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtained the information Service special agents needed.

On August 11, 2011 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty to one felony count of violating the Lacey Act and one felony count of Identity Theft in connection with the two illegal Alaska brown bear hunts. The Judge sentenced (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to pay a \$50,000 fine to the Lacey Act reward account, \$15,150 restitution to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) \$1300 restitution to the State of Alaska, 3 year's probation with no hunting anywhere, forfeiture of the .416 Ruger rifle and the 2009 bear, and submit to a mental health evaluation.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

9-6-11
Date

Concur:

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

Deputy Chief/OLE

9-6-11
Date



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

SEP 14 2011

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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-7
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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)
William C. Woody

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



United States Department of the Interior
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Office of Law Enforcement
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G-57
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

Acting

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

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

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

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

INV Number and Title:

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

ET AL. – LACEY ACT

Amount of Reward: \$2500

Prior Compensation: \$0

Statute: LAC

Reward Account: Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification:

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunted and killed brown bears on the Alaska Peninsula for three consecutive years. The area (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) hunted, Unit 9E, was restricted to one bear every four years for nonresidents. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) first hunted in Unit 9E in 2007. In 2008, and then again in 2009, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) returned to Alaska and hunted brown bears in Game Management Unit 9E using the name and date of birth of another person. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) used the assumed identity to purchase fraudulent nonresident Alaska hunting licenses and contract guided hunts.

Alaska's hunting Unit 9E, has a restriction which only allows nonresident hunters to be eligible to obtain a brown bear permit every four years. The State of Alaska has determined this regulation is necessary to sustain a healthy population by preventing the over harvest of the brown bear species in this particular area of the state.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(F) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) administrative assistant for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had also kept detailed notes of her interactions with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and shared them with Service special agents.

Information supplied by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was also a key part in obtaining a search warrant for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence. When the US Magistrate in Florida requested fresh information before issuing a search warrant (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) gladly cooperated with Service special agents and placed a recorded phone call to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). During this phone call (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtained the information Service special agents needed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has helped and is still helping Service special agents on many cases, not just the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) case.

On August 11, 2011, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty to one felony count of violating the Lacey Act and one felony count of Identity Theft in connection with the two illegal Alaska brown bear hunts. The Judge sentenced (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to pay a \$50,000 fine to the Lacey Act reward account, \$15,150 restitution to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) \$1300 restitution to the State of Alaska, 3 years probation with no hunting anywhere, forfeiture of the .416 Ruger rifle and the 2009 bear, and submit to a mental health evaluation.

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) Her willingness to promptly and unselfishly report and provide accurate information to assist this investigation should be rewarded. The amount of the requested reward was based on the valuable evidence, cooperation, and participation given during the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) case and the fact that (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has also been helpful in previous cases and continues to work with Service special agents to this day. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Concurrence:

Approved:

Acting

Processed:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Budget Officer

9-6-11

Date

9-6-11

Date

9-12-2011

Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) et al – Lacey Act
Region: Region 2

Summary: There are two (2) reward requests both for \$2,500 for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D)

The requested reward payments would be equitable compensation for their efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. As a direct result of information they provided, the subject in this investigation was identified and convicted in federal court.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) AKA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted in the shipment and tracking of the 2009 bear rug from his company's Anchorage office to the Butte, Montana office where the taxidermy is performed and then assured delivery to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence in Florida.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) assisted Service special agents on multiple occasions throughout this investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was using (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) to perform the taxidermy on his hunted bears. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided the company records and the complete file pertaining to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had also kept detailed notes of her interactions with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) AKA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and shared them with Service special agents.

Information supplied by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) was also a key part in obtaining a search warrant for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence. When the US Magistrate in Florida requested fresh information before issuing a search warrant, Nordstrom gladly cooperated with Service special agents and placed a recorded phone call to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) During this phone call Nordstrom obtained the information Service special agents needed.

On August 11, 2011, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty to one felony count of violating the Lacey Act and one felony count of Identity Theft in connection with the two illegal Alaska brown bear hunts. The Judge sentenced (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to pay a \$50,000 fine to the Lacey Act reward account, \$15,150 restitution to Cabelas, \$1300 restitution to the State of Alaska, 3 year's probation with no hunting anywhere, forfeiture of the .416 Ruger rifle and the 2009 bear, and submit to a mental health evaluation.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:
Concur:

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

9-6-11
Date

Concur:

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

9-6-11
Date



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office Of Law Enforcement
16639 West Hardy Road
Houston, Texas 77060
(281) 876-1520



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

10/11/11

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

N/A

INV Number and Title:

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

Amount of Reward:

\$2,500

Prior Compensation:

0

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification:

Concurrence:

Acting
Approved:

Processed:

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

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

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

Budget Officer

11/23/11
Date

11/29/11
Date

12/1/2011
Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Region: Region 2

Summary: There is one (1) reward request (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) made the initial complaint to the FWS after realizing they were violating federal and state law by killing migratory birds at his employer's aquaculture facility. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) provided detailed maps showing where evidence could be located; provided information on guard dogs to ensure the safety of investigating agents; and continued to provide agents with information throughout the investigation.

This requested reward payment would be equitable compensation (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation. As a direct result of information they provided, the subjects in this investigation were identified and convicted in federal court.

There were two (2) defendants in this investigation.

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

- Found guilty of 16 USC 703 – Taking Migratory Birds
- Found guilty of 16 USC 703 – Taking Migratory Birds

They were both sentenced to 18 months' probation. They were both ordered to pay a combined \$10,000 fine and a \$40,000 community service payment.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:
Concur:

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

SAC/INV

11/23/11
Date

Concur:

Deputy Chief/OLE

Date

JUSTIFICATION FOR REWARD

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

None

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

None

Justification Statement

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

Summary of Investigation

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

INV. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) uncovered an egregious take of Brown Pelicans and other migratory birds in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The target of this investigation was a commercial fish farm located in Matagorda County, Texas.

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

Individual Involvement:

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

Significance of

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

Involvement:

Without (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D) assistance, the Service would not have known of the violations which may have continued for years without detection.

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

Subjects Involved and Number Charged and Nature of Charges and (d):

There were two defendants in this case (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) Both were charged with one misdemeanor count of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; to wit, killing approximately 90 brown pelicans.

Result of Prosecution

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) On August 10, 2011, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) were each found guilty as charged by a jury of their peers.

Total Monetary Penalties as Part of Convictions:

On November 8, 2011, Federal District Judge John Rainey ordered [redacted] and [redacted] to pay a combined \$10,000 fine and a \$40,000 community service payment.

Total Jail Term: Both the Company and [redacted] were placed on probation for 18 months.

Property Forfeited: None

Prosecution Status: Completed

Safety Risk to [redacted]

There were no threats of violence made against [redacted]

Impact of Illicit Activities to the Resource 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(f):

This investigation documented the unlawful take of approximately 90 Brown Pelicans and many other species of migratory birds, to include osprey, willet, scaup, terns, herons, egrets and turkey vultures.

For purposes of proposing a settlement prior to trial, Agent [redacted] requested that the FWS Region 2 Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) personnel estimate the number of birds killed by [redacted] in a five year period; based on the number of bird carcasses found and the limited search, NRDA Coordinator [redacted] estimates that approximately 1,400 migratory birds may have been killed.

How Amount of Reward was Chosen 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(g):

The amount was derived from consideration of [redacted] monetary situation. [redacted] will be released from incarceration on January 10, 2012, and will be unemployed. Prior to his assistance to the Service [redacted] considered returning to [redacted] for employment upon release. His monthly pay would have been approximately \$2,500. Therefore, this amount represents lost wages as he obviously will not be able to return to [redacted] due to his assistance with this investigation.

In addition, this amount would serve as a thank you for his information and as an enticement to continue working for the Office of Law Enforcement as a Cooperating Private Individual (CPI). [redacted] has expressed an interest in being signed up as a CPI when he is released.

Circumstances Requiring the Issuance of a Special Check 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(h):

None



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office Of Law Enforcement
16639 West Hardy Road
Houston, Texas 77060
(281) 876-1520



In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

10/11/11

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval for payment of a reward.

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

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

Amount of Reward: \$2,500

Prior Compensation: 0

Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / MBTA / RTCA / WBCA

Reward Account: (circle one) Law Enforcement Reward Account or WO Special Funds Account

Justification:

Concurrence:

Acting
Approved:

Processed:

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

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

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

Budget Officer

11/23/11

Date

11/29/11

Date

12/1/2011

Date

JUSTIFICATION FOR REWARD

Relationship with Service Officer 450 FW 2.7B(2)

None

450 FW 2.7B(3)

None

Justification Statement 450 FW 2.7(B)(8):

Summary of Investigation 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(a):

INV (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F) [REDACTED] uncovered an egregious take of Brown Pelicans and other migratory birds in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The target of this investigation was a commercial fish farm located in [REDACTED]

Individual Involvement:

[REDACTED] made the initial complaint to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after realizing his previous employer was violating federal and state law by killing migratory birds.

Upon request, [REDACTED] provided a FWS Special Agent with a very accurate hand drawn map of areas where the evidence of the illegal take would be found. In addition, he ensured the Agent's safety by advising him of potentially dangerous dogs that patrol the property. During subsequent phone calls and interviews, [REDACTED] provided the Agent with other pertinent details that proved to be relevant to the investigation.

Significance of [REDACTED] Involvement:

Without [REDACTED] assistance, the Service would not have known of the violations which may have continued for years without detection.

Subjects Involved and Number Charged and Nature of Charges 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(b), (c) and (d):

There were two defendants in this case, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Both were charged with one misdemeanor count of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; to wit, killing approximately 90 brown pelicans.

Result of Prosecution

On August 10, 2011, [REDACTED] were each found guilty as charged by a jury of their peers.

Total Monetary Penalties as Part of Convictions:

On November 8, 2011, Federal District Judge John Rainey ordered [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to pay a combined \$10,000 fine and a \$40,000 community service payment.

Total Jail Term: Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were placed on probation for 18 months.

Property Forfeited: None

Prosecution Status: Completed

Safety Risk to [REDACTED] 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(e):

There were no threats of violence made against [REDACTED]

Impact of Illicit Activities to the Resource 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(f):

This investigation documented the unlawful take of approximately 90 Brown Pelicans and many other species of migratory birds, to include osprey, willet, scaup, terns, herons, egrets and turkey vultures.

For purposes of proposing a settlement prior to trial, Agent Stinebaugh requested that the FWS Region 2 Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) personnel estimate the number of birds killed by [REDACTED] in a five year period; based on the number of bird carcasses found and the limited search, NRDA Coordinator [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) estimates that approximately 1,400 migratory birds may have been killed.

How Amount of Reward was Chosen 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(g):

The amount was derived from consideration of [REDACTED] monetary situation. [REDACTED] will be released from incarceration on January 10, 2012, and will be unemployed. Prior to his assistance to the Service, [REDACTED] considered returning to [REDACTED] for employment upon release. His monthly pay would have been approximately \$2,500. Therefore, this amount represents lost wages as he obviously will not be able to return to [REDACTED] due to his assistance with this investigation.

In addition, this amount would serve as a thank you for his information and as an enticement to continue working for the Office of Law Enforcement as a Cooperating Private Individual (CPI). [REDACTED] has expressed an interest in being signed up as a CPI when he is released.

Circumstances Requiring the Issuance of a Special Check 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(h):

None