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Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

William C. Woody

cc: Surname
FWS/LE

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Office of Law Enforcement
16639 West Hardy Road
Houston, Texas
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To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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4-3-13

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
Amount of Reward
Prior Compensation

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

\$1,000.00

None

Statute: (circle one) AIECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEPA / ESA / LAC / MMPA / NRL / RTCA / WBCA

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

Justification: This proposed monetary award is justified by the courage and sacrifice Grace made to make this trial a success

Concurrence:

Acting

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4/8/2013
Date

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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

4/8/13
Date

Processed:

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Budget Officer

4/9/2013
Date

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Exhibit 1

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REWARD

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Relationship with Service Officer 450 FW 2.7B(2)

None

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Permanent CPI Number

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

None

Justification Statement 450 FW 2.7(B)(8)

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

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Individual Involvement:

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

- Result of Prosecution: Guilty. Three years supervised probation, including Anger Management course at the defendant's expense.
- Total Monetary Penalties as Part of Convictions: \$15,000 fine.
- Total Jail Term: None.
- Property Forfeited: None
- Prosecution Status: Completed

Safety Risk to

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

450 FW 2.7(B)(8)(e)

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

The impact was the loss of a bald eagle raised in the wild that would have been a key to the continued future recovery of the species.

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

The amount of the Reward chosen is indicative of similar past investigations.

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

None



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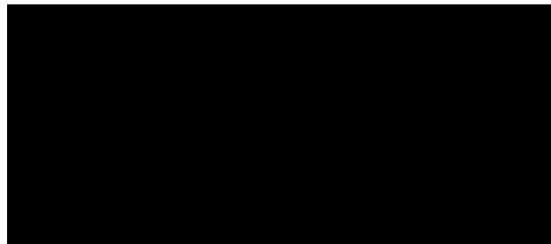


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Statute: (circle one) AECA / AHA / ARPA / BGEP / ESA / LAC / MMPA / (MIBT) / RTCA / WBCA

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Concurrence:

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SAC, Branch of Investigations

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Approved:

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

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Processed:

Budget Officer

4/8/2013
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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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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)

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

Individual Involvement:

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- Property Forfeited: None
- Prosecution Status: Completed

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

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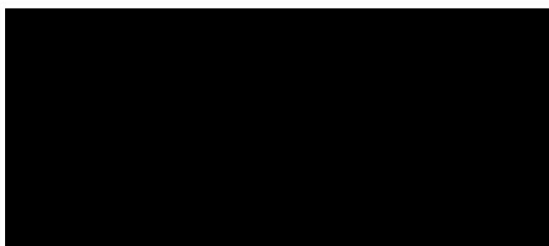
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None

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cc: Surname
FWS/LE

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cc: Surname
FWS/LE

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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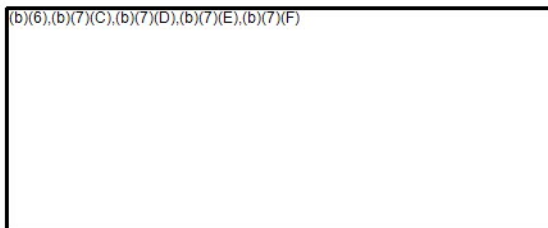
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
4-22-13

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

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

Amount of Reward: \$1,000.00

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: Attached

Concurrent

Approved:

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

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Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

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These advertisements were very instrumental in confirming the buck deer which was previously in the State of Indiana had been relocated to the State of Texas. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was also able to provide the identity of a photographer who photographed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) in Indiana prior to transport to Texas. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also named an additional witness whom (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) had admitted that the buck deer he (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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

Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) took off work on two separate occasions to meet with investigators to pass on newly discovered details which warranted further investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also made himself available to investigators for numerous phone discussions

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

- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

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

Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

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

One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

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

Sentenced to 2 years probation, \$243,000.00 total fine and \$157,000.00 total restitution; and

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

Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

(e) No significant safety risk was posed to

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

(f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease (CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.

(g) The amount of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by

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

during this investigation.

(h) No special circumstance requires the issuance of a special check.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

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

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided critical evidence to agents which linked the purchase of a deer from Indiana which was subsequently illegally transported to Texas. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) obtained information which showed the name of the deer had been changed so it couldn't be linked back to Indiana. This information was obtained through (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) knowledge of previous advertisements and providing the name of the photographer who photographed the deer while it was in Indiana.

The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$1,000 is recommended.

Reviewer: _____

SSA

Date

Concur: _____

5/8/13

Date

Concur: _____

Deputy Chief/OLE

Date

Concur: _____

Chief/OLE

Date



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Office of Law Enforcement
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Arlington, VA 22203



MAY 15 2013

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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
ASAC - (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) R-2
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
500 Gold Ave. SW Room 9021
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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)

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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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)

4-22-13

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval of 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)

OPERATION SILVER BOY

Amount of Reward: \$2,500.00

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: Attached

Concurrence:

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

per SAC Branch of Investigations

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

5/6/13

5/10/13

5/10/13

Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

As a result of Mr. [REDACTED] having the initiative to approach an investigator at a public assembly to convey some concerns about apparent illegal activity involving the deer breeding industry in Texas, multiple violations of the Lacey Act were identified. Furthermore, this information helped progress with an ongoing investigation of illegal wildlife trafficking which occurred over approximately a three year period.

Prior to the investigation [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] made himself available on multiple occasions to meet with investigators to pass on information and evidence which proved invaluable in leading to the convictions on this case.

Mr. [REDACTED] also made himself available to investigators for numerous phone discussions to answer follow up questions that arose while working the case.

- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) [REDACTED] Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

[REDACTED] Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

[REDACTED] One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) [REDACTED] Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

\$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,000 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

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

Sentenced to 2 years probation, \$243,000.00 total fine and \$157,000.00 total restitution; and

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

Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

(e) No significant safety risk was posed to

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

(f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease (CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.

(g) The amount of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by

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

during this investigation.

(h) No special circumstance requires the issuance of a special check.

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: Operation Silver Boy

Region: Region 2

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

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,500. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for [redacted] efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) [redacted] was the initial complainant and helped initiate the investigation. [redacted] had visited the subject's deer breeding facility and pieced together the information that the subject had illegally imported the deer into Texas. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E) [redacted]

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

The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$2,500 is recommended.

Reviewer:

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

Concur:

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

Concur:

Deputy Chief/OLE [redacted]

Concur:

Chief/OLE [redacted]

Date

5/8/13

Date

5/19/13

Date

Date



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MAY 15 2013

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement


SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$1,000.00 reward to (b)(6);(b)(7)(C);(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:

ASAC (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) R-2
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
500 Gold Ave. SW Room 9021
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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)



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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)
4-22-13

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

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

Self

INV Number and Title:

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

OPERATION SILVER BOY

Amount of Reward: \$1,000.00

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: Attached

Concurrence:

Acting

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

Approved:

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

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

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



Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) made himself available to investigators for numerous phone discussions.

Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) took a risk of being exposed as an informant on this case which could present significant threat to his acceptance in the tight knit deer breeder business.

- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 2 years probation, \$243,000.00 total fine and \$157,000.00 total restitution; and

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C): Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

- (e) No significant safety risk was posed to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

- (f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease

(CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.

- (g) The amount of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by Wilhelm during this investigation.
- (h) No special circumstances require the issuance of a special check.

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: Operation Silver Boy
Region: Region 2

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

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

The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects, two of which were in contact with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$1,000 is recommended.

Reviewer:

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

Concur:

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

Concur:

Deputy Chief/OLE

Concur:

Chief/OLE

Date

5/8/13

Date

5/10/13

Date

Date



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MAY 15 2013

Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

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

ASAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) R-2
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
500 Gold Ave. SW Room 9021
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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

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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)
4-22-13

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

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

(b)(7)(D)

Amount of Reward: \$1,000.00

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: Attached

Concurrence

See

Approved:

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

5/8/13

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5/10/13

Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

(b)(7)(D)

- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

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

Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

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

One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

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

Sentenced to 2 years probation, \$243,000.00 total fine and \$157,000.00 total restitution; and

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

Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

(e) No significant safety risk was posed to

(b)(7)(D)

(f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease (CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.

(g) ~~The amount~~ of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by (b)(7)(D) during this investigation.

(h) No special circumstance requires the issuance of a special check.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2009205371
Case Title: Operation Silver Boy
Region: Region 2

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(7)(D) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

(b)(7)(D)

The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$1,000 is recommended.

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

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

Concur: Deputy Chief/OLE

Concur: Chief/OLE

Date

5/8/13
Date

Date

Date



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MAY 15 2013

Reply Refer To:
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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

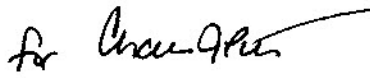
SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

ASAC - (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) R-2
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
500 Gold Ave. SW Room 9021
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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

for 
William C. Woody

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From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 2
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

4-22-13

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

Name of recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

Amount of Reward: \$2,500.00

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: Attached

(b)(7)(D)

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

Concurrence

per

Approved:

Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

Date

Date

5/6/13

5/10/13

5/10/13

Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

As a result of [REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) having the initiative to approach an investigator at a public assembly to convey some concerns about apparent illegal activity involving the deer breeding industry in Texas, multiple violations of the Lacey Act were identified. Furthermore, this information helped progress with an ongoing investigation of illegal wildlife trafficking which occurred over approximately a three year period.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)

- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

[REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

[REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) [REDACTED] (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

- (e) No significant safety risk was posed to (b)(7)(D)
- (f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease (CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.
- (g) The amount of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by Beck during this investigation.
- (h) No special circumstance requires the issuance of a special check.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2009205371
Case Title: Operation Silver Boy
Region: Region 2

Summary: This reward request is for \$2,500. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(7)(D) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

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

The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$2,500 is recommended.

Reviewer:

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

Concur:

Concur:

Concur:

Chief/OLE

Date

5/8/13

Date

5/10/13

Date

Date



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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

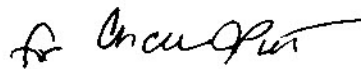
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Your assistance is appreciated. Please refer any questions you may have to the Administrative Officer, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (703-358-1949).


William C. Woody

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Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

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

4-22-13

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

Name of recipient:

(b)(7)(D)

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

INV Number and Title:

Amount of Reward: \$1,000.00

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: Attached

Concurrence

Acting

SAC Branch of Investigations

Approved:

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Processed:

Budget Officer

Date

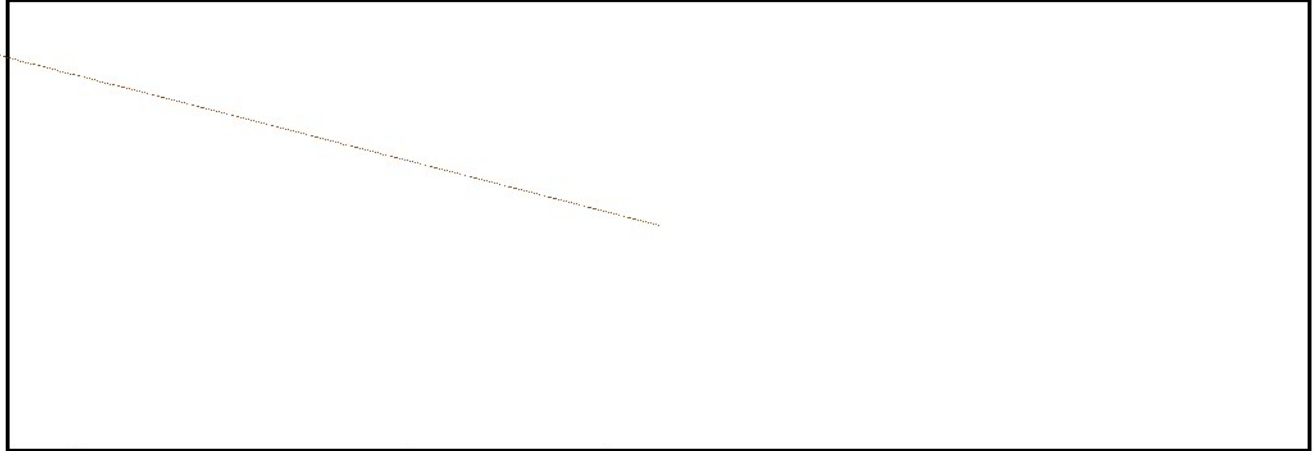
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Justification:

- (a) This investigation involved the illegal transportation of white-tailed deer into the state of Texas from various breeders throughout the United States. Numerous breeder bucks and does were illegally imported for the purpose of supplementing an established captive deer breeding operation. These imports were done without veterinary inspections as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as without authorization from the state of Texas.

(b)(7)(D)



- (b) Six (6) subjects were involved with the investigation.

- (c) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Four (4) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law and two (2) counts for violation of 18 USC § 1001 False Statements

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Three (3) counts for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Transportation of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law; and

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) One (1) count for violation of 16 USC § 3372(a)(2)(A) Acquisition of Wildlife in Interstate Commerce in Violation of State Law.

- (d) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation to include 180 days home confinement, \$1,000,000.00 total fine and \$500,00.00 total restitution and forfeiture of over 1,300 straws of frozen white-tailed deer semen valued at approximately \$961,500.00.; and

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 2 years probation, \$243,000.00 total fine and \$157,000.00 total restitution; and

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Sentenced to 3 years probation, \$6,000.00 total fine and \$24,000.00 total restitution.

- (e) No significant safety risk was posed to (b)(7)(D)

- (f) The potential impact to the resource in this investigation was related to chronic wasting disease

(CWD) and its potential to be introduced into the native population of Texas white-tailed deer.

(g) The amount of this reward was chosen based on the time expended and assistance provided by during this investigation.

(h) No special circumstances require the issuance of a special check.

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2009205371
Case Title: Operation Silver Boy
Region: Region 2

Summary: This reward request is for \$1,000. A reward payment in this amount would be equitable compensation for (b)(7)(D) efforts and assistance in the above named investigation.

The investigation involves the unlawful interstate transport of whitetail deer into Texas without the required Department of Agriculture and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife permits.

(b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D) The fine amounts associated with the prosecution of the case subjects, two of which were in contact with (b)(7)(D) were tremendous and exceeded \$1,000,000.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The reward amount of \$1,000 is recommended.

Reviewer:

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

Concur:

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

Concur:

Concur:

Chief/OLE

Date

5/8/13

Date

5/10/13

Date

Date



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Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 18 2013

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 payment of an \$7,000.00 reward for an individual who provided crucial information resulting in saving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service thousands of dollars and investigator hours. Without the individual's cooperation, knowledge, and commitment, the investigation would not have been successful. To minimize the risk of the community learning the individual's name and due to the sensitivity of the case, I am authorizing that a check be issued in the name of the case agent, [REDACTED] for the amount specified. Upon receipt, Agent [REDACTED] will hand-deliver the reward payment to the informant. The check is to be forwarded to:

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

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

SA – [REDACTED] R-1
UFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
14852 NE 95th
Redmond, WA 98052

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

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

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

for

William C. Woody

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

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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) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
Case Title: Asian Elephant Tusk and QT Aquarium
Region: Region 1

Summary: This reward request is for \$7,000. The proposed recipient of the reward, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has assisted the Office of Law Enforcement as a Cooperative Private Individual (CPI) in two (2) investigations. Both of the investigations involved the commercialization of an endangered species specifically, Asian arowana. Over a two-year period, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) worked tirelessly and was able to purchase two (2) Asian arowanas and had offers to purchase nine (9) additional Asian arowanas, all in violation of federal law. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was a Vietnamese citizen, fluent in Vietnamese language/customs and therefore invaluable in assisting with the investigation by infiltrating the Vietnamese community who were selling the Asian arowanas.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) required minimal management and was extremely professional during all phases of the investigation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was not promised any compensation for his work and assisted OLE as a matter of ethics and the want to protect the resource. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) agreed to stay in the U.S. to assist with the investigation and received a "deferred action" from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to remain in the U.S.

Three defendants pled guilty in the case.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) TO: 6 months home confinement, 100 hours community service, \$5,000 to Lacey Act reward account.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C): 3 months home confinement, forfeiture of over \$150,000 in assets, forfeited a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and equipment used in handling the Asian arowanas.

The region has requested the reward be issued out of the Law Enforcement Reward Account to the Regional Special Funds Account as outlined in 450 FW 2.9 B (2). This will facilitate the payment being made in cash to the recipient. *

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The request conforms with 450 FW 2 and the reward amount of \$7,000 is recommended.

Reviewer:

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

6-13-13
Date

Concur:

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

6/14/13
Date

*Note: Please make check payable to:

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F)
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Office of Law Enforcement

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Portland, OR 97232

Phone (503)231-6945



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 1

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

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

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 and Title

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

Asian Elephant Tusk
QT Aquarium

Amount of Reward

\$7,000

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT

During the period of investigation, the recipient was provided an administrative “deferred action” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as a temporary remedy to remain in the U.S. This remedy was in place in order to continue providing assistance to the USFWS OLE and final case disposition.

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

Date

6/17/13

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

6/19/2013

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Prior Compensation

None

Statute

The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981(16 U.S.C. 3375(b))

Reward Account

Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification

The recipient was instrumental in obtaining three successful felony convictions of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of Lacey Act trafficking in Endangered Species; 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(1) and 3373(d)(1)(B).

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) TO pled guilty and was convicted in U.S. District Court in the Western District of Washington on February 8, 2013 and sentenced to 6 months home confinement, 100 hours of community service during a 2 year supervised probation period and a \$5,000 restitution payment to the Lacey Act Reward account.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty and were convicted in U.S. District Court in the Western District of Washington on May 31, 2013 and sentenced to: 3 months monitored home confinement, 1 year supervised probation and forfeiture of assets valued at over \$150,000.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) forfeited a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) valued at \$35,000, two aquarium tanks with filtration, four Asian arowana (*Scleropages formosus*), 300 live marijuana plants and finished product, miscellaneous marijuana grow equipment seized at residence and all arborist garden supply inventory located at business capable of manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing, or exporting a controlled substance valued at over \$112,000.

(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)

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT



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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV 2011101286

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 1

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)(7)(D)

Address

(b)(7)(D)

Occupation

(b)(7)(D)

Employer

(b)(7)(D)

INV Number and Title

2011101286 – Asian Elephant Tusk

2007106327 – QT Aquarium

Amount of Reward

\$7,000

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT

During the period of investigation, the recipient was provided an administrative “deferred action” by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as a temporary remedy to remain in the U.S. This remedy was in place in order to continue providing assistance to the USFWS OLE and final case disposition.

Concurrence:

SAC, Branch of Investigations

Date

Approved:

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

Enforcement

Date

6/17/13

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

Date

6/19/2013

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Prior Compensation

None

Statute

The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981(16 U.S.C. 3375(b))

Reward Account

Law Enforcement Reward Account

Justification

The recipient was instrumental in obtaining three successful felony convictions of Quyen T. TO, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of Lacey Act trafficking in Endangered Species; 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(1) and 3373(d)(1)(B).

- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) TO pled guilty and was convicted in U.S. District Court in the Western District of Washington on February 8, 2013 and sentenced to 6 months home confinement, 100 hours of community service during a 2 year supervised probation period and a \$5,000 restitution payment to the Lacey Act Reward account.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) pled guilty and were convicted in U.S. District Court in the Western District of Washington on May 31, 2013 and sentenced to: 3 months monitored home confinement, 1 year supervised probation and forfeiture of assets valued at over \$150,000.
- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) forfeited a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) valued at \$35,000, two aquarium tanks with filtration, four Asian arowana (*Scleropages formosus*), 300 live marijuana plants and finished product, miscellaneous marijuana grow equipment seized at residence and all arborist garden supply inventory located at business capable of manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing, or exporting a controlled substance valued at over \$112,000.

(b)(7)(D)

Throughout the investigations the recipient was managed with little effort, conducted himself in a professional manner and made time at the discretion of the USFWS OLE for public and resource benefit. The recipient met with USFWS Special Agent's on numerous occasions and was always on time or early. The recipient performed in this manner without compensation or any promise of benefit.

6/29/2009

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Concur:

Deputy Chief/OLE

Date

~~Concur:~~

~~_____
Chief/OLE~~

~~_____
Date~~



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Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

JUL 18 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) R-1
UFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
14852 NE 95th
Redmond, WA 98052

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

for [Signature]
William C. Woody

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FLE490000 (XXXF1611OD)

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NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of a Reward
Case Number: INV: 2011101286 and 2007106327
Case Title: Asian Elephant Tusk and QT Aquarium
Region: Region 1

Summary: This reward request is for \$7,000. The proposed recipient of the reward, (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D) required minimal management and was extremely professional during all phases of the investigation. (b)(7)(D) was not promised any compensation for his work and assisted OLE as a matter of ethics and the want to protect the resource. (b)(7)(D) agreed to stay in the U.S. to assist with the investigation and received a "deferred action" from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to remain in the U.S.

Three defendants pled guilty in the case.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C): 6 months home confinement, 100 hours community service, \$5,000 to Lacey Act reward account.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) 3 months home confinement, forfeiture of over \$150,000 in assets, forfeited a (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and equipment used in handling the Asian arowanas.

The region has requested the reward be issued out of the Law Enforcement Reward Account to the Regional Special Funds Account as outlined in 450 FW 2.9 B (2). This will facilitate the payment being made in cash to the recipient. *

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The request conforms with 450 FW 2 and the reward amount of \$7,000 is recommended.

Reviewer:

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

6-13-13
Date

6/14/13
Date

*Note: Please make check payable to:

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

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Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

SEP -6 2013

MEMORANDUM:

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FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$12,000 reward to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(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
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
1875 Century Boulevard
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).

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

for William C. Woody

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

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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/OLE/INV 2010405137

MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent-In-Charge, Southeast Region

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

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward

In accordance with 450 FW 2, section 2.7B, I request approval of 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)

OPERATION ROCK BOTTOM

Amount of Reward: \$12,000

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: Endangered Species Act/Lacey Act

Reward Account: Lacey

Justification: See Attached

Concurrence:

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

Approved:

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

Processed:

Budget Officer

Investigations

Office of Law Enforcement

Date

8-14-13

8/14/13

AUG 19 2013

Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

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

Summary: This reward request is for \$12,000. A reward payment in this amount would be fair compensation for (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) efforts and assistance in the above investigation. This case was initiated as a direct result of information provided by Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C). Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided key information to initiate the investigation and assisted by acting as a CPI. Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also housed and provided care for the numerous fish involved in the investigation, at his own expense.

On April 18, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) were sentenced to 90 days home confinement and one year's probation. On June 14, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C),(b)(7)(D),(b)(7)(E),(b)(7)(F) was sentenced to 3 years' probation, to pay a fine of \$3000, and surrender all licenses, permits and endorsements issued to the company.

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 ESA and Lacey Act offences convictions. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:

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

8-13-13

Date

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

8-13-13

Date

Concur:

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

Asst. Director

8/14/13

Date

Relationship with Service Officer [450FW2.7(B)(2)]

None

Permanent CPI Number [450FW2.7(B)(3)]:

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

Justification Statement [450FW2.7(B)(8)]:

Summary of Investigation [450FW2.7(B)(8)(a)]:

OPERATION ROCKBOTTOM, involves the illegal harvest and sales of various marine life species from multiple Department of Interior and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) federally administered and protected areas in the Florida Keys. Information gained during the investigation thus far has lead to the execution of eleven (11) search warrants and confirmed that targets of the investigation knowingly harvested prohibited CITES species of marine life invertebrates, corals and sharks species from the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and smuggled and/or exported the same using false documents, as well as unlawfully selling protected marine life species in interstate commerce in violation of federal (Lacey Act) and international law.

Subject's Individual Involvement:

(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)



Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 6:25 PM
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

I have received your reward request for processing and have a question. Finance is concerned that when they process requests for rewards, we are invoking public safety as the rationale for not requiring electronic fund transfer to the individual's account. This, then led Finance to question if a threat exists simply by having their names in the FBMS system associated with a reward payment. FYI - we do not forward copies of the backup document prepared by the Regions.

Finance has suggested that we have all rewards made payable to one of our agents who, in turn, would cash the check and provide cash to the individual (and request their signature on a receipt acknowledging the funds, etc.).

I've gone back to Finance to argue that we may not always have an issue with the individual's name being in the FBMS system (i.e., perhaps they have testified in open court and their name is, therefore, "known").

Just wanted to give you some history on this. So, I need to know on this specific individual if you have a problem with his name appearing in FBMS associated with a reward payment. If you do, I'll need to send you forms to have an agent complete to request a new vendor code (so the reward will not be mixed in with other expenses associated with the agent) and an EFT waiver form (so the agent will receive a paper check). The agent can then cash the check and provide a cash payment to the individual. If you don't have an issue with the individual's name appearing in FBMS, we'll go ahead and request the reward payment. A check will be issued in the individual's name and the check will be forwarded to your office.

Please let me know your preference so we can process this reward. Thanks.

(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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Fri, Sep 6, 2013 at 8:39 AM
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
 See RAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reply. If this works for you fine by me too.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov
 Date: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) AM EDT
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov, ASAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov
Subject: RE: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

After understanding the issue and consultation with the case agent we feel that having the CPI's name in FBMS would not be an issue. We would prefer that a check be issued in the individual's name and the check will be forwarded to the Miami office attention case agent SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who will hand deliver the check and obtain a receipt documenting the delivery to the CPI. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

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

Resident Agent in Charge

Southeast FL, Puerto Rico & Caribbean

10426 NW 31 Terrace

Miami, FL 33172

Office:

Mobile:

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 10:55 PM
To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) please check with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and get back to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) on this. My guess is that electronic payment would be more secure. His name is already known, right?

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

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)pieters@fws.gov
Date: September 5, 2013, 6:25:18 PM EDT
To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
<(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov>
Subject: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k



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Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE FIS 4-05

SEP -6 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief, Finance Center

FROM: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

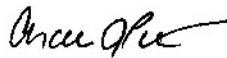
SUBJECT: Payment of Reward from the LE Reward Account

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

I have approved the issuance of a \$12,000 reward to (b)(7)(D) Please issue a check payable to him in the amount specified. The check is to be forwarded to:

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USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
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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).

for 
William C. Woody

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FLE4900(XXXF1611OD)

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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In Reply Refer To:
FWS/OLE/INV 2010405137

MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent-In-Charge, Southeast Region

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 of a reward.

Name of Recipient:

Address:

Occupation:

Employer:

(b)(7)(D)

INV Number and Title: INV 2010405137; OPERATION ROCK BOTTOM

Amount of Reward: \$12,000

Prior Compensation: None

Statute: Endangered Species Act/Lacey Act

Reward Account: Lacey

Justification: See Attached

Concurrence:

Approved:

For Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

Processed:

Budget Officer

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

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

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

Date

Date

AUG 19 2013

Date

NOTES TO REVIEWER

Action: Request for Payment of Reward
Case Number: INV: 2010405137
Case Title: OPERATION ROCK BOTTOM
Region: Region 4

Summary: This reward request is for \$12,000.

(b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)

On April 18, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of Aquatic Trading Company) were sentenced to 90 days home confinement and one year's probation. On June 14, 2013, Aquatic Trading Company was sentenced to 3 years' probation, to pay a fine of \$3000, and surrender all licenses, permits and endorsements issued to the company.

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 ESA and Lacey Act offences convictions. The reward is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2.

Reviewer:

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

SSA

8-13-13
Date

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

8-13-13
Date

Concur:

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

Dep. Asst. Director

8/14/13
Date

Relationship with Service Officer [450FW2.7(B)(2)]

None

Permanent CPI Number [450FW2.7(B)(3)]:

(b)(7)(D)

Justification Statement [450FW2.7(B)(8)]:

Summary of Investigation [450FW2.7(B)(8)(a)]:

OPERATION ROCKBOTTOM, involves the illegal harvest and sales of various marine life species from multiple Department of Interior and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) federally administered and protected areas in the Florida Keys. Information gained during the investigation thus far has lead to the execution of eleven (11) search warrants and confirmed that targets of the investigation knowingly harvested prohibited CITES species of marine life invertebrates, corals and sharks species from the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and smuggled and/or exported the same using false documents, as well as unlawfully selling protected marine life species in interstate commerce in violation of federal (Lacey Act) and international law.

Subject's Individual Involvement:

(b)(7)(D)

Possible Loss of Revenue to (b)(7)(D) **Involvement:**

(b)(7)(D)

Current Status of (b)(7)(D)

(b)(7)(D)

Significance of Subject's Involvement:

(b)(7)(D)

Subjects Involved and Number Charged and Nature of Charges [450FW2.7(B)(8)(b) and (c)]:

On June 14, 2013, ATC was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida by Senior U.S. District Court Judge James Lawrence King to a term of Court-supervised probation for three years, ordered to pay a criminal fine of \$3,000, and ordered to surrender to the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service all licenses, permits, and endorsements issued to or held by the company. On June 20, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of ATC surrendered all of ATC's state and federal permits to the FWS. On April 18, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) both entered guilty pleas to the same charges before Judge King and each have been sentenced to a period of 90 days home confinement, followed by a one year term of probation.

How Amount of Reward was Chosen [450FW2.7(B)(8)(g)]:

The amount was derived from length, potential impact to income, the personal sacrifices made by the subject and current status of (b)(7)(D)

Circumstances Requiring the Issuance of a Special Check [450FW2.7(B)(8)(h)]:

None



Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Thu, Sep 5, 2013 at 6:25 PM
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) fws.gov (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

I have received your reward request for processing and have a question. Finance is concerned that when they process requests for rewards, we are invoking public safety as the rationale for not requiring electronic fund transfer to the individual's account. This, then led Finance to question if a threat exists simply by having their names in the FBMS system associated with a reward payment. FYI - we do not forward copies of the backup document prepared by the Regions.

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I've gone back to Finance to argue that we may not always have an issue with the individual's name being in the FBMS system (i.e., perhaps they have testified in open court and their name is, therefore, "known").

Just wanted to give you some history on this. So, I need to know on this specific individual if you have a problem with his name appearing in FBMS associated with a reward payment. If you do, I'll need to send you forms to have an agent complete to request a new vendor code (so the reward will not be mixed in with other expenses associated with the agent) and an EFT waiver form (so the agent will receive a paper check). The agent can then cash the check and provide a cash payment to the individual. If you don't have an issue with the individual's name appearing in FBMS, we'll go ahead and request the reward payment. A check will be issued in the individual's name and the check will be forwarded to your office.

Please let me know your preference so we can process this reward. Thanks.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
 Chief, Branch of Planning and Analysis
 Office of Law Enforcement
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Office: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Fax: 703-358-2346

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Fri, Sep 6, 2013 at 8:39 AM
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov
 (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
 See RAC (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reply. If this works for you fine by me too.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov
 Date: September 6, 2013, 8:34:57 AM EDT
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov, ASA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov
Subject: RE: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

After understanding the issue and consultation with the case agent we feel that having the CPI's name in FBMS would not be an issue. We would prefer that a check be issued in the individual's name and the check will be forwarded to the Miami office attention case agent SA Tim Davis who will hand deliver the check and obtain a receipt documenting the delivery to the CPI. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

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

Resident Agent in Charge

Southeast FL, Puerto Rico & Caribbean

10426 NW 31 Terrace

Miami, FL 33172

Office: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Mobile: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 10:55 PM
To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) please check with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and get back to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) on this. My guess is that electronic payment would be more secure. His name is already known, right?

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

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov
Date: September 5, 2013, 6:25:18 PM EDT
To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@fws.gov
Subject: Payment of Reward - Operation Rock Bottom - \$12k



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Arlington, VA 22203



Reply Refer To:
FWS LE FIS 4-05

NOV - 2013

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 \$3000.00 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 is to be forwarded to:

Special Agent In Charge R-3
USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement
5600 American Blvd, West, 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)

fw William C. Woody

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

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Great Lakes Region
Office of Law Enforcement
5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990
Bloomington, MN 55437-1458

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV #2010301110

OCT 16 2013

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 Case Title:

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

Amount of Reward: \$3000.00

Prior Compensation: \$200.00

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:

450 FW 2.7B(1) - Name, address, occupation and employer of proposed recipient.

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

450 FW 2.7B(2) - Proposed recipient has had a personal relationship with a special agent, a family member of a special agent, or with any other person or family members of a person involved in the investigation.

No such relationships exist.

450 FW 2.7B(3) - Permanent Cooperating Private Individual (CPI) identification number.

No CPI number was assigned.

450 FW 2.7B(4) - Investigation number and title.

2010301110, Isabella Wolf Kill

450 FW 2.7B(5) - Amount of reward requested.

A reward in the amount of \$3,000 is requested.

450 FW 2.7B(6) - Total amount of compensation the individual has already received for assistance in the investigation, and the total amount of compensation paid to the individual within the last fiscal year for any investigation.

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

450 FW 2.7B(7) - Authority for issuing the reward.

Endangered Species Act; 16 USC 1531 et seq.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(a) - Summary of the investigation and a description of the individual's involvement.

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

While turning the corner on a one-lane logging road with high snow banks on either side, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) saw a pack of gray wolves in the road ahead. As (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) protested, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) intentionally accelerated and drove into the pack of wolves, which had difficulty escaping due to the snow banks. Two wolves were killed instantly.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stopped the vehicle and immediately called subject (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) via cellular telephone to report what he had done. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) overheard (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) praise (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for killing the wolves, then instruct him to take them to the job site and bury them before a Forest Service official arrived that day to inspect the site. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) put the two dead wolves in the back of the pickup truck while (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) remained in the passenger seat.

Upon arrival at the site (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) buried the wolves. He and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) then each began clearing stumps utilizing the two bulldozers at the site. When the Forest Service official arrived to inspect the site, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) attempted to speak with her privately, but was continually interrupted by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

At the conclusion of the workday, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) drove (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) back to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) residence in (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Minnesota, where (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) vehicle was parked. Later that evening, and after an argument with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) about several missing paychecks, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) contacted the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and reported the incident with the wolves. He did this knowing that his employment with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) would likely be terminated.

That same night (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) led U.S. Fish & Wildlife (USFWS) Special Agent (SA) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and MN-DNR Conservation Officer (CO) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) to the location where the wolves had been killed, with the intention of then taking the officers to the site where the wolves had been buried. However, before the party arrived at the burial site, they encountered (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) driving in the opposite direction with the freshly-unearthed wolves in the back of his (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) vehicle. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was accompanied by his (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who had been drinking. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told the officers that he killed the wolves by accident, denied burying them, and stated that he was bringing the dead wolves to the authorities.

The wolves were seized by the officers. Because (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) appeared to be inebriated, CO (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) told (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that he needed to call someone to come and give him a ride home. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) called (b)(6),(b)(7)(C).

When (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) arrived at the scene, SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) questioned him about the incident that morning with the wolves. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) denied any knowledge of the event, denied receiving a cellular telephone call from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that morning, and actually denied receiving any telephone calls at all.

In subsequent days, and at the request of SA [REDACTED] made several attempts to place monitored telephone calls to [REDACTED] in order to engage him in conversation about the incident. None were successful.

[REDACTED]

450 FW 2.7B(8)(b) - Number of subjects involved.

Two subjects were involved in this case.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(c) - Criminal or civil charges filed.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were each charged criminally with two counts of violating the Endangered Species Act, one count of Conspiracy, and one count of Making False Statements to a Federal Officer.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(d) - Results of all legal proceedings. If legal proceedings are not completed prior to the request, the special agent must provide a reason why he/she is requesting the reward beforehand and include a statement confirming that the prosecuting attorney concurs with payment.

[REDACTED] pled guilty to two counts of violating the Endangered Species Act. He was sentenced to three months' incarceration and a \$3000.00 fine.

[REDACTED] was found guilty at trial and convicted of the Endangered Species act violations and one felony count of Making False Statements to a Federal Officer. He was sentenced to one month incarceration and a \$2500.00 fine. As a result of the felony conviction, [REDACTED] – a lifelong hunter – lost his ability to legally possess firearms. At sentencing, the judge stated that more jail time was warranted for [REDACTED] role in the crime(s), but because of the damage done by [REDACTED] inability to possess firearms, she decided to limit that time to only one month.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(e) - Safety risk, if any, to the individual.

[REDACTED]

450 FW 2.7B(8)(f) - Impact of the illicit activities to the resource.

This case involved the killing of wildlife which, at the time, was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. At least two individual gray wolves were involved. It should be noted that he pack of wolves which (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) drove into numbered approximately five animals. After the two dead wolves had been removed from the scene and buried by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) a blood trail could be seen leading into the woods, leading to the likelihood that at least one other animal was struck by the vehicle. Attempts to follow the blood trail that night by the officers were unsuccessful due to the deep snow.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(g) - How the amount of the reward was chosen.

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

The amount was derived from the fact that not only was Mr. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) testimony a key to the guilty pleas of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and the convictions of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) but had he not notified law enforcement, it is likely that there would have been no investigation at all.

450 FW 2.7B(8)(h) – Circumstances, if any, requiring the issuance of a special check.

No special circumstances exist. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) requests that the check be mailed to his office, 515 W. First Street, Room 228, Duluth, MN 55802, for personal presentation.

Concurrence

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

Approved:

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

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

10-21-13

Date

10-21-13

Date

10/23/2013

Date

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



Payment of Reward - Isabella Wolf Kill

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Wed, Oct 23, 2013 at 6:12 PM
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

I have received your reward request for processing and have a question. Finance is concerned that when they process requests for rewards, we are invoking public safety as the rationale for not requiring electronic fund transfer to the individual's account. This, then led Finance to question if a threat exists simply by having their names in the FBMS system associated with a reward payment. FYI - we do not forward copies of the backup document prepared by the Regions.

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Please let me know your preference so we can process this reward. Thanks.

(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

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Thu, Oct 24, 2013 at 7:39 AM
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

Thanks, we will get back to you shortly.

[Quoted text hidden]

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov Thu, Oct 24, 2013 at 9:16 AM
 To: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) after consultation with the FOIC we have no problem with the guys name in FBMS, apparently the bad guys know he helped us.

On Wed, Oct 23, 2013 at 5:12 PM, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) @fws.gov wrote:
 [Quoted text hidden]

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

@fws.gov>

Thu, Oct 24, 2013 at 11:28 AM

To:

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

@fws.gov>

So in this case I would prefer that the check be issued in informants name. Let me know if this is a problem

[Quoted text hidden]



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Office of Law Enforcement

1875 Century Boulevard

Atlanta, Georgia 30345



December 9, 2013

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV. 2013401199

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 4

Subject: Request for Payment of Reward, INV. 2013401199

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:

INV Title: **Nanah Waiya**

Amount of Reward: **\$500.00**

Prior Compensation: **N/A**

Statute: **Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act – BGEPA**

Reward Account: **Headquarters OLE Special Funds Account**

Justification:

On February 26, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offered a reward for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for shooting the mature Bald Eagle on the Nanah Waiya Wildlife Management Area located in Neshoba County, Mississippi.

On March 1, 2013, Special Agent [redacted] received a phone call from a concerned citizen who later identified herself as [redacted]. During the phone conversation, [redacted] stated to SA [redacted] that [redacted] from Decatur, MS had shot the Bald Eagle on Nanah Waiya WMA. [redacted] told SA [redacted] that she felt it was very important that she call authorities with this information.

During an interview on March 4, 2013, [redacted] admitted to shooting a mature Bald Eagle on

December 2, 2012 while duck hunting on the Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area.

On September 4, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Mississippi, with one count of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) plead guilty to shooting the Bald Eagle and was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was fined \$2500.00 plus placed on 2 years supervised probation during which time he cannot hunt anywhere worldwide. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also forfeited a Benelli shotgun to the Government which was valued at \$1600.00.

SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) has spoken to the informant and was advised by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) that there is no risk involved with receiving a reward payment for the valuable information that she provided. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) determined that the reward amount requested would be appropriate.

The killing of a Bald Eagle on the Nanih Waiya WMA has severely impacted the ability for the species numbers to rebound in this geographic location.

Note: SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) request that the check made payable to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) be mailed directly to the Jackson, MS OLE. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) will deliver the reward to the recipient.

Concurrence:

(Acting)

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

SAC, Region 4

12/9/13
Date

Approved:

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

Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

12/17/13
Date

Processed:

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

Budget Officer

1/11/2014
Date

Attachments

NOTES TO REVIEWER

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

Summary: This reward request is for \$500. A reward payment in this amount would be fair compensation for Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) for reporting information that led to the successful conviction related to the shooting of a Bald Eagle on the Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area in Neshoba County, Mississippi. Ms. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided key information to initiate the investigation.

On September 4, 2013, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was charged with and pled guilty to one count of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 USC 668.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) was sentenced to 2 years of supervised probation with world-wide hunting privileges suspended, and ordered to pay a fine of \$2500, and forfeited to the U.S. government a Benelli shotgun valued at \$1,600.

Reviewer's Comments and Recommendations: The request is justified and conforms to the requirements under 450 FW 2. As a reward stemming from a conviction of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, if approved, the reward should come from the Headquarters OLE Special Funds Account per 450 FW 2.8B.

Reviewer:

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

SSA

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

12/16/13

Date

Concur:

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

SAC/INV

12-17-13

Date

Concur:

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

Dep. Asst. Director

12-17-13

Date



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December 9, 2013

In Reply Refer To:
FWS/LE INV. 2013401199

Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Law Enforcement
From: Special Agent in Charge, Region 4
Subject: Request for Payment of Reward, INV. [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED]
INV Title: [REDACTED]
Amount of Reward: \$500.00
Prior Compensation: N/A
Statute: Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act – BGEPA
Reward Account: Headquarters OLE Special Funds Account

Justification:

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On March 1, 2013, Special Agent [REDACTED] received a phone call from a concerned citizen who later identified herself as [REDACTED]. During the phone conversation, [REDACTED] stated to SA [REDACTED] that she overheard friends talking about the news release during lunch and learned that [REDACTED] had shot the Bald Eagle on Nanih Waiya WMA. [REDACTED] told SA [REDACTED] that she felt it was very important that she call authorities with this information.

During an interview on March 4, 2013, [REDACTED] admitted to shooting a mature Bald Eagle on

December 2, 2012 while duck hunting on the Nanih Waiya Wildlife Management Area.

On September 4, 2013, [REDACTED] was charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Mississippi, with one count of violating the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 668. [REDACTED] plead guilty to shooting the Bald Eagle and was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi. [REDACTED] was fined \$2500.00 plus placed on 2 years supervised probation during which time he cannot hunt anywhere worldwide. [REDACTED] also forfeited a Benelli shotgun to the Government which was valued at \$1600.00.

SA [REDACTED] has spoken to the informant and was advised by [REDACTED] that there is no risk involved with receiving a reward payment for the valuable information that she provided. SA [REDACTED] determined that the reward amount requested would be appropriate.

The killing of a Bald Eagle on the Nanih Waiya WMA has severely impacted the ability for the species numbers to rebound in this geographic location.

Note: SA [REDACTED] request that the check made payable to [REDACTED] be mailed directly to the Jackson, MS OLE. SA [REDACTED] will deliver the reward to the recipient.

Concurrence: [REDACTED]
(Acting) SAC, Region 4

12/9/13
Date

Approved: [REDACTED]
Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

12/17/13
Date

Processed: [REDACTED]
Budget Officer

1/11/2014
Date

Attachments