



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Teton National Park

Ranger Division

103 Headquarters Loop Road

Moose WY 83012

Assistant United States Attorney

Dear AUSA:

Under the provisions of law, there is reported below a violation of the laws of the United States committed within your district involving illegal take of wildlife (wolf), unlawful discharge of a firearm, and the unlawful transport and removal of wildlife from Federal Lands constituting misdemeanor charges.

OFFENDERS:

Brian David Taylor

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

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

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

CRIMINAL RECORD:

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

[REDACTED]

VIOLATIONS OF LAW:

Charges for Brian Taylor:

36 CFR 2.2(a) (1) Illegal take of wildlife to wit; hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

Charges for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

36 CFR 2.2(a) (1) Illegal take of wildlife to wit; attempt to hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF VIOLATION:

On December 31, 2018, between the hours of 1300-1730, east of the Elk Ranch Road, on the north slope of Eynon Draw within Grand Teton National Park.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INVESTIGATION: CASE NP19000659

On 1/1/19 Rangers Baerwald and Harder responded to the east park boundary near Spread Creek and Eynon Draw to investigate the possible illegal transportation of harvested bison through the park. In addition to the bison investigation at the park boundary they observed a boot track with a small game drag mark and blood spots exiting the park which ended at the Spread Creek Trailhead (out of the park).

Based on the information from Ranger Baerwald I, Ranger Nicholas Armitage, contacted Wyoming State Game and Fish Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who had completed an animal harvest report on 1/1/19 for a gray colored wolf harvested by Brian Taylor of Kelly Wyoming in Eynon Draw on 12/31/18. The report listed the location of the harvest as 44N R113W Sect. 9, which is a section immediately to the east of Grand Teton National Park in upper Eynon Draw.

On 1/2/19 Ranger Baerwald and I, returned to the area to investigate. We ascended the sloped ridge south of Eynon Draw and found the same boot track from the drag mark within the park boundary that was following wolf tracks. We followed this track further into the park to the northeast. On the north side of Eynon Draw we saw blood on the ground in a splatter pattern with a larger blood spot. From this location a drag mark continued up the slope and then to the west descending to Elk Ranch Flats and then returning to the Spread Creek Trailhead. Photos, GPS points, Wolf fur, and blood samples were collected from the kill site.

On 1/3/19 Ranger Baerwald and I called Wyoming Game and Fish Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and asked him to recount his understanding of Mr. Brian Taylor's involvement in the area. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then relayed that Mr. Taylor called him late in the evening on 12/31/18 to report his wolf harvest up Spread Creek. Mr. Taylor was hunting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). He also mentioned that Mr. Taylor was sure he was out of the park and described the wolf as a gray female.

On 1/4/19 Ranger Baerwald and I returned to the Spread Creek Trailhead. At the south eastern most bison gut pile (of two) we identified 3 distinct boot tracks entering the park and following wolf tracks to the northeast.

We then followed the tracks down into Eynon Draw and ascended the north side of the gulch following the tracks to the wolf kill site. We identified the three distinct boot tracks in the area of the wolf kill site which were photographed. This likely kill sight is approximately .5 miles inside the park from the nearest boundary and approximately .75 miles from where the initial boot tracks came into the park just east of the bison gut piles.

On 1/5/19 I traveled a wider path to the south of the bison kill site and continued east all the way out to T44N R113W Sect. 9 east of the boundary of Grand Teton National Park to the area Mr. Taylor had reported taking his wolf. It had snowed on the night of 12/30/18 and little to no snow had fallen since. In Section 9 I found no recent (since the last significant snow fall) signs of human travel or activity in the

section 9 area or along the ridge of Eynon Draw until I intersected with the wolf kill drag marks back in the park above the wolf kill site.

On 1/9/19 at 0800 hrs Special Agent Maria Elena Sabastian and I arrived at the residence of Brian Taylor to interview him regarding his wolf hunt on 12/31/18. We informed him that our interview was entirely voluntary on his part and that he could end the conversation at any time. The interview was recorded. At approximately 0820 hours (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to an interview with Rangers Baerwald and Franks.

Mr. Taylor communicated to us that he, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) went to the Spread Creek area at approximately 14:00 hrs on the afternoon of 12/31/18. They hiked from the truck to the gut piles of the bison kill site. He then believed he exited the park when he passed US NPS boundary signs heading northeasterly. They walked another 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile when he shot a wolf across Eynon Draw. They drug the dead wolf back to the Spread Creek Trailhead. Mr. Taylor said that the animal was a gray female wolf between 60 and 80 pounds.

I presented Mr. Taylor with a map showing him the location of the bison gut piles. I showed him the boundary on the map and a Google Earth image and explain to him where he entered Grand Teton National Park. I showed him where they had walked approximately .65 of a mile and then shot a wolf across Eynon Draw indicating that Mr. Taylor had both hunted and shot a wolf within Grand Teton National Park. At this time Mr. Taylor realized that he had illegally shot a wolf in Grand Teton National Park. He then gave a verbal confession, wrote a statement, signed a map, and a Google Earth image indicating that the tracks and images were correct which placed his shot location and the wolf kill site inside Grand Teton National Park. Mr. Taylor expressed remorse and regret and that he had mistakenly believed when he passed the boundary signs he was leaving the park but was actually entering the park. Mr. Taylor had a valid Wyoming wolf tag and hunting license for the neighboring National Forest hunting area. 12/31/18 was the last day of the hunt for wolves in the area.

During the morning of 1/9/19 Rangers Baerwald and Franks interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ranger Baerwald told me that they had gathered similar information from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). He reported that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had a valid Wyoming hunting license and wolf tag and was also carrying a rifle that day. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assisted dragging the animal with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hunting boots, his hunting rifle, and the bullet casing used on 12/31/18 were collected for evidence. The treads of the boots that were gathered from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) matched the boot prints that were photographed in the field.

On the afternoon of 1/9/19 Ranger Baerwald and I drove to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and collected the tube skinned remains of the female gray wolf that Mr. Taylor had dropped off there for processing.

End of summary.

Nicholas Armitage
U.S. Park Ranger (#549)
Grand Teton National Park

General Report

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Report:

Illegally Taken Wolf in Grand Teton National Park December 31, 2018

NP19000659

On 1/1/2019 Rangers Baerwald and Harder responded to the east park boundary of Grand Teton National Park in western Wyoming, near Spread Creek and Eynon Draw to investigate the possible illegal transportation of bison carcasses through the park. At the park boundary, about 0.5 miles northeast of Cowboy Cabin, they observed a boot track with a game drag mark and blood spots exiting the park. This drag mark ended at the Spread Creek Trailhead which is out of the park. This drag mark was much smaller than the large drag marks made by the bison retrieved in sleds. This track was not covered with the 3-5 inches of new snow that covered the bison drag marks. The last snow fall was on the morning of 12/31/2018. Ranger Baerwald also observed the same boot print at the southern-most gut pile of the bison kill site just outside the park boundary. Ranger Baerwald noticed that this boot track followed a wolf track into the park from the bison kill site.

On 1/2/2019, I, Ranger Nicholas Armitage, contacted Wyoming State Game and Fish Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed me that Wyoming State Game and Fish Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had completed an animal harvest report of a gray colored wolf taken on 12/31/2018 in Eynon Draw by Brian Taylor of Kelly Wyoming. The report listed the location of the harvest as T44N R113W SEC9, which is a section immediately to the east of Grand Teton National Park in upper Eynon Draw in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

On the afternoon of 1/2/2019 Ranger Baerwald and I returned to investigate this smaller drag mark. We ascended the slope to the south of Eynon Draw on a route intended to intercept the drag mark in question and found the same boot track within the park boundary. This boot track was following wolf tracks. We followed these tracks further into the park to the northeast. The boot track continued to follow wolf tracks into Eynon Draw. The tracks then ascended the north side of the draw.

On the north side of Eynon Draw, at approximately 7288 ft. elevation, we saw blood on the ground and snow in a splatter pattern adjacent to a larger blood spot which was a few feet to the west. The area had numerous blood spots, wolf tracks, bird tracks, and a gray animal hair clump. This kill sight at 43° 46.8910' N, 110° 27.3903' W (T44N R113W SEC18), is approximately 0.5 miles inside the park from the nearest boundary and approximately 0.75 miles from where the initial boot track came into the park. From this kill site, a drag mark with occasional blood spots continued up the slope and then to the west descending to Elk Ranch Flats. This drag mark then returned to the Spread Creek Trailhead leaving the park about 0.5 miles north east of Cowboy Cabin. This drag mark varied in width between 12-24 inches wide which would be the approximate size made by dragging a wolf. On 1/1/2019 and 1/2/2019 many photographs were taken of the boot tracks, the drag marks, and the blood spots. Blood and hair

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samples were collected from the kill site as well as pertinent coordinates with a GPS. Photographs of tire tracks at the Spread Creek Trailhead were also taken for evidence.

At approximately 1415 hours (hrs) on 1/3/2019 Ranger Baerwald and I called Wyoming Game and Fish Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for some more information. I informed Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that we found evidence of an illegally taken wolf with-in the park in Eynon Draw. I asked Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to recount his understanding of Mr. Brian Taylor's involvement in the area. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said he spoke with Brian Taylor on 12/29/2018. Mr. Taylor had heard about a bison kill near Spread Creek Trailhead at a meat processing shop in Jackson WY. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and Mr. Taylor discussed the bison being taken in the Eynon Draw and Spread Creek area. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then relayed that Mr. Taylor called him late in the evening on 12/31/2018 and reported that they had just harvested a wolf up Spread Creek. They had agreed to meet the following day to complete the harvest report. On 1/1/2019, Mr. Taylor told Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that Mr. Taylor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had all gone hunting in the Spread Creek area and that they had found the southernmost bison gut pile. He reported walking another mile when he shot a wolf. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) remembered Mr. Taylor reporting that he had hiked 3+ miles out from the trailhead. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) mentioned that Mr. Taylor was sure he was out of the park and that Mr. Taylor identified the location on a map at the head of Eynon Draw east of Grand Teton National Park which Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recorded as T44N R113W SEC9. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) collected a DNA sample from the animal's tongue. He described the wolf as a gray female wolf.

On 1/4/2019 Ranger Baerwald and I returned to the Spread Creek Trailhead. On the approach to the bison gut piles, we began tracking the same distinct boot print that we saw at the wolf kill site on 1/2/2019. We noticed the track split into two separate paths. During this approach we determined that there were two different sets of boot tracks with the same tread that were of a slightly different size and possibly a larger boot print that was not making as distinct of a track. At the south eastern most bison gut pile we saw the same boot tracks. These tracks then entered Grand Teton National Park at 43° 46.5342' N 110° 28.0614' W. Approximately 150 feet to the southeast from the southernmost gut pile, Ranger Baerwald and I observed 3 distinct boot tracks in shallow snow, two of which were the same tread design. One track measured 11.5 inches long and the other measured 10.75 inches long. The third of these tracks had a less distinct tread and was 13.5 inches long. These were the same tracks we had observed at the wolf kill site and on the approach to the bison kill site. Ranger Baerwald and I took multiple photos, measurements, and GPS coordinates including the location where the tracks entered the park. These boot tracks were later identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Muck Arctic Sport US Men's size 7, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Muck Arctic Sport US Men's size 7.5, and Brian Taylor's Lacrosse RealTree US Men's size 10.

The boot tracks were following wolf tracks in the snow. We followed the tracks to where they joined our tracks from 1/2/2019. We continued to follow these tracks noting that at times the boot prints separated by a few feet and then rejoined. The tracks all followed the same general path and often stepped in the same boot print location. Because the three people regularly stepped in the same spot only the last track was distinct. This track was later identified as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Muck Arctic Sport. We identified a possible shooting location in a clearing in the timber on the south side of Eynon Draw. At this location there were two spots where it appeared that a pack had been set down in a line of site with the wolf kill site.

We then followed the tracks down into Eynon Draw and up the north side of the drainage towards the wolf kill site. In the sparse vegetation and thin snow pack of the north side of Eynon Draw, we were

able to more readily identify the same three distinct boot tracks in the area of the wolf kill site. These tracks were also photographed for evidence. We followed the animal drag marks to the ridge and then followed the tracks descending to the west down to Elk Ranch Flats. While following the drag marks and boot tracks we saw a few locations where the tracks split ways for a few steps. The tracks again indicated that the majority of the time the three people were walking in a line. A complete GPS track was recorded of the hunting route from the Spread Creek Trailhead to the bison gut piles, from the bison gut piles into the park and to the likely shot site, across Eynon Draw to the wolf kill site, and along the drag mark back out of the park to the Spread Creek Trailhead.

On 1/5/2019 I return to the Spread Creek Trailhead to search for signs of any activity of people hunting or killing a wolf in T44N R113W SEC9 which was Mr. Taylor's reported kill site. I traveled a wider path to the south of the bison kill site and continued out to T44N R113W SEC9 immediately east of the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park. I then circled the head of Eynon Draw in Section 9. In Eynon draw, in Section 9, I saw two sets of snowshoe tracks likely made by the same person or the same party. These snowshoe tracks had approximately 2 inches of snow on them indicating that they had been made before 12/31/2018. I then returned down the ridge line between Eynon Draw and Uhl Draw to the north, re-entering Grand Teton National Park. I found no other recent signs of human activity in the Section 9 area until I intersected the wolf drag marks back in the park on the ridge above the wolf kill site. A GPS track was recorded of my route to and from the Section 9 area.

On 1/9/2019 at 08:00 hrs Special Agent Maria Elena Sebastian and I arrived at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wyoming (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the residence of Brian (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to interview (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding the wolf hunting activities on 12/31/2018. We verbally identified ourselves, displayed badges, and agency issued credentials. We identified the man in the house as Brian David Taylor, date of birth (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). We informed him that our interview was entirely voluntary on his part and that he could end the conversation at any time. Mr. Taylor invited us in and we sat around his kitchen table. The interview was recorded.

I asked Mr. Taylor to describe his activities and hunting on 12/31/2018. Mr. Taylor communicated to us that he, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) went to the Spread Creek area at approximately 14:00 hrs on New Year's Eve afternoon, 12/31/2018. Mr. Taylor reported they were all hiking in boots and none of them used snowshoes. Brian (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had valid Wyoming hunting licenses and wolf tags for the surrounding National Forest area. They hiked what he thought was a mile to a mile and a half from the truck to the southern-most gut pile of the bison kill site. He then reported that they followed wolf tracks from the gut pile and exited the park traveling east between two NPS boundary signs which were aligned north/south. They followed wolf tracks northeasterly traveling another 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile when they spotted approximately 2-4 wolves on the north side of Eynon Draw. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not feel comfortable taking the shot due to the timber obscuring the view. Brian Taylor said he took a single shot killing a wolf across Eynon Draw. He estimated the shot was approximately 200 yards. He described the wolf as a gray female between 60 and 80 lbs. Brian (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then drug the dead wolf up the hill and down the ridge between Eynon Draw and Uhl (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wards the west to Elk Ranch Flats and back to Spread Creek Trailhead. In hindsight Brian Taylor realized he had retrieved the wolf through the park but was unsure when he had re-entered the park and claimed he was unaware it was illegal to retrieve game through the park in that area. I gave Mr. Taylor a printed USGS map on which he drew and initialed what he believed was his route and kill site (evidence item number 15). On this map he indicated that the north/south aligned boundary that he crossed was the east park boundary near the head of Eynon Draw.

I presented Brian Taylor with a printed Google Earth image showing him the location of the southernmost bison gut pile just outside of the park. I showed him where he had entered Grand Teton National Park between two boundary signs which read "US BOUNDARY NPS". I pointed on the map where they had walked approximately 0.65 miles and then shot a wolf across Eynon Draw indicating that Mr. Taylor had both hunted and shot a wolf in Grand Teton National Park. Upon realizing the location of his hunt Mr. Taylor stated "So now we're in trouble."

The printed Google Earth image indicated that his shot location and the location of the wolf kill site were inside Grand Teton National Park. Mr. Brian Taylor wrote "The Image on this map appear accurate" and signed and dated below the statement on the printed Google Earth image. He then signed and dated a printed photograph that we had taken of the wolf kill site writing "Kill Site" and indicating that it was an accurate photograph of the location at which he had killed a wolf in Grand Teton National Park. Mr. Taylor then made a verbal statement that he had shot and killed a wolf in Grand Teton National Park. He expressed remorse and regret and said that he had mistakenly believed he was leaving the park's east boundary but was actually entering the park approximately 2 miles west of where he thought he was. He realized that he had shot a wolf in Grand Teton National Park accidentally. He said he was willing to cooperate fully with our investigation. Mr. Taylor had a current Wyoming hunting license and a valid wolf tag for the neighboring National Forest hunting area. 12/31/2018 was the last day of the hunt for wolves in the area.

Mr. Taylor then called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and asked the condition of the wolf he had dropped off. He reported it was "tube skinned" and told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to stop any further processing of the animal parts. Mr. Taylor then told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that he had his full consent to release the animal parts into our custody.

On 1/9/19 at approximately 08:30 hrs Rangers Baerwald and Ranger Franks conducted a voluntary interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) date of Birth (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while Agent Sebastian and I were speaking with Brian Taylor. Ranger Baerwald told me that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was carrying a rifle and intentionally hunting with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 12/31/2018. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not carrying a rifle and had no intentions of hunting. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) described hiking to the bison gut pile, passing NPS Boundary signs, and then following wolf tracks toward Eynon Draw. They saw some wolves on the north side of the draw but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not feel comfortable taking the shot through the trees. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) described being with Brian Taylor when he decided to shoot the wolf in the Eynon Draw area. After reviewing maps and Google Earth images with Ranger Baerwald, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted to accidentally hunting in Grand Teton National Park for a wolf. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had left Grand Teton National Park when they walked east-northeast from the bison gut pile when in fact they had entered the park.

Rangers Baerwald and Franks then conducted a voluntary interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) date of birth (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who was also at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on the morning of 1/9/2019. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) current address is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported similar information to that which Brian (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had reported. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not carrying a rifle and not intending to hunt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported that after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Taylor had shot the wolf (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) helped him drag the killed wolf back to the trailhead.

We took photographs of Mr. Taylor's photographs on his phone. We collected (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) boots (Muck Arctic Sport US Men's size 7) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) boots (Muck Arctic Sport US Men's size 7.5) and Brian Taylor's boots (Lacrosse RealTree US Men's size 10), all of which were worn hunting on the

afternoon of 12/31/2018. We seized Mr. Taylor's black Remington 700 .3006 rifle with a Leupold scope. We also seized a bullet casing taken out of his rifle that was used for the shot, and three unused .3006 bullet cartridges taken out of the rifle. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) digitally shared photographs with us from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I-phone which included an image of Mr. Taylor with the deceased wolf at the kill site in Grand Teton National Park. It was time stamped 4:57pm on 12/31/2018. We also collected several maps initialed by Brian (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Initialed and signed photographs of the wolf kill site and boot prints were collected. A signed Google Earth image with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hunting route and Mr. Taylor's Wyoming wolf tag were also collected for evidence. All three of the voluntary interviews were recorded and transcribed.

On the afternoon of 1/9/2019 Ranger Baerwald and I drove to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) We identified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) from whom we seized the tube skinned remains of the female gray wolf. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified the animal remains as the carcass dropped off by Brian Taylor of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wyoming on 1/4/2019 and said that the animal was a gray female wolf, weighing around 65 to 75 lbs. This was also confirmed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) documentation in his log book, which was photographed for evidence. I entered the wolf hide into evidence upon returning to Grand Teton National Park in Moose Wyoming at approximately 1630 hrs on the afternoon of 1/4/2019.

Charges for Brian Taylor:

36 CFR 2.2(a) (1) Illegal take of wildlife to wit; hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

Charges for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

36 CFR 2.2(a) (1) Illegal take of wildlife to wit; attempt to hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

End of Report

Nicholas Armitage
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Supplementary Incident Report

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Incident: **NP19000659 Law Enforcement @01/02/2019 15:17**

Author: #1210 FRANKS, T.

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Entered by: #1210 FRANKS, T.

Entered time: 01/29/2019 10:56

Report:

On Wednesday January 9, 2019 at approximately 0715 hours, I, Officer Tiffany Franks, met with Officers Richard Baerwald, Nicholas Armitage, and Special Agent Maria Elena Sebastian in park headquarters. We briefly met regarding our plan to attempt interviews at 0800 hours with Brian TAYLOR, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a suspected illegal take of a wolf within Grand Teton National Park on or around December 31, 2018.

Agent Sebastian and Officer Armitage responded to the TAYLOR residence (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while Officer Baerwald and I staged at South Mormon Row. Agent Sebastian advised B. TAYLOR's truck, a white flatbed Dodge, was located at the residence and they were going to attempt to make contact by knocking on the front door. Contact was made and B. TAYLOR and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to speak with Agent Sebastian and Officer Armitage. Officer Baerwald and I responded to the TAYLOR residence to assist with interviewing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). We were also advised that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was located inside the residence, but still sleeping.

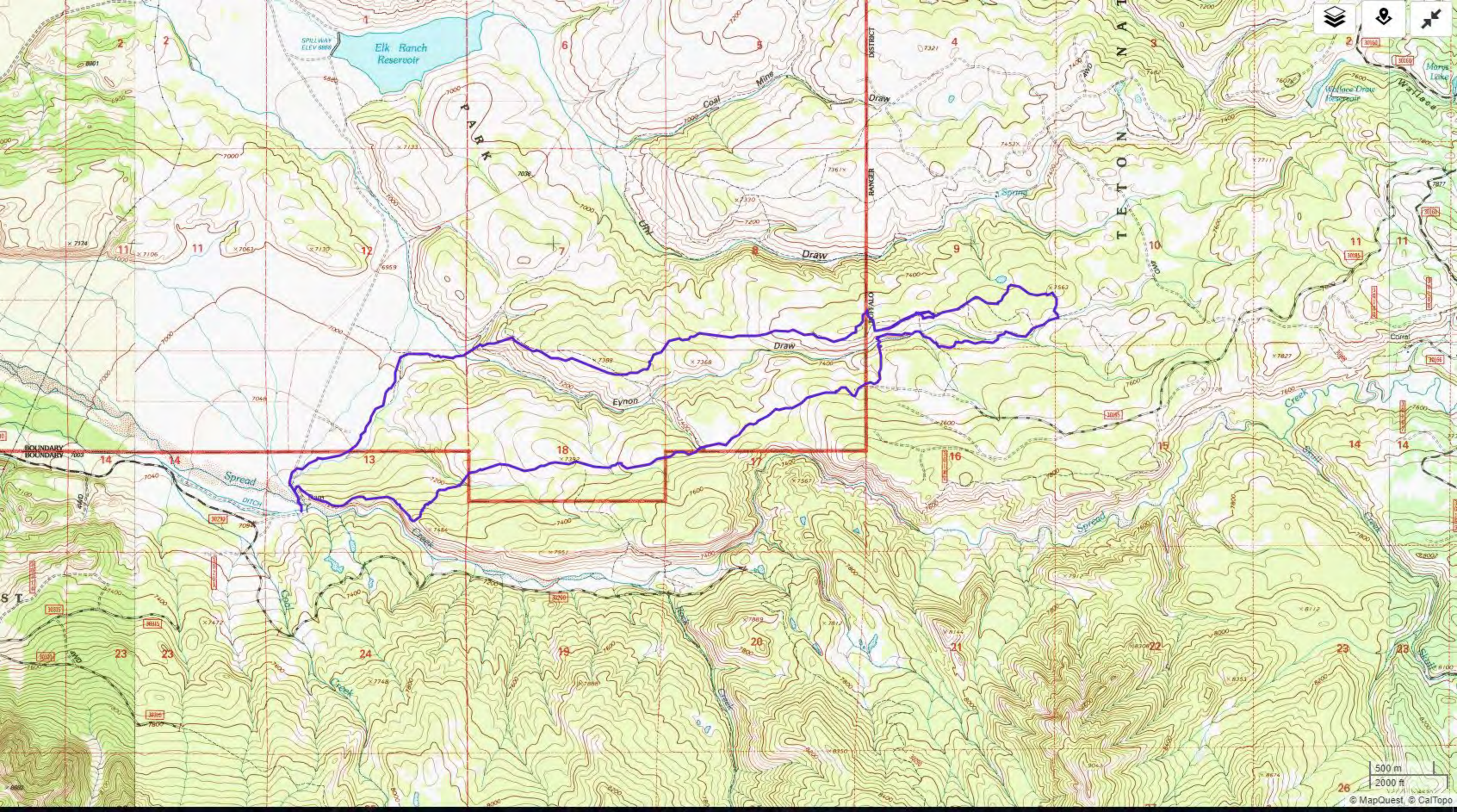
Officer Baerwald and I arrived at the TAYLOR residence at approximately 0810 hours. We introduced ourselves to B. TAYLOR and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and were then directed to the basement to conduct our interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while B. TAYLOR was interviewed at the kitchen table upstairs.

At approximately 0815 hours Officer Baerwald began a voluntary interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while I assisted with taking notes. (Reference Officer Baerwald's report for details pertaining to the interview.) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was very cooperative and willing to answer all of Officer Baerwald's questions. At the conclusion of our interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), I went upstairs and discovered (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was awake and sitting on a couch drinking coffee. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was also willing to speak with Officer Baerwald and myself.

At approximately 0858 hours Officer Baerwald began a voluntary interview with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) while I assisted with taking notes. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was also present during the interview. (Reference Officer Baerwald's report for details pertaining to the interview.) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was very cooperative and willing to answer all of Officer Baerwald's questions. At the conclusion of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interview (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) showed me photographs on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) iPhone of B. TAYLOR's successful wolf hunt which occurred on December 31, 2018. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) consented to sharing the photographs with me via AirDrop. I received 8 photographs on my government issued iPhone which showed B. TAYLOR posed on a snowy hillside with a deceased gray wolf and the Teton mountain range in the background. The photographs were all date and time stamped December 31, 2018 at 1657 hours. The photographs were also stamped with a location taken of Grand Teton National Park.

Officers Baerwald, Armitage, and Agent Sebastian collected various pieces of evidence (see evidence reports) and we departed the residence at approximately 0953.

END OF REPORT





12/31/18

Overview

Reported Kill Site

Grand Teton National Park

Wolf Kill Site

Route out with Wolf

Route in

Bison #2 Kill Site

Park Boundary Sign

Bridger Teton National Forest

Spread Creek Trailhead

Google Earth

©2018 Google

1000 ft

INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN DAVID TAYLOR

Q=SA (Maria) Sebastian

Q1=(Nick) Armitage

A=Brian David Taylor

A1=(b) (6), (b) (7)

Q: Okay. So today is January 9, 2019. We are at the residence of Mr. Brian Taylor, with Mr. Brian Taylor, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) And this is United States Park Ranger, (Nick) Armitage. And I'm Special Agent, (Maria) Sebastian, for the National Park Service. Go ahead. You can...

Q1: You're - you're...

A: I just wanna take your piece out.

Q1: Oh, then - we've got cards.

Q: Yes. Oh, I can give you cards.

Q1: We got cards for ya. Yeah.

Q: Here you go. Here's the first card.

A: Mmm-kay.

Q: Um, and we are here to conduct an interview, um, about some wildlife that was taken outta the park. Near the park east boundary on December 31, 2018. Uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is gonna be with us until, uh, additional rangers, uh, arrive to speak with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). And, again, this is all voluntary. Um, at any point you can say you would like not to talk to us anymore so this is very fluid. We want you to know - be comfortable with us and, um, (Nick) is gonna start off with some questions.

Q1: Great.

Q: Do you want me to do the administrative stuff or you gonna do that?

Q1: No, that's fine. I got that.

46
47 Q: Okay.
48
49 Q1: Yeah, um, so I just put the Case Number on the back just so - if for whatever
50 reason you need to reference it if you're...
51
52 A: Mmm-kay.
53
54 Q1: ...calling us or something like that.
55
56 A: Yeah.
57
58 Q1: All right, um, so if you could just start with your full name.
59
60 A: Brian Taylor.
61
62 Q1: Middle name?
63
64 A: David.
65
66 Q1: Great. And, uh, your date of birth.
67
68 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
69
70 Q1: And a physical address?
71
72 A: Uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
73
74 Q1: 'Kay. Mailing address?
75
76 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
77
78 Q1: 'Kay. Uh, cell phone number?
79
80 A: Uh, (b) (6), (b) (7) .
81
82 Q1: Great.
83
84 Q: Hey, you said, uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)?
85
86 A: Yes.
87
88 Q: Or (b) (6) - yeah, okay.
89
90 Q1: (b) (6), (b) (7)

91

92 Q: Thank you.

93

94 Q1: Yeah, um, house number?

95

96 A: Uh.

97

98 Q1: Do you have a house number?

99

100 A: It's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

101

102 Q1: Must be.

103

104 A1: Yeah.

105

106 Q1: Oh, sorry. Phone number - house phone number?

107

108 A: Oh, house - oh, landline.

109

110 Q1: Yeah - yeah. Landline.

111

112 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

113

114 Q: Thank you.

115

116 Q1: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), great. And, um, is it, uh, work phone number?

117

118 A: Same.

119

120 Q1: Same.

121

122 A1: Same.

123

124 Q1: Okay. And, uh, an email address?

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126 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), all small case letters.

127

128 Q1: 'Kay.

129

130 Q: Okay. Thank you.

131

132 Q1: And, uh, social security number.

133

134 A: We need that?

135

136 Q1: I have to ask.
137
138 A: Okay. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
139
140 Q1: Yeah, appreciate it. Yeah, again, it's the administrative side of the boxes to
141 check. Ya know?
142
143 A: Mm-hm.
144
145 Q1: And your type of work?
146
147 A: I'm, um, I, uh, (b) have some (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). And, uh, sometimes a
148 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
149
150 Q1: Oh, okay.
151
152 A: So...
153
154 Q1: So that's part of the - just bein' a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or you actually do that separately?
155
156 A: No, I do that separately. I've...
157
158 Q1: Oh, okay. Gotcha.
159
160 A: ...been a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for a long time.
161
162 Q1: Oh, cool. Okay. Great.
163
164 Q: Okay.
165
166 Q1: Um, so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Predominantly - you're a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
167
168 A: Uh...
169
170 Q1: I guess...
171
172 Q: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
173
174 A: Main source of income is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) but then...
175
176 Q1: It is. I see.
177
178 A: ... (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is, uh, ya know...
179
180 Q1: Life.

181
182 A: What we doin' part time.
183
184 Q1: Gotcha.
185
186 A: All right. You know its full time - part time.
187
188 Q1: Yeah, sure - sure.
189
190 A: So...
191
192 Q1: So are you - is there work right now for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at this time?
193
194 A: No - no.
195
196 Q1: 'Cause it's...
197
198 A: We're - we're done.
199
200 Q1: You just shut it down.
201
202 A: Yep.
203
204 Q1: Is, like, I mean, the bison season's still open. Do you not see that much?
205
206 A: Yeah. And I don't - I don't hunt buffalo. I - because of the - where they've,
207 uh, started hangin' out I don't hunt there anymore. I've had guys contact me
208 and I've turned him to other (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
209
210 Q1: Oh, really?
211
212 A: 'Cause I don't want to hunt up there.
213
214 Q1: It - it seems like, especially this year, everybody's kinda...
215
216 A: Mm-hm.
217
218 Q1: ...eyeballing it the way it's been goin'.
219
220 A: Yep - yep.
221
222 Q1: Uh, and, obviously, you know how that scene was up there the other day.
223
224 A: Yeah, I, you know, I don't know anything about that but that's, kinda, why
225 we're here.

226

227 Q1: Sure. Yeah.

228

229 A: So, anyway.

230

231 Q1: Yeah. Okay. Cool, um, and so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - you guys have a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in here in
232 the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), is that right?

233

234 A: Yes.

235

236 Q1: Yeah, okay. And that's the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), I guess.

237

238 A: Correct.

239

240 Q1: Yeah, great. Um, okay, uh, so I guess, um, should we get started or wanna
241 wait for those guys to drop in...

242

243 Q: They should...

244

245 Q1: ...with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?

246

247 Q: Uh, they just arrived.

248

249 Q1: Oh, okay. Great.

250

251 Q: So...

252

253 Q1: We'll - we - we'll just hang a second.

254

255 A: Okay.

256

257 Q1: For, um, interruptions standpoint and, um, I guess, while we're at it, um...

258

259 A: Now, will (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) have to go through the same thing?

260

261 Q: Yes.

262

263 Q1: Yeah.

264

265 A: Okay.

266

267 Q1: Actually, yeah.

268

269 Q: Yes.

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271 A: All right.

272

273 Q: Um, if you want I can stop the recording for a second.

274

275 A: Sure.

276

277 Q1: Yeah.

278

279 Q: So...

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281 Q1: And then, uh, is there, like, a free room or something else we could use?

282

283 Q: Time is 8:11, we're gonna stop the recording.

284

285 A: Uh, just...

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288 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
289 transcription.

290 Signed /S/ Nicholas Armitage

INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN DAVID TAYLOR

Q=SA (Maria) Sebastian

Q1=(Nick) Armitage

A=Brian David Taylor

A1=(b) (6), (b) (6)

Q: The time is 0813 hours. (b) (6), (b) (6) has, uh, left the (b) (6), (b) (6).

A: Excuse me.

Q: (Unintelligible) head downstairs with Rangers...

A: Sure.

Q: ...uh, Baerwald and Franks. And so we're still here with Mr. Taylor.

Q1: Great. All right. So we've gotten through our administrative stuff. Appreciate that. Um, so I would just throw it out there start from the beginning. And, uh, I just - I'd love it if you could tell me about your hunt on New Year's Eve.

A: Yup.

Q1: Um, start again from the beginning of the day, uh, and how that whole thing went for you. Um, with as much description, explanation as you can. So we're just lookin' for your story on 12-31-2018.

A: Right. Well, uh, let's see. That day I had heard - I think prior to that I think - I can't remember what day it was. It was either the day or two days before. I guess what day were the buffalo retrieved?

Q1: Uh, 20, uh, retrieved on - I think shot and retrieved on the 29th. I'm not a hundred...

A: Okay.

Q1: ...percent sure.

A: So that's how that I came - I was at the locker plant droppin' off an elk that I

46 had...

47

48 Q1: Okay.

49

50 A: ...personally hunted on - got down in South Park. The guy at the locker said

51 there were two buffalo had been harvested in Spread Creek.

52

53 Q1: Okay.

54

55 A: That's how this all...

56

57 Q1: There's your (info).

58

59 A: ...came to be.

60

61 Q1: That's how it put you there, okay.

62

63 A: 'Cause we'd heard the - those wolves would frequent where the buffalo site

64 was. We followed the drag track, followed the wolf tracks. And that - and...

65

66 Q1: So - sorry. Just before that like - so you got that information on the...

67

68 A: Yes.

69

70 Q1: ...29th.

71

72 A: Yes.

73

74 Q1: And then...

75

76 A: It had to have been the 29th. That's the day - 'cause he said there was - I said,

77 "Are you busy?" He said, "Not very." I said he was waitin'. He's basically got

78 his, uh, locker plant open because of the buffalo hunt.

79

80 Q1: Yeah.

81

82 A: And I had my elk dropped off. And he said, well, he said he'd call me this

83 morning. They're retrievin' two buffalo. I call it buffalo. I know they're bison.

84 But...

85

86 Q1: I - I - I call (unintelligible)...

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88 A: At any rates how I got the intel on that. Went up there and, uh...

89

90 Q1: So that morning.

91
92 A: No, no. About 2:00 in the afternoon.
93
94 Q1: On which day?
95
96 A: The 31st.
97
98 Q1: 'Kay.
99
100 A: So and then followed the drag tracks. Followed the wolf tracks.
101
102 Q1: Hi.
103
104 A: And...
105
106 A1: Good morning.
107
108 Q1: Good morning.
109
110 A1: Good morning.
111
112 A: This is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
113
114 Q1: Hi, (b) (6), (b) .
115
116 Q: Hi, (b) (6), (b) .
117
118 Q1: I'm, uh...
119
120 A: At any rate...
121
122 Q1: ...Ranger Armitage.
123
124 A: ...and, uh...
125
126 Q1: Nice to meet you.
127
128 A1: Nice to meet you.
129
130 Q: I'm Special Agent (Maria) Sebastian.
131
132 A1: Nice to meet you.
133
134 A: Okay. And I harvested the wolf and drug it back to the pickup.
135

136 Q1: Okay. Uh, so just maybe...

137

138 A: And to clarify I was - I - I'm 100% unclear that beings how where the buffalo
139 had - had been drug in, I - I - I was absolutely ignorant of the fact that you
140 could not retrieve somethin' across the park up there.

141

142 Q1: Okay.

143

144 A: You know, I know up here in other places they do. Uh, that is 100% on me.

145

146 Q1: Okay.

147

148 A: You know, I don't wanna implicant- cate (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

149

150 Q1: Understand.

151

152 A: I, you know - if - trust me. I would never have gone north if I would have
153 known that, uh, this was gonna turn into this. 'Cause this is the last thing I
154 need on...

155

156 Q1: Sure.

157

158 A: ...I mean...

159

160 Q1: So that's a confusing law.

161

162 A: And it - you know, and when I was...

163

164 Q1: In the boundary.

165

166 A: ...I had hunted there, like I said. I'd been there one time before.

167

168 Q1: Yeah.

169

170 A: We went up, crossed and followed the ridge line back in there a ways.

171

172 Q1: Yeah.

173

174 A: Came back. I'm not so sure there wasn't somebody else there that night we
175 were there, too.

176

177 Q1: Uh...

178

179 A: Uh, there was...

180

181 Q1: Okay.
182
183 A: ...I thought there was tracks on top of our tracks. Anyway...
184
185 Q1: Mm-hm.
186
187 A: But at any rate. Uh...
188
189 Q1: So...
190
191 A: ...I, uh, I - I was - when we were there before there was snowmobile tracks
192 goin' out on the road. There was pickup tracks.
193
194 Q1: Hm.
195
196 A: Right there by the cabin.
197
198 Q1: Yeah.
199
200 A: Then goin' north-ish and so, you know...
201
202 Q1: Sure.
203
204 A: ...I - yeah, there I was.
205
206 Q1: So, yeah. I'd love some detail on - from the truck from that parking lot.
207
208 A: Mm-hm. Cross Spread Creek, went north, northeast, mostly east.
209
210 Q1: 'Kay.
211
212 A: East a long ways.
213
214 Q1: And you said you followed...
215
216 A: The drag marks of the buffalo.
217
218 Q1: To where?
219
220 A: To, uh, I don't know. I'd never been there before.
221
222 Q1: Was there - what did you see on that? Did you go to the, um, to the bison kill
223 s- or the buffalo kill site?
224
225 A: Yes. Yes.

226
227 Q1: Okay. And so you went to that.
228
229 A: Went to that.
230
231 Q1: So you were there.
232
233 A: And then east another probably half to three-quarters of a mile anyway.
234
235 Q1: Okay. So you went to the bison kill site.
236
237 A: Correct.
238
239 Q1: Describe that area to me as far as where you think the boundary was or
240 somethin' like that.
241
242 A: Well, uh, I pointed out to the (b) (5), (b) (7) there was a boundary marker when we were
243 - we were east of it.
244
245 Q1: Okay. When were you east of the boundary marker?
246
247 A: Uh...
248
249 Q1: At the bison site? Or...
250
251 A: Well, both. You know that it was - it had snowed.
252
253 Q1: Yeah.
254
255 A: You know, there was a - I couldn't really - there was the (ponch) was layin'
256 there.
257
258 Q1: Yeah.
259
260 A: And we only went to one bison kill site.
261
262 Q1: Okay.
263
264 A: So there - there h- was - wasn't there two?
265
266 Q1: There were, yeah.
267
268 A: And I didn't know - I - we didn't - we didn't even follow the other one.
269
270 Q1: Okay.

271
272 A: So...
273
274 Q1: So from the bison kill site describe to me what your plan was and why you
275 went.
276
277 A: There was wolf tracks going east. And we went east probably a half to three-
278 quarters of a mile. At least.
279
280 Q1: Okay. And so when do you think you were - like where were you, on what
281 land were you when you were at the bison site and then h- heading east from
282 there?
283
284 A: East of the boundary?
285
286 Q1: Okay. And then...
287
288 A: The - the - they were old tags. They're those old faded tags like that are up
289 here on this - I'm used to this boundary here. I've - I've experienced that
290 boundary a lot.
291
292 Q1: Understood, yeah.
293
294 A: And they were, um, those boundaries, you know, those old faded - you
295 couldn't even read them, really.
296
297 Q1: Yeah.
298
299 A: I mean, do you know what I mean?
300
301 Q1: Oh, yeah, I do.
302
303 A: They're just - they're just a tag 6" long 2" wide.
304
305 Q1: Absolutely.
306
307 A: And I looked at them. I actually pointed them out to the (b) (5), (b) (7). I said, "There's
308 the park boundary."
309
310 Q1: Which ones did you point out when you were - where were you when you
311 pointed them out roughly?
312
313 A: Right at the buffalo site.
314
315 Q1: Okay.

316
317 A: So - and then, you know, went east half to three-quarters of a mile. Got onto
318 the, uh, the wolves - and, you know? I don't know where the other kill site -
319 maybe we were on the other kill site of the other buffalo.
320
321 Q1: Yeah.
322
323 A: And maybe they yarded it up out of the - that really bad steep draw.
324
325 Q1: Yeah, I'm not sure.
326
327 A: I don't know.
328
329 Q1: Yeah.
330
331 A: We didn't go to it.
332
333 Q1: Yeah, okay.
334
335 A: But the wolves were over on a - a bank. And I - I shot one.
336
337 Q1: Okay. So describe to me the place you were when you shot and the bank and
338 what - do you know what drainage you were in?
339
340 A: Well, at the head of that - east of, you know, and I'm not sure, uh, I, you
341 know, like I say, I'm not familiar up there.
342
343 Q1: Yeah, I understand.
344
345 A: The, uh, it's called (Eynon) Draw.
346
347 Q1: Yeah.
348
349 A: But it's, uh, I don't know if (Eynon) Draw's that short little drainage or the
350 whole drainage. We were east of that. And then, you know, up there a ways.
351
352 Q1: Okay. So you said - tell me again how far you went then?
353
354 A: Three-quarters of a mile I'd - you know, it's hard to tell. We wandered and
355 snow was deep.
356
357 Q1: How far were you from the bison when you shot?
358
359 A: Like that at least that distance.
360

361 Q1: How far then? Just...
362
363 A: Half to three-quarters of a mile.
364
365 Q1: Great, okay. Just...
366
367 A: You know, I don't carry GPS. I don't carry a...
368
369 Q1: Okay.
370
371 A: ...a - a Smart Phone. I don't, you know...
372
373 Q1: Oh, yeah, good information.
374
375 A: You know, I...
376
377 Q1: I hear ya.
378
379 A: ...I - I just - I - I didn't keep t- I - I don't keep track of my distances like, you
380 know, like some people are interested in that. We don't.
381
382 Q1: Understood.
383
384 A: And then, you know, the retrieval, we came back the - the easiest way we
385 could. And that's where, you know, I - yeah. I'm - I apologize. If - if I was
386 doin' somethin' wrong there I'm completely ignorant to what I did wrong
387 there.
388
389 Q1: Well, so, you know, first of all, I understand. It's confusing. I'm as easily
390 confused on...
391
392 A: Mm-hm.
393
394 Q1: ...boundaries and some of that stuff.
395
396 A: Yeah, you know...
397
398 Q1: So I can - I know...
399
400 A: ...the boundaries...
401
402 Q1: ...where you're comin' from.
403
404 A: ...is - I - I'm oblivious to that boundary.
405

406 Q1: Sure.
407
408 A: When - when we went by that tag I thought, you know, all's good.
409
410 Q1: Yeah.
411
412 A: And I - I - in fact, you know, they said that the boundary juttred there. Um, one
413 of the other game wardens, maybe it was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told me the
414 boundary was - the cabin is on Forest.
415
416 Q1: Yeah.
417
418 A: That must be an old cow cabin.
419
420 Q1: Yeah.
421
422 A: And - but then yet there was a park sign at the diversion.
423
424 Q1: The diversion - there's a barrier.
425
426 A: Yeah, yeah.
427
428 Q1: You know what I mean?
429
430 A: That - that...
431
432 Q1: I think that's...
433
434 A: ...sawhorses with the...
435
436 Q1: Yeah.
437
438 A: ...reflective barrier? That's a park service.
439
440 Q1: That's - that's a park - yeah. Because it's blocking a road. That's a park road.
441
442 A: Yeah, yeah.
443
444 Q1: 'Cause it's just beyond the cabin...
445
446 A: Yeah.
447
448 Q1: ...is the boundary, too. Okay, so, uh, back to your shot site. Can you...
449
450 A: Yup.

451
452 Q1: ...describe that to me where you were?
453
454 A: Just shot across the draw.
455
456 Q1: Were you in timber and open...
457
458 A: Yes.
459
460 Q1: ...clearing?
461
462 A: Yes.
463
464 Q1: Timber.
465
466 A: Timber.
467
468 Q1: Okay.
469
470 A: Timber and over to an opening.
471
472 Q1: And describe the draw. Was it steep, or shallow? Or...
473
474 A: It was pretty steep right there.
475
476 Q1: Okay. And, uh, were you on a - like, um, you were in timber you said. Is it
477 timber down to the draw, to the - to the...
478
479 A: It's scattered.
480
481 Q1: ...drainage? Okay. Uh, any other things that were distinct in that draw or that
482 area?
483
484 A: No. Just the draw.
485
486 Q1: And then can you describe to me the shot site where you...
487
488 A: It was over on a - an open side hill or, you know, you know, pockets.
489
490 Q1: Okay. So, um, open.
491
492 A: Yes.
493
494 Q1: (Unintelligible)...
495

496 A: Yeah, yeah.
497
498 Q1: Okay. Uh, what kind of vegetation on that hill?
499
500 A: Not much.
501
502 Q1: Okay. So grass? Or...
503
504 A: I - I don't know. It was snow covered.
505
506 Q1: Gotcha, okay. So you couldn't see much.
507
508 A: No. Yeah.
509
510 Q1: Okay. And then, um, distance roughly on your shot you think?
511
512 A: Maybe 200 yards. You know, not - not a long ways. You know.
513
514 Q: That's pretty good.
515
516 Q1: Yeah.
517
518 A: Oh, you know, just - I mean...
519
520 Q: I'm a - I'm a - I'm a new hunter in the last...
521
522 A: You know...
523
524 Q: ...3-1/2 years.
525
526 A: ...I - I don't advocate the long range stuff. So it was comfortable.
527
528 Q: That's good.
529
530 Q1: Yeah, good.
531
532 A: So...
533
534 Q1: So 200 yards. And then, yeah, just give me a description of what you saw
535 before you took the shot.
536
537 A: Well, there was...
538
539 Q1: Just tell me your story.
540

541 A: ...we saw a wolf, um, maybe two wolves. A wolf, one wolf. And then saw this
542 wolf and three others left. And, you know, if the s- you know, we - the one
543 wolf was the finished limited out. We knew we were done huntin'. You know,
544 I mean, there was one wolf left to kill in the - in the area.

545
546 Q1: Okay.

547
548 A: So we got one. So, you know, I mean potentially could have shot more wolves
549 if we hadn't had a dead wolf.

550
551 Q1: Yeah, right. 'Cause you said that area quota.

552
553 A: That - that quota reached the 15.

554
555 Q1: Gotcha.

556
557 A: For that area.

558
559 Q1: Yeah.

560
561 A: You know, I'm - I'm savvy on all the quota and stuff. I - like I say I - but, you
562 know, like I say, if I did somethin' wrong I'm - I...

563
564 Q1: Yeah.

565
566 A: So, anyway, let's go on.

567
568 Q1: Yeah. Keep tellin' me your story. Tell me about (unintelligible)...

569
570 A: That's kind of it.

571
572 Q1: ...and, uh, animal, one shot, two shots (unintelligible)...

573
574 A: One shot.

575
576 Q1: Okay.

577
578 A: And that was it. And then we went and, uh...

579
580 Q: Where'd you puncture him or - him or her?

581
582 A: I - right through the - right through the ribs.

583
584 Q1: Okay.

585

586 A: Just right...
587
588 Q: Through the ribs?
589
590 A: Yeah. I - I - there again, I've taken it to a taxidermist.
591
592 Q1: Okay.
593
594 A: You know, I mean, it's...
595
596 Q1: That's - that's where it is?
597
598 A: Yeah.
599
600 Q1: What taxidermist?
601
602 A: Uh, oh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
603
604 Q1: Okay. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ?
605
606 Q: Where are they located?
607
608 A: In, uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
609
610 Q1: So, uh, single shot?
611
612 A: One shot.
613
614 Q1: Tell me about, describe the animal to me, please.
615
616 A: Just a gray wolf. Just a - now, like a...
617
618 Q1: I see a big one...
619
620 A: Yeah, that's not that big. You know, I...
621
622 Q: Did you kill him?
623
624 A: I did.
625
626 Q1: That's a...
627
628 Q: Here?
629
630 A: Yes. Up - up the Gros Ventre Drainage.

631
632 Q: I wouldn't wanna be next to that...
633
634 A: That's a big animal.
635
636 Q: Yeah.
637
638 A: That's - that's not as big as they get but he's - in category small, medium,
639 large that's a large one.
640
641 Q1: Where would you put this on your wall? The gray one you shot...
642
643 A: I actually have a - a client that wants a wolf hide.
644
645 Q1: Okay.
646
647 A: And the one I killed previously up the Gros Ventre he's - he - he's gonna get
648 his choice of the two.
649
650 Q1: I see.
651
652 A: He just wants a hide. Just a...
653
654 Q1: Uh, how big? Small, medium, large?
655
656 A: I'd say small to medium.
657
658 Q1: Okay. So how many pounds? I mean, I don't - I've never...
659
660 A: You know, after I lifted it, you know, I'll say between 60 to 80.
661
662 Q1: Pounds.
663
664 A: Pounds.
665
666 Q1: Sixty to 80 pounds? Okay, great.
667
668 A: Yup.
669
670 Q1: Um, you took a shot then what'd you do?
671
672 A: Went over, sized it up. Took some...
673
674 Q1: How was that drainage just gettin' over there? You said it was steep.
675

676 A: Yeah, it was steep. In and up and out. And then, uh, went and, uh, retrieved it
677 and drug it back to the pickup.
678
679 Q1: And just for clarification what land were you on when you shot the animal?
680
681 A: The land.
682
683 Q1: Yeah. Like what, where were you? Like - and I'll get a map out in a little bit.
684 But just like where do you think you were when (unintelligible)...
685
686 A: I was - I thought I was probably a half mile inside the forest anyway.
687
688 Q1: Okay. And then when you retrieved tell me about your retrieval route and the
689 land.
690
691 A: Uh, down a ridge and then out onto the flat or across the flat on a - tried to
692 retrieve on a - there was - it was windblown. There's been there somebody
693 there on snowshoes that had blown under. Um, I don't know whether we were
694 off and on on the two track. The snow was, you know, knee deep.
695
696 Q1: Yeah.
697
698 A: So, you know, you couldn't - you could tell openings, but...
699
700 Q1: (Unintelligible)...
701
702 A: And - and, you know, that's - that's where I'm, you know, I was ignorant that
703 you could not do that.
704
705 Q1: Sure, okay. Uh, and distance from the kill site.
706
707 A: I'll bet it was three miles.
708
709 Q1: Okay.
710
711 A: Uh, that's what we guessed it. Uh...
712
713 Q1: From where to where?
714
715 A: Just from the truck to the kill site.
716
717 Q1: Okay.
718
719 A: I - I'm - I'm gonna guess. It was, you know, like I said, I don't GPS stuff. I...
720

721 Q1: Yeah, yeah. And, uh, just for paintin' the picture a little bit out there you were
722 with who?
723
724 A: (b) (6), (b) (7) .
725
726 Q1: Mm-hm.
727
728 A: And (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
729
730 Q1: Okay. And you said the snow was deep.
731
732 A: Yes.
733
734 Q1: How were you travelin'?
735
736 A: On foot. No snowshoes. Just - just foot.
737
738 Q1: Boots?
739
740 A: Yeah. We were wet, you know. We were pretty wet. It was 9 below when we
741 got back to the pickup. We were...
742
743 Q1: That's (unintelligible)...
744
745 A: ...we traveled (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) after dark.
746
747 Q1: Yeah, yeah, that's late.
748
749 A: You know, I mean, it's not late but it was - we traveled (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) after dark.
750
751 Q1: Sure, okay. Okay. Um, and, um, your footwear that day was?
752
753 A: Oh, just, uh, well, boots, muck boots or - I have a pair of Lacrosse boots.
754
755 Q1: Okay.
756
757 Q: Are they here?
758
759 Q1: That's what you wear?
760
761 A: Yeah, yeah.
762
763 Q1: Okay. Uh, maybe when we wrap up if we can - after we're done talkin' can
764 we see them?
765

766 A: Sure.
767
768 Q1: 'Kay. Cool.
769
770 A: You know, I'm not trying to hide from you folks.
771
772 Q1: No, no, I understand. And I appreciate that.
773
774 Q: Thank you.
775
776 Q1: You know, like your cooperation's gonna be really helpful. This is a - this is
777 a...
778
779 A: I mean...
780
781 Q1: ...a lot of help to us gathering this information.
782
783 A: Uh, yeah. I - I'm - like I say, I'm - if somethin' was done wrong, you know,
784 I'm oblivious to it.
785
786 Q1: Mm-hm. Uh, as far as just the story goes, um, and like I said I'll - I'll get
787 some maps out and stuff.
788
789 A: Mm-hm.
790
791 Q1: Um, anything more you wanna describe on that?
792
793 A: No.
794
795 Q1: How'd the drag go? Were you - did you do it by yourself...
796
797 A: It was tough in places.
798
799 Q1: ...(unintelligible)...
800
801 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drug it. I drug it in the tough goin', or tougher goin'. It was not
802 easy. I mean, we - we had to buck snow, you know?
803
804 Q1: Yeah.
805
806 A: It - it didn't drag easy.
807
808 Q1: Okay.
809
810 A: You know. I mean, we - we worked at it.

811
812 Q1: How'd you do it?
813
814 A: I - I tie a - I tie its heads -- or it's heads -- its feet up to its head...
815
816 Q1: Mm-hm.
817
818 A: ...so, you know, it was like this and then I looped it and tried to - I just slung it
819 over my shoulder.
820
821 Q1: Okay.
822
823 A: Or, you know.
824
825 Q1: So you did most of the dragging?
826
827 A: I did most of - well, I did, what, two-thirds of it, you know?
828
829 A1: Probably.
830
831 Q1: Okay, great. Anything on the story you need clarification on?
832
833 Q: Um, not at this time. Just, um, that's helpful to know. It's kind of a big animal
834 to drag out without a slide. 'Cause it seems like a lot of us around here - I'll
835 bring my - my kids' sled with me.
836
837 A: We - yes. We talked about taking the sled.
838
839 Q: Yeah.
840
841 A: You know, but we didn't.
842
843 Q1: Where was the sled?
844
845 A: But, yeah, we - we just drug it by hand.
846
847 Q1: Yeah, okay.
848
849 Q: That's a lot of work.
850
851 Q1: So, sure.
852
853 A: I thought about packin' it but, you know, you get the blood all over your gear
854 and stuff. So...
855

856 Q1: Yeah, okay.
857
858 Q: Um...
859
860 A: So...
861
862 Q: I guess - oh, just in regards to the boundary signs. When you said I - I realize
863 I've seen those boundary signs.
864
865 A: Mm-hm.
866
867 Q: (Unintelligible)...
868
869 A: Yeah, they're faded.
870
871 Q: They kind of spin sometimes. But they're - you're talkin' about the metal, the
872 white metal ones with the green writing?
873
874 A: You know, I don't...
875
876 Q: Kind of like...
877
878 A: I don't think there was any writing on them. I just know them as a bound-
879 there was one out on the flat. I know right as we left the cabin there was one
880 out there. I looked at it with my binoculars. It's out about I'm gonna say
881 quarter mile north of the cabin northeast?
882
883 Q: 'Kay.
884
885 A: And I don't know if that's the corner. And then there was a - there's a ball of
886 wire out there. I don't know if that's - like I say, that's the second time I'd
887 ever been there in my life.
888
889 Q: Okay. And the first time was earlier...
890
891 A: Earlier in the season we just walked up that real sharp ridge right there above
892 the creek.
893
894 Q: Okay. Um...
895
896 Q1: When was that earlier in the season just about?
897
898 A: Oh, almost a month earlier.
899
900 Q1: Okay.

901
 902 A: As a matter of fact Spread Creek - that's when the snowmobile tracks had
 903 been...
 904
 905 Q1: Oh...
 906
 907 A: ...across.
 908
 909 Q1: 'Cause I was surprised there was snowmobile tracks in there.
 910
 911 A: Well, and, you know, I went out with a - a shovel and made sure the ice was
 912 gonna hold us to - just to cross and it didn't. You know, there was some soft
 913 spots.
 914
 915 Q1: Yeah.
 916
 917 A: And they'd been across with a horse then, too.
 918
 919 Q1: Okay.
 920
 921 A: And I think they'd retrieved - I'm positive they'd retrieved a buffalo there.
 922 Because...
 923
 924 Q1: Sure.
 925
 926 A: ...uh, there was a sled track. It was a fairly wide sled track-lookin' thing like a
 927 bigger than your - like your traditional jet sled...
 928
 929 Q1: Yeah.
 930
 931 A: ...Jet Sled. And I - man, I saw where it had come across and I - I'm sure a
 932 snow machine - I know a snow machine had crossed there. And then it went
 933 out north and...
 934
 935 Q1: Okay.
 936
 937 A: I don't know what that was about. I - I don't - go ahead.
 938
 939 Q1: Yeah, sounds good. Um...
 940
 941 Q: I guess I just...
 942
 943 Q1: ...did you have somethin' else? Yeah, go for it.
 944
 945 Q: The - just the clarification. When you - when you took your shot you believed

946 you were on Forest Service Land.
947
948 A: Absolutely.
949
950 Q: How do you know that if you didn't have a - a GPS or Smart Phone or...
951
952 A: Well, 'cause we'd...
953
954 Q: ...(unintelligible)...
955
956 A: ...gone by the boundary.
957
958 Q: So you went - when you say you went by the boundary you walked past the
959 boundary.
960
961 A: Yes.
962
963 Q1: Signs.
964
965 A: Yes.
966
967 Q: Signs to the east? So I guess did you walk...
968
969 A: W- I thought - I felt like I was inside Forest by half to three-quarters of a mile
970 east.
971
972 Q1: Okay.
973
974 Q: Okay. So...
975
976 A: I mean, trust me.
977
978 Q: Okay. And when you - when did...
979
980 A: I called the Game...
981
982 Q: ...you realize...
983
984 A: ...and Fish about huntin' in the school section for this wolf.
985
986 Q: Mm-hm.
987
988 A: That the wolves were right here. And they said no. And so, you know, I - I try
989 - I - I felt like I was a half to three-quarters of a mile inside the National
990 Forest.

991
992 Q: Okay. And when you drug it out makes sense easiest way I'd totally...
993
994 A: Yes.
995
996 Q: ...do the same thing.
997
998 A: Yes. Now, that's where I...
999
1000 Q: When did you - when did you realize that you were...
1001
1002 A: I didn't. Well, I - I figured I was probably out on the park out there on that
1003 flat.
1004
1005 Q1: Okay. Where do you think the boundary is? 'Cause you re-entered the park.
1006
1007 A: Yeah, but I didn't see - there's no signs where we re-entered.
1008
1009 Q1: So do you know where you might have re-entered? Take...
1010
1011 A: Oh...
1012
1013 Q1: ...can you take a guess on...
1014
1015 A: Just judging from the signs we crossed probably, I don't know.
1016
1017 Q1: In relation to the ridge, maybe, or something, if you have any thoughts on
1018 landmarks (unintelligible)...
1019
1020 A: I would say, uh...
1021
1022 Q1: or in relations to your shot site...
1023
1024 A: ...maybe the wolf was in - where I shot the wolf was maybe, I don't know,
1025 quarter to half a mile inside the forest boundary?
1026
1027 Q1: Okay.
1028
1029 A: I'm guessing?
1030
1031 Q1: Yup. Got it.
1032
1033 Q: Okay. That was - I was just trying to see if how you knew. Like...
1034
1035 A: Yeah, I see...

1036
1037 Q: ...'cause I'm - I'm a big...
1038
1039 A: Like I never - I never (cut) another, uh, sign.
1040
1041 Q1: Yeah.
1042
1043 Q: You never saw another sign. So and I used because I - I'm super nervous
1044 about being a really new hunter and what area I'm in?
1045
1046 A: Mm-hm.
1047
1048 Q: I use - I have a Smart Phone.
1049
1050 A: Yeah. And, you know, I don't.
1051
1052 Q: (Unintelligible). And...
1053
1054 A: My phone's a flip phone. Right there.
1055
1056 Q: Shows me (unintelligible). Did...
1057
1058 Q1: Who's your carrier?
1059
1060 A: Verizon.
1061
1062 Q1: Okay. Just curious.
1063
1064 Q: Did you take any photos with - do you take any photos off of your phone?
1065
1066 A: I - I - I did. But they didn't turn out too good. We didn't get any good photos
1067 on the phone very good. There - it was too...
1068
1069 Q1: Anybody else take pictures?
1070
1071 A: ...like bit too dark. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took some pictures.
1072
1073 Q1: Okay, cool. Um, with the phone or a camera?
1074
1075 A: Phone.
1076
1077 Q1: Okay.
1078
1079 Q: Okay, that's all I had right now.
1080

1081 Q1: Okay, cool. Yeah, I think now we'll just look at the maps.
1082
1083 A: Okay.
1084
1085 Q1: And just - just (the one).
1086
1087 A: You know, I'm...
1088
1089 Q1: (Knock) things down here.
1090
1091 A: Okay.
1092
1093 Q1: So, uh, what I think would be helpful for everybody is if...
1094
1095 A: I'm gonna have to get my glasses.
1096
1097 Q1: Okay. Yeah. Yes?
1098
1099 Q: Um, do you mind if we see the photos on your phone? On your - well, I - I
1100 think we'll - we'll talk to you at a later time, (b) (6), (b) (7) , just to...
1101
1102 A1: Sure.
1103
1104 Q: ...so we don't...
1105
1106 A: Okay.
1107
1108 Q1: Is this the...
1109
1110 Q: ...(unintelligible)...
1111
1112 A1: Do you wanna look at them now? Or...
1113
1114 A: I can't see the...
1115
1116 Q1: I can - here, I'll - I'll give you...
1117
1118 Q: ...after. I think...
1119
1120 Q1: ...some orientation if that helps.
1121
1122 Q: ...after we're done in this conversation...
1123
1124 Q1: 'Cause it's kind of a small map. My apology.
1125

1126 Q: ...just to not mix it up. But I was gonna see since (b) (6), said he took a
1127 couple on his phone...
1128
1129 Q1: Um, so what I was - what I would say is if we can...
1130
1131 Q: ...if I can see those.
1132
1133 Q1: I can point to ya where the trailhead is if you can point...
1134
1135 A: Mm-mm.
1136
1137 Q1: ...where you think you crossed the boundary.
1138
1139 A: Okay. So now I can see this. And it was - I felt like...
1140
1141 Q1: So here's Eynon.
1142
1143 A: Okay.
1144
1145 Q1: Here's the trailhead essentially. Uh, and then the cowboy cabin is right there.
1146 Kind of right on...
1147
1148 A: Okay.
1149
1150 Q1: ...that corner.
1151
1152 A: So I'm - I'm thinkin' we were right here somewhere.
1153
1154 Q1: Okay. So actually I'll make sure this pen works. If you can, um, on this map
1155 what I'll do is if you just put a - a maybe a T for where you parked your truck.
1156
1157 A: All right, all right.
1158
1159 Q1: 'Cause that'd be down in there somewhere, right? 'Kay.
1160
1161 A: And then do you want me to go route?
1162
1163 Q1: Yeah. If you think you can do a route, great. Or if you wanna just do enter,
1164 exit, et cetera.
1165
1166 A: Okay. I'd say I went like this.
1167
1168 Q1: 'Kay. And then maybe where you think you saw the - the bison, uh, the
1169 buffalo.
1170

1171 A: Well, that north boundary, there was a long boundary line was right here like
1172 this. I felt this was the boundary.
1173

1174 Q1: Okay.
1175

1176 A: When I came by. We were out in here somewhere.
1177

1178 Q1: Yeah.
1179

1180 A: And, you know, the wolf - judging from where I crossed that boundary...
1181

1182 Q1: So and then - then here's the scale, too. So like pinky is one mile.
1183

1184 A: Okay. So I felt like - like we went about 3 miles.
1185

1186 Q1: Okay. So, yeah, give me a rough idea where you - put an X where...
1187

1188 Q: Can I interrupt for a second?
1189

1190 Q1: Sure.
1191

1192 Q: Would it be okay while you guys are doing that I look at the photos on your
1193 phone? Would you show them to me? I'd like to take some pictures...
1194

1195 A1: (Unintelligible)...
1196

1197 Q: I'm talkin' about your phone.
1198

1199 A: Oh, my phone.
1200

1201 Q: 'Cause you said you took some.
1202

1203 A: They're - they're - they're bad.
1204

1205 Q: That's okay. I just - I would love to - to look at them and take a few photos if
1206 you're okay with that.
1207

1208 A: Oh, let's see.
1209

1210 Q: While you guys so I don't...
1211

1212 Q1: Yeah, sure, no, that's good. We'll save a little time there.
1213

1214 A: Where are we now? I don't take many pictures. Yeah, see, um...
1215

1216 Q: You have Verizon or AT&T out here that works good.
1217
1218 A: See that - that's what I got.
1219
1220 Q: Is it okay if I take a photo? That's what you got.
1221
1222 A: I mean, it's - they're not good. They look like they were taken through a
1223 screen door.
1224
1225 Q: That's okay. It's kind of how my daughter takes pictures. Yeah, that's kind of
1226 hard to see. Woops.
1227
1228 A: 'Kay.
1229
1230 Q: So - so you just - are there - are there...
1231
1232 Q1: So you gonna do that?
1233
1234 Q: ...photos on here that I could look at?
1235
1236 A: Only one. It's the same picture.
1237
1238 Q: Just one?
1239
1240 A: Yeah. It's...
1241
1242 Q: I'll just take a picture of this one once my camera...
1243
1244 A: Yeah.
1245
1246 Q: ...(unintelligible)...
1247
1248 A: It's - it's - it's - it's not workin' right.
1249
1250 Q1: Okay. So, um, so, you got a T at the truck. You got your route.
1251
1252 A: You know, I don't know.
1253
1254 Q1: Tell me...
1255
1256 A: Somewhere like this. We wandered a little bit, came back then wandered to
1257 the north - to the north quite a ways, actually.
1258
1259 Q1: Okay.
1260

1261 A: That might be my (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). It's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

1262

1263 Q1: Can you put maybe, um, a B where you think that you passed the buffalo,

1264 um...

1265

1266 A: Well, I - I told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -- or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) -- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) this.

1267

1268 Q1: Sure.

1269

1270 A: It looked to me like the buffalo had been shot outside the boundary. And I

1271 don't know if it got - pile got slid inside the boundary.

1272

1273 Q1: Oh.

1274

1275 A: You know what I mean? It just - there was - it was a sight, you know. There

1276 was a lot of packed down ground. So, anyway...

1277

1278 Q1: Gotcha. So give me a B where you thought - so did you just say you thought

1279 the...

1280

1281 A: Mm-hm.

1282

1283 Q1: ...gut piles were in or out?

1284

1285 A: I thought maybe the gut - gut pile was inside the boundary, but that might

1286 have just been the ponch. Like I said, it snowed.

1287

1288 Q1: Yeah, yeah.

1289

1290 A: I was - I couldn't tell.

1291

1292 Q1: Okay. So you put a B there.

1293

1294 A: I'll - I'll put a B there.

1295

1296 Q1: Okay.

1297

1298 A: And then so the wolf had to have been right about here somewhere.

1299

1300 Q1: So put an X for your kill site.

1301

1302 A: X (unintelligible)...

1303

1304 Q1: And then maybe an S for your shot site. Okay.

1305

1306 A: (God damn it).
1307
1308 Q1: That's all right. That's better than my handwriting. So you can write (on there,
1309 too). There we go.
1310
1311 A: Somethin' like that, I don't know, you know?
1312
1313 Q1: Okay. And then maybe giving your drag - drag mark track?
1314
1315 A: Those were right here like this. Right back to the truck. You know we got out
1316 on the flat, absolutely no - well, we actually probably came off in here
1317 somewhere. This one right here.
1318
1319 Q: Thank you.
1320
1321 Q1: You doin' all right?
1322
1323 Q: Sorry. Yeah, I'm gonna (unintelligible)...
1324
1325 Q1: Sure. We'll keep doin' this if that works for ya. So, yeah, it looks like I've got
1326 a T for truck on the map. Uh, a B for the bison which we talked about where,
1327 uh, for the buffalo...
1328
1329 A: Mm-hm.
1330
1331 Q1: ...where you talked about where you put that. An S for your shot mark.
1332
1333 A: Mm-hm.
1334
1335 Q1: An X for the wolf kill site.
1336
1337 A: Right.
1338
1339 Q1: Is that all correct?
1340
1341 A: Yes.
1342
1343 Q1: Okay, great. Uh, and then, uh, if you don't mind maybe just initialing right
1344 here, uh, here and here just to mark that you did those. I think you used maybe
1345 this pen, I'm not sure.
1346
1347 A: Yeah, (unintelligible). You want it all with that same pen?
1348
1349 Q1: Yeah, we'll just go with the same pen just for - great. And - and here maybe.
1350 Great. And great. And then, uh, maybe - sorry, a date as well if you don't

1351 mind on just - today's date is the 9th, 1-9-19.
1352
1353 A: Where do you want it?
1354
1355 Q1: Um, maybe do just some initials and the date right there next to the whole
1356 scene.
1357
1358 A: Mm-hm. Right (in the hole). 1, like 1-9.
1359
1360 Q1: Yup. 1-9-19, great, all right. Thanks very much.
1361
1362 A: Yup.
1363
1364 Q1: Great, okay. Um, anything else you wanna tell me to clarify anything just as
1365 far as making sure you feel like your story's been communicated to us?
1366
1367 A: I - I think it has been.
1368
1369 Q1: Okay, great. I just - I wanna give you an opportunity.
1370
1371 A: I'm just, uh, yeah. I'm...
1372
1373 Q1: It's very clear that you're - you're being very helpful.
1374
1375 A: Yeah, I...
1376
1377 Q1: Appreciate it.
1378
1379 A: ...I'm - I'm trying to get, you know...
1380
1381 Q1: Yeah.
1382
1383 A: I - I was actually when (b) (6), said they called, they were in blah, blah, blah.
1384
1385 Q1: Yeah.
1386
1387 A: I thought you guys would be - probably be the next day.
1388
1389 Q1: Yeah. Um, all right. So, um, uh, a bit of, uh, I'm kind of required to tell ya
1390 that with, uh, United States Code, uh, 18 Section 1001 making false
1391 statements, known false statements to a Federal officer has charges.
1392
1393 A: Mm-hm.
1394
1395 Q1: ...(unintelligible)...

1396
1397 A: Yup, yup.
1398
1399 Q1: ...it's a fine.
1400
1401 A: Yup, yup.
1402
1403 Q1: Or, excuse me, it's...
1404
1405 A: Yup.
1406
1407 Q1: ...it's illegal, right?
1408
1409 A: Mm-hm.
1410
1411 Q1: Okay. Um, so, again, last opportunity. If you've got anything you wanna tell.
1412 It sounds like you've clarified.
1413
1414 A: No. (Unintelligible) - given what, you know, unless we can get somethin' else
1415 to clarify it more...
1416
1417 Q1: Okay.
1418
1419 A: ...that's...
1420
1421 Q1: Yeah.
1422
1423 A: ...I felt like I was...
1424
1425 Q1: Yeah.
1426
1427 A: ...plumb legitimate.
1428
1429 Q1: Understood.
1430
1431 A: Other than after I got back, man, "Oh, you can't go across the park."
1432
1433 Q1: Sure.
1434
1435 A: I'm like, "Oh, shit," you know?
1436
1437 Q1: Okay, cool. Let's just, uh, I got a - a few things I'll just show you here.
1438
1439 A: 'Kay.
1440

1441 Q1: So I've gotten a little time out there as well, 'kay? Um, let's just go with -
1442 here, actually, I'm gonna show ya on this map just pretty much a bad color
1443 version of what I just showed you.
1444

1445 A: 'Kay.
1446

1447 Q1: (Unintelligible). Well, uh, and then I can show you a couple other things, too.
1448 So, yeah, um, this is yours.
1449

1450 A: Yup.
1451

1452 Q1: So, um, I've been out there, done a little GPS work and...
1453

1454 A: Yup.
1455

1456 Q1: ...that kind of thing. And, um, so the bison were right here.
1457

1458 A: Okay.
1459

1460 Q1: Okay?
1461

1462 A: This is where the...
1463

1464 Q1: Yup.
1465

1466 A: ...bison were?
1467

1468 Q1: Yeah, exactly. So right on this kind of funky boundary spot. Do you see how
1469 it jags out?
1470

1471 A: Yeah.
1472

1473 Q1: So the bison were kind of somewhere right in this zone. Actually, this
1474 drainage was to the south of the bison. So they were right there on that really
1475 close to the boundary, right? Could you - do you remember see the boundary
1476 sign?
1477

1478 A: I do - that - that's - that's the ones that I'm talkin' about. Those little...
1479

1480 Q1: Yeah, those white signs.
1481

1482 A: ...those little guys.
1483

1484 Q1: Yeah. Yeah.
1485

1486 A: And I thought that it was here.
1487
1488 Q1: Yeah.
1489
1490 A: See that - I didn't know this jotted like this.
1491
1492 Q1: Right. Okay. So just to just...
1493
1494 A: So now we're in trouble.
1495
1496 Q1: Well, we've got - we've got some stuff to sort out for sure.
1497
1498 A: Okay.
1499
1500 Q1: You see...
1501
1502 A: I do now.
1503
1504 Q1: ...what's goin' on? Okay. So, again, just lookin' at the distances that we were
1505 talkin' about...
1506
1507 A: Yeah.
1508
1509 Q1: ...right? You'd said...
1510
1511 A: I was (hyped) up...
1512
1513 Q1: ...you had hiked from there about half to three-quarters of a mile to your shot
1514 site from the bison, correct?
1515
1516 A: Uh, yes. Yes, yes.
1517
1518 Q1: I think you said three-quarters of a mile, right?
1519
1520 A: Yes, yes, from the boundary.
1521
1522 Q1: And your - and your distance - just again just to lock that in...
1523
1524 A: And angling to the north...
1525
1526 Q1: Northeast.
1527
1528 A: Mostly east I thought.
1529
1530 Q1: Okay, great. Mostly east.

1531
1532 A: Mostly east.
1533
1534 Q1: Okay. So, again, just for getting distances locked in...
1535
1536 A: Yup, yup.
1537
1538 Q1: ...a little bit.
1539
1540 A: Yup.
1541
1542 Q1: How far did you hike from the truck to the bison?
1543
1544 A: I don't know. We w- it kind of, you know, made that loop. Mile-and-a-half?
1545 Would that be fair, mile-and-a-half to...
1546
1547 Q1: Well, let's just...
1548
1549 A: ...mile, mile - I don't know. I can't see this.
1550
1551 Q1: So if you went kind of out and around.
1552
1553 A: Mile?
1554
1555 Q1: Yeah.
1556
1557 A: Mile-and-a-half?
1558
1559 Q1: Maybe somethin' like a mile, right? 'Cause there's a mile. See that?
1560 (Unintelligible)...
1561
1562 A: Yeah, this is pretty.
1563
1564 Q1: This is...
1565
1566 A: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, down here. I thought you were lookin' at the legend on
1567 the map.
1568
1569 Q1: Yeah, sorry. No - yeah. So here's your scale, right?
1570
1571 A: Mm-hm.
1572
1573 Q1: And then this one obviously is just a zoomed in version.
1574
1575 A: Mm-hm.

1576
1577 Q1: So the scale's not on here. But so we're lookin' at, uh, from here to here.
1578
1579 A: Mm-hm.
1580
1581 Q1: Right?
1582
1583 A: Yup, yup, yup.
1584
1585 Q1: Okay. And then you, uh...
1586
1587 A: Oh, I see, okay. So we looped back to the south more than I thought.
1588
1589 Q1: You were kind of right here. 'Cause this drainage was to the south of the
1590 bison.
1591
1592 A: Correct.
1593
1594 Q1: Okay. So - so the...
1595
1596 A: Where - where was the other bison site?
1597
1598 Q1: It was, uh, like - I'm just guessing about a hundred feet away. It was like just
1599 down...
1600
1601 A: Oh, well, then, they...
1602
1603 Q1: ...to the northwest.
1604
1605 A: ...must have gone...
1606
1607 Q1: You were at the s...
1608
1609 A: South.
1610
1611 Q1: ...south...
1612
1613 A: South.
1614
1615 Q1: ...bison.
1616
1617 A: Yeah.
1618
1619 Q: Closer, closer...
1620

1621 A: Yup, yup.
1622
1623 Q1: ...to the boundary in that clearing?
1624
1625 A: Mm-hm.
1626
1627 Q1: Does that sound clear, does that sound right that you were near the bison pile?
1628 Was it pretty close to a clearing?
1629
1630 A: Yes, yes, yeah.
1631
1632 Q1: Okay, great. Okay, all right. So then, um, that would put you here.
1633
1634 A: Mm-hm.
1635
1636 Q1: And then you traveled from there to the east you said...
1637
1638 A: East.
1639
1640 Q1: ...mostly?
1641
1642 A: Mostly east, yes.
1643
1644 Q1: And then here's (Enon) Draw.
1645
1646 A: (Unintelligible). Mm-hm.
1647
1648 Q1: So this is the next draw you'd come to.
1649
1650 A: Mm-hm.
1651
1652 Q1: So that puts the shots like kind of right in there.
1653
1654 A: Really?
1655
1656 Q1: Yeah. So this is based on some just our findings here. So let me get you, um, a
1657 little Google Earth. And have you ever seen Google Earth?
1658
1659 A: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
1660
1661 Q1: It's a cool tool. Um, it's got some funkiness as you go. So I took a little, um,
1662 kind of a sky shot...
1663
1664 A: Mm-hm.
1665

1666 Q1: ...look in there. Um, so this is a Google Earth image. Um, we've got the bison
1667 site, obviously. Google Earth doesn't have our boundary figured out there,
1668 right?

1669
1670 A: Yup, yup, yup.

1671
1672 Q1: This couple - couple lines.

1673
1674 A: Yup.

1675
1676 Q1: So there's, uh, the bison drag trail. Here's the bison site. This is the park
1677 boundary.

1678
1679 A: Hm.

1680
1681 Q1: So out of the park, Forest Service land, park.

1682
1683 A: So you g- you, uh, yeah. Yeah, you - you're - yeah.

1684
1685 Q1: Okay. Does this make sense?

1686
1687 A: Yup, yup, yup.

1688
1689 Q1: Yeah? Travel across a large...

1690
1691 A: Yup, yup, yup.

1692
1693 Q1: ...open and down a hill.

1694
1695 A: Is it (b) (6), again?

1696
1697 A1: (Unintelligible)...

1698
1699 QA: No, it's (b) (6), (unintelligible).

1700
1701 A: Oh.

1702
1703 Q1: Okay. So then we come into about (unintelligible) timber here?

1704
1705 A: Yep.

1706
1707 Q1: Possible shot?

1708
1709 A: Yep.

1710

1711 Q1: Does this look like...
1712
1713 A: Yep.
1714
1715 Q1: ...the slope you might have had a kill?
1716
1717 A: Yep.
1718
1719 Q1: Big tree in the middle of the slope?
1720
1721 A: Yep.
1722
1723 Q1: Looks kind of like the wolves have been partying in there?
1724
1725 A: Yep.
1726
1727 Q1: And then just up from there it was a little rocky outcropping?
1728
1729 A: So this jut got me. Didn't it?
1730
1731 Q1: It gets me.
1732
1733 Q: It would get me. That's why I use OnX because I can't - I can't - I don't know
1734 where I'm at unless I'm looking at something sav- more (savvy-er) than I am.
1735
1736 Q: Okay.
1737
1738 Q1: So I want you to understand too, is you - you seem like you're - you're just
1739 dealing with this a little bit. We're here to help and get clarity of information.
1740
1741 A: Yep.
1742
1743 Q: Do you want to have initial and sign this that you have...
1744
1745 A: Yeah, yeah, if you're...
1746
1747 Q1: We could do that if - if you...
1748
1749 A: Yeah, I am - I'm not a, you know, like I say, I'm not trying to hide anything
1750 here, man.
1751
1752 Q1: I - I get it. When - when we can kind of get down the road on...
1753
1754 A: I know. We were talking about this.
1755

1756 Q1: I just - again, I want to try to understand, right?
1757
1758 A: Okay. Yep. Go ahead.
1759
1760 Q1: Okay, cool.
1761
1762 Q: So initial and sign?
1763
1764 Q1: Yep. So, um...
1765
1766 Q: Okay.
1767
1768 Q1: ...if you don't mind, um, here's a pen, oh, I took your pen. Here we go.
1769
1770 A: I got a better pen, but.
1771
1772 Q1: Um, well it's either - whatever works, uh, it just, you know, may- maybe just
1773 write something that, like, um, I agree with the information on this sheet and,
1774 uh, an initial there, uh, all right. A full signature, actually, and the date would
1775 be helpful. And if you don't mind, verbalizing that when you do it just for this
1776 recording.
1777
1778 A: This map seems accurate.
1779
1780 Q1: I can say I did - did my best on it. It - it - it seems accurate to me and then if I
1781 could show you on this which is a (USGS) map...
1782
1783 ((Crosstalk))
1784
1785 A: No, that one's -- I - I can kind of see the lay of the land here now.
1786
1787 Q1: Yeah.
1788
1789 A: You know, now that you (unintelligible) like this.
1790
1791 Q1: And - and so again, just to make sure before you do anything else, if you want
1792 more clarification. This is Eynon Draw. And, um.
1793
1794 A: See, and I didn't know if this was, you know.
1795
1796 Q1: And you have one more picture here. Oh, yeah. There's a bigger version. So
1797 there's Eynon Draw. There's the site. And you're welcome to...
1798
1799 A: This is the park boundary?
1800

1801 Q1: It's - it is, yes, sir.
1802
1803 Q: There were two similar jogs that when I first looked at it, I looked at the - at
1804 the wrong jog myself just looking on OnX, which is the hunting app that
1805 they've been pushing.
1806
1807 A: See, I was thinking this - this -- Jesus.
1808
1809 Q1: Okay.
1810
1811 Q: I don't know if that's...
1812
1813 A: So...
1814
1815 Q: ...helpful.
1816
1817 A: ...where are we going with this?
1818
1819 Q1: We're - we're still investigating, okay?
1820
1821 A: Investigating me, I guess?
1822
1823 Q1: The death of this wolf and...
1824
1825 A: Yes.
1826
1827 Q1: Right?
1828
1829 A: Yes.
1830
1831 Q1: Do you understand...
1832
1833 A: Yes.
1834
1835 Q1: ...where we're at?
1836
1837 A: Yes.
1838
1839 Q1: So and obviously we needed to talk to you...
1840
1841 A: Yep.
1842
1843 Q1: ...before we went any further. And so we - we're here to help. We're here to
1844 clarify information. We're gonna want to get some information, and you can
1845 ask all the questions in the world and we can - we can do our best to clarify

1846 them and - and help you with this process. How does that sound?
1847
1848 A: Hey, I want to clear it up. I - I...
1849
1850 Q1: Get it. We get it.
1851
1852 A: I don't know what the implications are though.
1853
1854 Q1: Yeah.
1855
1856 A: (Unintelligible).
1857
1858 Q1: And - and so we can -- you want to cover that? Go ahead, yeah.
1859
1860 Q: Sure. Um, so basically, you being forthcoming and cooperating with this
1861 investigation...
1862
1863 A: Mm-hm.
1864
1865 Q: ...is paramount. We are here to just seek the facts. We're not here to jam
1866 anybody up, but the facts that we know through our investigation piece...
1867
1868 A: Mm-hm.
1869
1870 Q: ...and continuing this investigation, it does look like, unfortunately, because
1871 it's really confusing out there, you did take a wolf illegally. It was shot in the
1872 park and was drug out through the park. Um, so you realize that now looking
1873 at the information?
1874
1875 A: Yep.
1876
1877 Q: We understand it can be confusing, so we want you to know that we're -- I 'm
1878 - I'm super sympathetic to that because, um, it's very confusing. But there has
1879 been a crime committed against the United States Government. So it's our
1880 duty to follow up on that. So you have a 36CFR Violation 2.2A1. These are
1881 all mumble jumble...
1882
1883 A: Yeah, yeah. That's mumble jumble.
1884
1885 Q: There - there's - there's a stack of mumble jumble.
1886
1887 ((Crosstalk))
1888
1889 A: Let's - let's just cut to the chase.
1890

1891 Q1: It's not a huge stack but there's a few.
1892
1893 Q: And then there's also a 16USC, um, I'm just reading these off 3372 A1 which
1894 kind of covers the Lacey Act. So when you take an animal illegally and then
1895 transport it, um, that can be - that Lacey Act is considered a Class A
1896 Misdemeanor. So we are - our job is to present the facts to the prosecutor for
1897 the United States...
1898
1899 A: Uh-huh.
1900
1901 Q: ...and this gentleman was very cooperative with us. Here - here are the - the
1902 violations of law. Can we come to some sort of agreement because he...?
1903
1904 A: It's my livelihood, yeah.
1905
1906 Q: ...worked well. Exactly. You're a guide.
1907
1908 Q1: We - we understand.
1909
1910 Q: Your family has been here for years. We're - we're not here to...
1911
1912 A: I - I'm not...
1913
1914 Q: ...drag you or your family in some sort of social media craziness. Does - do
1915 you understand? So we're here to get the facts, present them to the prosecutor,
1916 work with the prosecutor saying that you're cooperative and then go down the
1917 path of what is reasonable, um, in the outcome of caring out what this fine or
1918 sentencing would be. So, you know, max penalty for Lacey Act is \$10,000 up
1919 to one-year imprisonment or both, you know, the fact that you're cooperating
1920 with us, we would not -- I would personally ask the prosecutor, Nick as the
1921 investigator would be: What can we do to help the gentleman, um, since he's
1922 helped us.
1923
1924 A: Right, right.
1925
1926 Q: And in regard to that, the way you can continue to help us for us to...
1927
1928 A: Mm-hm.
1929
1930 Q: ...make sure that we do our best to communicate this and present the evidence
1931 to the prosecutor is by giving us some items that we'd like to seize as
1932 evidence and give you a property receipt.
1933
1934 A: What - what are you talking about?
1935

1936 Q: So these items that you have - this is a crime that has been committed...
1937
1938 A: Anything that would have to do with the incident?
1939
1940 Q: So...
1941
1942 A: Uh-huh, so the animal?
1943
1944 Q: The animal...
1945
1946 A: The an- the animal is at the taxidermy.
1947
1948 Q1: Right.
1949
1950 Q: So if you called the taxidermist and say, you know, the United States Park
1951 Rangers would like to come and pick -- it's gonna be stored in evidence.
1952
1953 A: I, you know, it - it -- the animal is insignificant to me. I just kind of need to
1954 get this thing squared away, man.
1955
1956 Q1: Sure.
1957
1958 Q: But if you're okay with us going to get it, that is a piece of evidence that we
1959 would need.
1960
1961 A: Yeah, you know, I.
1962
1963 Q: So there's the wolf and then there's several other items but it's really
1964 important, um, to this case. It is - it is considered contraband. The wolf...
1965
1966 ((Crosstalk))
1967
1968 A: I know I got to get all this stuff, yeah.
1969
1970 Q1: Okay. So Mr. Taylor, clearly this is a stressful situation for you.
1971
1972 A: Yes.
1973
1974 Q1: And we are again, the better we can gather information at this state...
1975
1976 A: Yep, yep.
1977
1978 Q1: ...which is where we're at.
1979
1980 A: Okay.

1981
1982 Q1: In this investigation, the better it's going to go. We will give you a few
1983 options when we're done to kind of talk about what happens next. The more
1984 clarity and information, the better this can all go I think for everybody. So,
1985 um, I - what we'll need to do when you're ready is we'll lock down this
1986 information.
1987
1988 A: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yep.
1989
1990 Q1: And then we'll tell you - we'll give you a phone number and then essentially
1991 the process is we've got our case and then the Assistant US Attorney is the
1992 person...
1993
1994 A: Here?
1995
1996 Q1: He's sort of here. He's here and Yellowstone.
1997
1998 A: Am I gonna have to travel?
1999
2000 Q1: No.
2001
2002 Q: No.
2003
2004 Q1: No.
2005
2006 A: Okay.
2007
2008 Q1: All - all of it will be handled out of Jackson, um, and so we'll - we'll work
2009 through that and you can be in contact with that person and, um, and
2010 discussing the way this goes. And you - all you need to...
2011
2012 A: Is it just him or all of us again?
2013
2014 Q1: Uh, it'll probably be - I don't think it'll be all of us again. It'll probably be
2015 you and him and potentially our law enforcement specialist or somebody.
2016
2017 A: Well now that we're to this point, I mean, man.
2018
2019 Q1: So, um.
2020
2021 A: I mean this is absolutely news to me.
2022
2023 Q1: Understood. I clearly understand. I can - I can just tell this is - this is stress for
2024 you.
2025

2026 A: Yeah, it's stressful because I - this is my livelihood, man.
2027
2028 Q1: And I appreciate that. That this is your livelihood, that makes...
2029
2030 A: I just, I - I -- this boundary right here, I did not -- oh, God.
2031
2032 Q1: So, um, one of the things the that I would say for you moving forward is when
2033 - when you're in contact with the law enforcement specialist at the park here,
2034 which would be the person that I kind of feed all of my information to.
2035
2036 A: Oh.
2037
2038 Q1: And then that person...
2039
2040 A: (Unintelligible).
2041
2042 Q1: No, no. He's not here.
2043
2044 A: Okay.
2045
2046 Q1: But essentially same - same story, same place. He passes the information to
2047 the Assistant US Attorney, (Lee Pico), and we work with him. And he's the
2048 person that...
2049
2050 A: So how long is this process gonna take?
2051
2052 Q1: Um.
2053
2054 Q: This is not an overnight thing. It's gonna depend. So if you continue to
2055 cooperate with us and we gather the evidence that we need, um, for the case
2056 that we've already talked about then we write it all up. We give it to the
2057 prosecutor, and then that's when they start talking, like...
2058
2059 Q1: They're talk with you.
2060
2061 Q: ...here is - here is what I have. Here are the violations of law potentially. Here
2062 is what we're willing to give you for a plea.
2063
2064 A: Mm-hm.
2065
2066 Q: So - and that's how this works from here. So I can't give you an exact time
2067 frame, but it's not gonna be this week, it's not gonna be next week. It's gonna
2068 take time, these things.
2069
2070 Q1: But your motivation to make it go away...

2071
2072 A: Mm-hm.
2073
2074 Q1: ...that - that's part of the communication...
2075
2076 Q: Yeah.
2077
2078 Q1: ...that you should put forth.
2079
2080 A: Yeah. I - I want this -- like I say, when I heard about this, I thought hell they'll
2081 be knocking on my door tomorrow.
2082
2083 Q1: So...
2084
2085 A: And - and then I - I don't -- okay.
2086
2087 Q1: So on that note, when you make that call or they call you, they'll be in contact
2088 and, uh, the Assistant US Attorney's Officer will probably be in contact with
2089 you in weeks but, um, you can call the law enforcement specialist and
2090 communicate your intentions from there.
2091
2092 Q: Which is the number on the next business card.
2093
2094 Q1: Here, I've got, um, so on mine - my card, I'm just plain old Park Ranger. This
2095 dispatch number.
2096
2097 A: Yeah, yep. Is it the 504 - 5400 and then an extension?
2098
2099 Q1: N- uh, no.
2100
2101 A: What is, oh, 3900? What - what is the park?
2102
2103 Q1: 3301. 739-3301 is our park dispatch.
2104
2105 A: Okay. 3300 is the?
2106
2107 Q1: That's the front desk, I think.
2108
2109 A: Okay. That's where I call when I go fishing...
2110
2111 Q1: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.
2112
2113 A: ...to get my boat reservation at Signal Mountain.
2114
2115 Q1: Oh, okay. And then our law enforcement specialist...

2116
2117 A: I play by the rules, man. I'm - this is -- oh, God.
2118
2119 Q1: Okay.
2120
2121 A1: Hi.
2122
2123 Q: Are you ready for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2124
2125 Q: Yeah.
2126
2127 Q1: Great.
2128
2129 Q: Um, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), are you - do you...
2130
2131 ((Crosstalk))
2132
2133 A: So you - you - do you have to drag (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in on this?
2134
2135 Q: Yeah.
2136
2137 A: I mean, really? Now that I know what the implication...
2138
2139 ((Crosstalk))
2140
2141 Q1: You know, I think all we're doing at this point is just - we just need to get
2142 information, right? Just -- and - and so like I - I get - I see that this is the
2143 painful stage. This is, like, we get the information now...
2144
2145 A: I fucked up, man.
2146
2147 Q1: ...and then we can move ahead, right?
2148
2149 A: I mean, this is - okay.
2150
2151 Q1: Okay. So, um, I'm giving you this information here.
2152
2153 Q: We all make mistakes, but with you being forthcoming like this...
2154
2155 A: Yeah.
2156
2157 Q: ...is only gonna help you. So you should feel - obviously you should feel good
2158 about that.
2159
2160 A: Like, I just...

2161
2162 ((Crosstalk))
2163
2164 A: ...had no idea.
2165
2166 Q: We all make mistakes. We're not perfect.
2167
2168 A: This is - this is why I didn't hunt buffalo up there.
2169
2170 Q1: So on the back of that card..
2171
2172 A: I - I didn't - I'd never been there.
2173
2174 Q1: I wrote the case number.
2175
2176 A: Yep, yep.
2177
2178 ((Crosstalk))
2179
2180 A: Okay, because I got to keep track of that.
2181
2182 Q1: Just hang on to those two things.
2183
2184 A: And this is just (unintelligible).
2185
2186 Q1: And you know, call me if you're, like, I need Nick, I just got to talk to him
2187 about this. I got to figure something out.
2188
2189 A: Yeah, okay.
2190
2191 Q1: Okay? Okay. So, um, either of these that to you make the most clarity and..
2192
2193 A: Yeah, this you're - you're doing this one.
2194
2195 Q1: Okay. And if you just - if you just want to write on there something along the
2196 lines with: I agree with the images above and, uh, a signature and a date.
2197
2198 A: Image? I-M-A-G-E?
2199
2200 Q1: Uh, I-M-A-G-E, yes. I do the same thing.
2201
2202 A: A-C-C? Accurate?
2203
2204 Q1: A-C-C-U-R-A-T-E.
2205

2206 Q: Yep.
2207
2208 A: You wanted me to sign it?
2209
2210 Q1: Please, with a date.
2211
2212 Q: Do you have...
2213
2214 A: 1-?
2215
2216 Q1: Yep.
2217
2218 A: This is 1-9-19, yes?
2219
2220 Q1: 1-9-19, yes. Um, so without dragging this out for you, I'm just going to show
2221 you a couple of pictures from the site...
2222
2223 A: Mm-hm.
2224
2225 Q1: ...just to confirm or not.
2226
2227 A: Yep, yep, yep.
2228
2229 Q1: And then a verbal statement and then, uh.
2230
2231 A: Yeah, I - I - I don't feel like I held anything back from you. I'm just that set
2232 boundary - that jog of that boundary.
2233
2234 Q1: And I really appreciate you cooperating. That's a big deal. Uh, that would be
2235 looking to the, uh, east. And this little bench here is the kill site. Would you
2236 agree? And if that's not...
2237
2238 A: Yeah, it, uh.
2239
2240 Q1: If that's not a great...
2241
2242 A: It seems right.
2243
2244 Q1: This would be in image.
2245
2246 A: It's kind of hard to tell.
2247
2248 Q1: Yeah, I know.
2249
2250 A: Oh, I see. That's your ski pole right there.

2251
2252 Q1: This is, yeah. And then this would be...
2253
2254 A: Yep.
2255
2256 Q1: ...uh, looking, uh, due west.
2257
2258 A: Yep.
2259
2260 Q1: If either of these...
2261
2262 A: Mm-hm. See I thought the boundary was down here along -- I thought this is -
2263 - I as a matter of fact, I pointed to those stakes when I - when we walked by
2264 them. I thought the buffalo maybe had been shot in the forest, wondered
2265 thump, fell over dead. That's the only -- and I heard the gut pile got drug.
2266
2267 Q1: Yeah.
2268
2269 A: You know what I mean?
2270
2271 Q1: Yeah.
2272
2273 A: Just -- I was confused. It was right there.
2274
2275 ((Crosstalk))
2276
2277 A: Uh, I told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I felt like the gut pile was maybe 15 feet inside the
2278 boundary. Is that right?
2279
2280 Q1: Well alright, now you...
2281
2282 A: Now I know.
2283
2284 Q1: So (unintelligible) what would - correct the statement you gave to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) just
2285 so we can get clarity on that.
2286
2287 A: It was just in talking.
2288
2289 Q1: No, I know. So where do you think the gut pile is now?
2290
2291 A: It was 15 feet inside the forest. See the bound-
2292
2293 Q1: I - I know we got it right. This -- it's like (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) just like you said it.
2294
2295 A: What's the yellow line?

2296
2297 Q1: Well, I - this is weird Google Earth stuff. In order to get a park boundary to
2298 appear, you check a box...
2299
2300 A:
2301
2302 Q1: ...and then a bunch of park boundary lines. So there's confusion there, um, but
2303 at any rate, the -- that's why there's two colored lines in there. Um, yeah, it's
2304 Google Earth. It's a little odd. Um, if you're the sort of raining most true to
2305 you as far as, um, these images that you want to just put your - put a signature
2306 on or?
2307
2308 A: Yeah, it's there.
2309
2310 Q1: Okay, great. Uh, why don't we do this, why don't you just write here about
2311 the kill site and then your, uh.
2312
2313 A: On the blue sky?
2314
2315 Q1: Yeah, I think there's - that's fine right there if you just put a photo or kill site
2316 and then your name, uh, signature again and then we'll.
2317
2318 A: How many times this happened to you guys?
2319
2320 Q: Mmm.
2321
2322 A: I've been getting so much solicitation.
2323
2324 Q1: Sure. Uh, this - this doesn't happen.
2325
2326 A: It's the government thing.
2327
2328 Q1: To me very often.
2329
2330 Q: But it happens every year.
2331
2332 Q1: The confusion on the boundary, specifically, all the time. It happens a lot.
2333
2334 A: Uh, which one do you want?
2335
2336 Q1: I - I think that would be the one if you just want to do it right there.
2337
2338 Q: Just say: Yes, kill site...
2339
2340 Q1: Uh, yeah.

2341
2342 Q: ...or kill site and date.
2343
2344 Q1: Kill site and date, yeah. Just label - label it.
2345
2346 A: I feel like I'm killing myself.
2347
2348 Q: You're doing the right thing and it was a mistake.
2349
2350 Q1: Yeah.
2351
2352 Q: It was an accident.
2353
2354 A: It was a mistake. I'm telling you, I'm not kidding you, my life rides on this.
2355
2356 Q: And we understand that and that's - this is why we're - we want to do our best
2357 to work with you as much as we can.
2358
2359 A: I mean, I...
2360
2361 Q1: So, Mr. Taylor, on that...
2362
2363 A: As - as vocal as I've been against trying to do something right about these
2364 wolves and get things balanced out, the media will have a hay day with me.
2365
2366 Q1: Well, we are using the utmost professionalism on this case, um, people
2367 involved are essentially the people you see here and working it that way on
2368 our part.
2369
2370 A: They'll think it's me being a...
2371
2372 Q: This is an open - open investigation. This is nothing that we talk about with
2373 anybody else. If somebody was to ever FOIA a report, all the personal
2374 information would be redacted. So just know we do our best.
2375
2376 A: I appreciate that. I mean, I'm, like I say, I'm - my life rides on this.
2377
2378 Q1: Yep.
2379
2380 A: My -- at 56 years old, I didn't plan on changing my life for something.
2381
2382 Q: Um.
2383
2384 Q1: Okay. So.
2385

2386 Q: Do you still have your hunting license here?
2387
2388 A: Mmm, I have the stub that I had. At the taxidermist he, uh.
2389
2390 Q: Okay.
2391
2392 A: He, uh.
2393
2394 ((Crosstalk))
2395
2396 Q1: He didn't need it.
2397
2398 A: Cool.
2399
2400 Q1: Um, so.
2401
2402 A: If I was trying to cover something up from you folks, I mean...
2403
2404 ((Crosstalk))
2405
2406 A: ...why would I have done what I did? I wouldn't of even retrieved the animal.
2407
2408 Q1: Sure. So, um.
2409
2410 A: Oh, boy.
2411
2412 Q1: Just a few more things to run through here. Um, so you said the animal is at
2413 the taxidermy...
2414
2415 A: Yes.
2416
2417 Q1: ...in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2418
2419 A: Yeah. I'll call (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
2420
2421 Q1: We --
2422
2423 A: You know, it might have gone to the tanner.
2424
2425 Q1: Okay.
2426
2427 Q: Where's the tanner located?
2428
2429 A: I have no idea.
2430

2431 Q: Okay.
2432
2433 Q1: So we'll go through...
2434
2435 Q: So we can call him while we're here together and ask where it is and if it's
2436 there what we'd likely for you to say is please stop any processing that's
2437 going on with it right now.
2438
2439 A: I know he's skinned it.
2440
2441 Q: And hold what he has...
2442
2443 A: Yep, yep, yep.
2444
2445 Q: ...what is still there and we will be down after we are done with this interview,
2446 we will head down there immediately.
2447
2448 A: Okay.
2449
2450 Q: So, um.
2451
2452 A: Okay. Let me try to find his number.
2453
2454 Q: And I'd like to write his number down when you find it.
2455
2456 Q1: Yeah.
2457
2458 A: Oh, I know where it is.
2459
2460 Q1: Man, that's a big wolf.
2461
2462 A: That one was a big wolf. That was the first one I got.
2463
2464 Q: How long ago?
2465
2466 A: 13.
2467
2468 Q: Wow. It's big. I still haven't seen a...
2469
2470 Q1: 150?
2471
2472 A: Uh, I don't know. They're big animals. You know, they're...
2473
2474 Q1: You got -- so did you -- you have his number?
2475

2476 A: I did not find his card. I think I called him on my phone.
2477
2478 Q: (Unintelligible) in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2479
2480 A: It's a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) number. It's a game and a Game and Fish, you know, uh. There was
2481 (b) (6), (b) (7) number. Let's see. (Unintelligible) give me a second here. What
2482 day did we go to Idaho Falls? Right there. Nope, that's...
2483
2484 Q: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2485
2486 A: Yep.
2487
2488 Q: Um, let me see.
2489
2490 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Something, I think. No. What's the other prefix for cell numbers? 699 in
2491 the Valley?
2492
2493 Q: It is, uh, it says, uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2494
2495 A: That, yeah. What'd you say again? (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2496
2497 Q: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Let's try that, maybe.
2498
2499 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2500
2501 Q: Mm-hm.
2502
2503 A: That'd be him. I remember it.
2504
2505 Q: And that's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) you said?
2506
2507 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
2508
2509 Q: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)?
2510
2511 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). And there again, man, dragging him in on this thing is -- he had - he
2512 had nothing to do with it. I was just -- he's...
2513
2514 Q1: Yeah, and if you want to, uh, call him.
2515
2516 Q: Actually, we'd like you to if that will help him stop whatever process he's in,
2517 uh.
2518
2519 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
2520

2521 Q1: You know, you can just in your own words tell him...
2522
2523 A: Yeah.
2524
2525 Q1: What you want to do...
2526
2527 A: Okay.
2528
2529 Q1: And that we don't want to process that any further and that, um...
2530
2531 Q: We will be there.
2532
2533 Q1: ...and that we'll come collect it.
2534
2535 A: Okay. He might not answer. He's off and on. What else do you need from me
2536 as far as...
2537
2538 Q: Well.
2539
2540 Q1: We would like the, uh, the boots you wore that day. The, uh.
2541
2542 A: For good?
2543
2544 Q1: No.
2545
2546 Q: No.
2547
2548 Q1: All of this will get back to you except for the animal.
2549
2550 ((Crosstalk))
2551
2552 Q1: Uh, you're rifle.
2553
2554 A: Uh, yeah.
2555
2556 Q1: From that day.
2557
2558 A: Yeah.
2559
2560 Q1: And If you still have the casing.
2561
2562 A: I think it's still in the barrel.
2563
2564 Q1: I - I was thinking it might be because it wasn't out there, or at least I tried to
2565 find it.

2566
2567 A: He's not answering.
2568
2569 Q1: Great.
2570
2571 ((Crosstalk))
2572
2573 Man: (Unintelligible). Sorry I missed your call. You either give me a text or leave
2574 me a voice mail and I'll get back to you.
2575
2576 Q1: (Unintelligible)?
2577
2578 Q: I didn't. I'd like to (unintelligible), mm-hm.
2579
2580 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Brian Taylor. Hey, uh, if you could, if you've done anything with the
2581 last wolf, I brought you, uh, just let's quit doing anything with it. There's been
2582 some issues regarding that wolf, so, uh, don't throw it away, just keep the --
2583 keep it as is, uh, and, uh, I'll, well, there's a boundary issue on this whole
2584 thing. It's a mess, man. But any rate, uh, the Park Service is gonna want to
2585 come and get the hide from you. I'm sorry I brought you into this, (b) (6),
2586 I'll...
2587
2588 Q: And say that it's okay for him to do that.
2589
2590 Q1: It's fine.
2591
2592 A: Yeah, it's, yeah. And that my words, they can pick it up. It's part of their
2593 investigations, so, but if you get this, you can't try to call me. I'm gonna be
2594 around my phone some, but if not, I will be - I will be - I'll talk about this
2595 with you. Thanks, bye.
2596
2597 Q: Thank you.
2598
2599 Q1: And so Mr. Taylor, so you know on this stuff, like, we're not gonna tell him
2600 anything. So it's entirely up to you on that.
2601
2602 A: I know. I mean, it's...
2603
2604 ((Crosstalk))
2605
2606 Q1: We are being discreet, so, like, I get it. On the business side and then we're
2607 just - we're here to give you all the respect you deserve on this and we're just
2608 - we just need the animal. So we'll go down. You tell him...
2609
2610 ((Crosstalk))

2611
2612 A: I don't know if he's there.
2613
2614 Q1: No, that's fine. We'll sort that out.
2615
2616 A: I left him a message the other day and he didn't get it, so I can text him.
2617
2618 Q1: I got a just...
2619
2620 Q: You can keep your hunting license.
2621
2622 A: Oh, that's fine.
2623
2624 ((Crosstalk))
2625
2626 Q1: Okay. So, um, I'm - I'm not kidding you. This isn't something that I flaunt.
2627 You can ask the Game and Fish boys. I don't flaunt these wolves on the back
2628 of my pick up. I don't, you know what I mean?
2629
2630 Q1: I get it.
2631
2632 A: I - I try. I know where we're headed with this thing and it's, you know, I don't
2633 try to flaunt my - I want to - I want to keep this thing going the way it is.
2634
2635 Q1: Yeah.
2636
2637 A: I'm glad the state's managing it. Trust me, if you think this was an intentional
2638 act, it's --
2639
2640 Q1: No, there's no - and that's not our job to make any assumptions anyway. So,
2641 uh, so, uh, just a few more things.
2642
2643 A: The only thing is, I'd rather you not take (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) boots. I guess you want all
2644 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) boots?
2645
2646 ((Crosstalk))
2647
2648 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) doesn't have anything else to wear on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) feet. There's, I mean, look at
2649 them. They're -- I think you've done a good job investigating this thing, I
2650 mean, I'm not hiding anything here showing me what happened.
2651
2652 Q1: We'll see where we get with that, uh, so if we could use - if we could get your
2653 rifle.
2654
2655 A: Yeah.

2656
2657 Q1: And I'm going to give you a receipt for all the inform- all the stuff you've
2658 given me.
2659
2660 A: Mm-hm.
2661
2662 Q1: Um.
2663
2664 A: You want it right now?
2665
2666 Q1: I think - I think we're good on everything else, um, I think maybe the last thing if - if you
2667 don't mind, actually, let's just have a quick seat. Finish up with our kind of,
2668 uh, written...
2669
2670 ((Crosstalk))
2671
2672 Q1: I think we're good. I mean, we're there, I think. I just want to do kind of the
2673 last verbal part of this that...
2674
2675 A: Oh, okay.
2676
2677 Q1: ...um, based on all of the stuff we've talking about.
2678
2679 A: (Unintelligible).
2680
2681 Q1: Yeah, yeah.
2682
2683 Q: Sorry.
2684
2685 Q1: You, all right?
2686
2687 A: Yep. It's just a bad back.
2688
2689 Q1: I'm with you. I don't know if mine's quite there.
2690
2691 A: Okay.
2692
2693 Q1: Okay. Uh, so I think
2694
2695 A: You're too young to have a bad back.
2696
2697 Q1: I wish. Um, all right. So what I think would be good is so we've got those two
2698 pictures...
2699
2700 A: Yep.

2701
2702 Q1: ...that you signed.
2703
2704 A: Yep.
2705
2706 Q1: That if you want to just make a verbal statement about what you think
2707 happened to summarize your verbal statement on what you think happened on
2708 12-31-2018. Then we'll move to just gathering that evidence and let you get
2709 on with this.
2710
2711 A: Now that I've seen this, you mean, make that statement? Okay. It appear when
2712 is we left the truck, we went through the forest part time, through the park part
2713 time. Is that an accurate statement?
2714
2715 Q1: Yeah.
2716
2717 A: Got back to the boundary and misjudged the boundary. And proceeded what,
2718 north, mostly east through the park to the kill site.
2719
2720 Q1: And then you did what?
2721
2722 A: And then retrieved the wolf way more on the park than I thought it was. I
2723 thought we were...
2724
2725 Q1: Okay. So you...
2726
2727 A: I thought we spent two-thirds of the time in the forest and the rest of the time
2728 in the - in the, uh, park. Like, yeah, I knew we had to been on the park
2729 retrieving it at some point, but. Yeah. So, that's about it.
2730
2731 Q1: Um, so what did - just tell me what you did there in the park. You know, you
2732 just said to the kill site, I'm just looking for the clarity on that.
2733
2734 A: I shot the wolf.
2735
2736 Q1: Where?
2737
2738 A: In the park, uh, in the, like, near the head of Eynon draw. How far is it to the
2739 park line?
2740
2741 Q1: I just check on that, yeah.
2742
2743 A: I mean, really. I mean, that'd be -- enlighten me, so.
2744
2745 Q1: Yeah, I'm happy to help.

2746
2747 A: I felt like we were...
2748
2749 ((Crosstalk))
2750
2751 Q1: Yeah. So here's Eynon draw.
2752
2753 ((Crosstalk))
2754
2755 A: It is a quarter mile from the park line?
2756
2757 Q1: Uh, here. I'll show you on the -- I'll get the disc.
2758
2759 A: You have an over lay.
2760
2761 Q1: Uh, yeah.
2762
2763 A: That's what it is - that's the thing that I think would help me the most. I've - I
2764 read a lot of blueprints and over lays help a lot. You have over lay on this? All
2765 of this stuff?
2766
2767 Q: We have to input it.
2768
2769 ((Crosstalk))
2770
2771 Q1: So that's your overview and then.
2772
2773 A: So it's clear out here?
2774
2775 Q1: It's a ways. Uh, that Enon Draw, the boundary is, um, so, uh, from here to
2776 here is a little over a half of mile.
2777
2778 A: Now this - this map is the worst one you got. I mean, serious.
2779
2780 Q1: It's sort of the most legal map, if you will, but. Um, yeah. So this, uh, distance
2781 from roughly here to here is about 2 and a half to 3 miles.
2782
2783 A: So am I - how accurate was I on all of your modern technology here, how far
2784 did we walk?
2785
2786 Q1: Uh, this whole loop is about 4 and a half miles total.
2787
2788 A: Well, in the deep snow it probably - it felt like further.
2789
2790 Q1: Okay.

2791
2792 A: I thought we were only had gone further than that.
2793
2794 Q1: Yeah. I mean, your distance when is we broke them down, they were roughly
2795 accurate when you were, like, to that distance was about, yeah.
2796
2797 A: Okay. Yeah.
2798
2799 Q1: All right. So great. Uh, I think we - we can wrap up on the kind of the paper
2800 and the talking. Um, I'll get - I'll start working on, um, some property receipts
2801 for you so you have a copy of us collecting this evidence.
2802
2803 A: Mm-hm.
2804
2805 Q1: Because these - these things belong to you.
2806
2807 A: Mm-hm.
2808
2809 Q1: Um, and then so let's if we can get, uh, your boots and your rifle.
2810
2811 A: And that's it?
2812
2813 Q: We'll start with your boots.
2814
2815 Q1: We'll start with your boots. And I - I'll double check my list and then we'll -
2816 we'll...
2817
2818 A: I mean, really, it seems like you're going through a lot of work to just...
2819
2820 Q: We're very meticulous and we...
2821
2822 A: To, uh, I mean.
2823
2824 Q1: The deal - the deal is, is like, we just - we're just doing our job.
2825
2826 A: Your prospective duties.
2827
2828 Q1: This is my job's phase, right? So I'm just...
2829
2830 A: Let me, I mean, I could cough use my boots, but I got an extra pair. But (b) (6), (b)
2831 (b) (6), (b) (7) I'd really.
2832
2833 Q1: Okay. Understood.
2834
2835 A: And (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), so.

2836
2837 Q1: Okay.
2838
2839 A: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) not running.
2840
2841 Q1: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), I'm sure, is being very cooperative right now hanging out with the...
2842
2843 Q: It would be another discussion you have with the other rangers if the
2844 photograph are sufficient or - I'll - I'll leave that with you.
2845
2846 Q1: Yeah, okay.
2847
2848 A: Well, you're the lead guy?
2849
2850 Q1: Yeah, essentially. I'm - I'm the guy.
2851
2852 Q1: You're the guy that was boots on the ground?
2853
2854 Q1: The investigator. Yeah, I've spent a lot of time out there.
2855
2856 A: Okay.
2857
2858 Q: He's the expert, yes.
2859
2860 Q1: I don't know about expert.
2861
2862 A: Okay. So you're the guy I need to talk to somebody in the park essentially?
2863
2864 Q1: If nothing else, I will make sure you talk to the right person, uh, you're
2865 probably be talking to either me or (Chris Flesch). His name is on the back of
2866 that. Call - call me on there. My office number as well. Uh, dispatch can
2867 always get a hold of me because they have the radio and my cell phone, so.
2868
2869 A: Got ya.
2870
2871 Q1: All right. Um, so let's go with the boots for now.
2872
2873 A: And, uh, you want them now?
2874
2875 Q1: Uh, I think it's time to just do that so we can get everything, kind of, get
2876 everything going.
2877
2878 Q: I have a big plastic bag (Unintelligible).
2879
2880 ((Crosstalk))

2881
2882 A: I understand.
2883
2884 Q1: There you go. Okay. Now I think the recording is still on, I don't know if you
2885 want to keep it going?
2886
2887 Q: That's fine. Okay. So the time is what time is...
2888
2889 ((Crosstalk))
2890
2891 Q1: So, may take a look at them.
2892
2893 Q: The time is 9:18, we are currently still with Mr. Taylor. We're gonna collect
2894 his boots, um, for evidence. And we're also gonna collect the rifle and round
2895 he used for evidence. And I'm gonna shut the recorder off at this time. It's
2896 9:19 am.
2897
2898
2899 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
2900 transcription.
2901 Signed _____/S/ Nicholas Armitage_____

INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN DAVID TAYLOR

Q=(Nick) Armitage

Q1=SA (Maria) Sebastian

Q2=(Rich)

A=Brian David Taylor

A1=(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

A: Really sketchy - sketchy...

A1: (Unintelligible).

A: ...park boundary - deal with, a'ight? And though, uh.

Q: Cool.

A: So, um, so if you can just leave it as is whatever stage of processing you're in on.

A1: Yeah.

Q1: So you just...

A: And they're gonna come and get the hides.

A1: (Unintelligible).

Q1: You don't have to - I can just put the - the date and time on it.

A1: (Unintelligible).

A: Yeah.

Q: (Unintelligible) that.

Q1: And then you can tag it on here and stick it in the bag and we'll do the rest.

A: So - and that's all...

46 Q1: Wait.
47
48 Q: Yeah.
49
50 A: All they want from you...
51
52 Q1: Like that. Yeah, just this.
53
54 Q: (Unintelligible).
55
56 A: ...is just the hide, man.
57
58 Q: (Unintelligible).
59
60 A: I apologize that you've been drug in on this.
61
62 Q: All right. This is more important 'cause I want to give this to him.
63
64 A: In any way you are so...
65
66 Q: And receive it (unintelligible)- yes.
67
68 Q1: Yes.
69
70 Q: So that's what I'm gonna sit down and work on while you collect the stuff.
71
72 Q1: Yeah, here, I'll write this and you...
73
74 A: (Unintelligible).
75
76 A: No, I have no idea. This is - this is...
77
78 Q1: Well your (unintelligible). So you...
79
80 Q: Yeah - yeah.
81
82 Q1: You write this and I'll - I'll write this (unintelligible).
83
84 A: Kickin' my ass right now.
85
86 Q: Yeah, I'll be with (unintelligible), a mess (unintelligible).
87
88 A: Yeah - yeah. Anyway.
89
90 A1: (Unintelligible).

91

92 A: Yeah, I got - I - I, uh...

93

94 Q: I wanted (unintelligible).

95

96 A: ...didn't realize it was a park boundary was right there to it.

97

98 Q: I'm sorry - I want to make sure I got right Case Number.

99

100 A: It takes it right angle turn that I thought I was on...

101

102 Q: Did you write it down anywhere directly?

103

104 A: ...boundary on the other side.

105

106 Q1: I did, yep.

107

108 Q: I just want...

109

110 Q1: Do - would you like it?

111

112 A: ...one boundary but it was the other boundary.

113

114 Q: Yeah, I just wanna make sure I'm not, um, recalling from memory wrong.

115

116 A: Now as it turns out I was further inside of it.

117

118 Q1: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

119

120 Q: Okay.

121

122 A: I don't know. Right - right - tell you what. Anyway but I will...

123

124 Q: And that's when I told you that when we were in the office.

125

126 A: They're gonna stop by from - the guy's name - are you both going?

127

128 Q1: Yes.

129

130 A: Okay, it's, uh, there's a gentleman named Nick Armitage.

131

132 Q: Yep.

133

134 A: And then Maria.

135

136 Q: Maria.
137
138 Q1: Sebastian.
139
140 A: Sebastian. They're gonna come out there - are you gonna be around today, I
141 guess, first question.
142
143 A1: I - yep - I will be here today.
144
145 A: Okay, well, they will be able to find ya. Uh, off - I guess you're on Google
146 maps or whatever.
147
148 Q: (b) (6), (b) .
149
150 A1: (Unintelligible).
151
152 Q1: Mm-hm.
153
154 A: Okay. They're gonna swing by and get the hide, man.
155
156 A1: Okay.
157
158 A: All right - all right. Sorry for...
159
160 A1: Later.
161
162 A: Okay. Yeah, I'll - yeah. All right. Sorry..
163
164 A1: (Unintelligible)
165
166 A: ...about that.
167
168 A1: Okay. (Unintelligible).
169
170 Q: He's not jammed up.
171
172 A1: Be here.
173
174 A: Uh.
175
176 Q1: If you wanna let him know that he's not...
177
178 Q2: He's not in any - he's not in any trouble.
179
180 A: Think you'll be there by noon? Yeah, you're not - they're not - all's they're

181 gonna do is get the hide.
182
183 A1: All right.
184
185 A: I just - yeah, so - yeah. Okay.
186
187 Q: We're lookin', uh, afternoon.
188
189 A: Afternoon. S- the - this - this afternoon.
190
191 A1: (Unintelligible).
192
193 A: 'Kay?
194
195 A1: I'll (unintelligible) right now.
196
197 A: All right. Thanks (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
198
199 A1: Okay. You bet ya. Bye.
200
201 A: Bye. Okay.
202
203 Q1: We're at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) .
204
205 Q: Yeah, just doubl- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
206
207 A: And you know there's a little discrepancy there.
208
209 Q: Close enough.
210
211 Q1: Uh-huh.
212
213 A: And maybe it's close enough. That's where we get out mail or shipping.
214
215 Q: That's (unintelligible).
216
217 Q1: Okay.
218
219 A: Okay, so, uh...
220
221 Q1: Uh, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
222
223 Q: Where's the rifle? You don't have to grab it just, uh...
224
225 Q1: Yeah, wait.

226
227 Q: Where is it?
228
229 A: It's - it's into my pickup.
230
231 Q1: Well, like, okay. We'll go with you.
232
233 Q2: We don't like people running out but we'll go with ya.
234
235 Q: Hang on. If you wanna just...
236
237 A: No.
238
239 Q1: I meant...
240
241 Q: I wanna take care of the boots first. One step at a time.
242
243 A: Okay.
244
245 Q: And I'm doin' it as fast as I can here.
246
247 A: You know I'm not tryin' to hide anything, just...
248
249 Q: I'm bad - I'm bad at paperwork so - no, I know you're not. You're - again, it's
250 appreciated.
251
252 Q2: Can I do any photographing to speed things up at all? Or?
253
254 Q: Um.
255
256 Q2: Help you guys.
257
258 Q1: Um, if you wanna take a...
259
260 Q: Did you get...
261
262 Q1: Oh, go ahead.
263
264 Q: Did you get pictures from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) phone and stuff? Pictures of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
265 pictures.
266
267 Q2: I have not yet. I was gonna either use...
268
269 Q: Okay. That would be great.
270

271 Q2: ...the camera here or...
272
273 Q: Yeah, here, let me get you that camera. And then, um, if you, um...
274
275 Q1: Take photos of it from here.
276
277 Q: Oh - I - you still have it. Don't you?
278
279 Q2: No, I put it right in the front there so it should be right...
280
281 A: So, back to my question, can I - do we have to do (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) footwear 'cause
282 that's the only pair of shoes (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has, I think.
283
284 Q: I think we - I think, um, I would...
285
286 A: I mean Muck boots are Muck boots.
287
288 Q: I wanna double check with (Rich), um...
289
290 A: I mean, my boots are - I can - I've got another pair I can...
291
292 Q2: Just snap a picture of these.
293
294 Q: Yeah, I think, uh...
295
296 Q2: I know we talked about trying to get a hold of - okay.
297
298 Q: Maybe, what would be good is, like, if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) um, looked at one of the pictures
299 of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) footprint too and just initialed.
300
301 A: 'Kay.
302
303 Q: Do you wanna do that?
304
305 A: Sure.
306
307 Q: And then - and then I think with that and the fact that you guys are bein' so
308 cooperative, I think we're okay with that.
309
310 Q2: I am too.
311
312 Q: Keepin' (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) boots...
313
314 A: I just don't want (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to (unintelligible) cold weather.
315

316 Q: So (Rich), here's the, um, here are the photos. Um, if you wanna find - if you
317 wanna mess with, uh, helpin' keep - get (b) (6), (b) boots. So, um, let me get
318 the camera out. If you want to find a picture of (b) footprint - (b) tread in
319 there.

320
321 A: Mm-hm.

322
323 Q: And then, um...

324
325 Q2: You not finding that camera? I'll look.

326
327 Q: No, I - I got it.

328
329 Q2: I know it's - yeah, it's in the main body of this.

330
331 Q: Okay. Yeah, we were in that hallway. I don't remember exactly, but.

332
333 Q2: Towards your regular - so.

334
335 Q: There it is. Thanks.

336
337 A: You know, I have a suggestion for all you folks. I'd get you all here to tell you
338 this but, you know, you guys outta maybe think about puttin' a kiosk or
339 something there to help minimize the future of this thing. To - I mean, it's -
340 that's a hokey boundary. You know what I mean?

341
342 Q: I agree. Yeah.

343
344 Q1: So to look at it - go out there and post.

345
346 A: You know, you know that people accessing it across, you know what I mean?

347
348 Q2: It's got that cut out.

349
350 Q: Yeah, it's a weird spot.

351
352 A: (Unintelligible) that's what got me.

353
354 Man: Just set it down there, yeah.

355
356 Q: Yeah.

357
358
359 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
360 transcription.

361 Signed _____ /S/ Nicholas Armitage _____

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Chilton No.	
Reporting Ranger	ALFRED W. ALVING
Location	42 716-001 W 116 27736 E

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Date	Time	Item No.	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
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Name	1-2-2019	1320	ALL	Ranger originally seizing items	STORAGE 311-60
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Address	1-2-209/2130	411	2 no note
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Witness	Date				
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Citation No. _____ Reporting Ranger W. J. McMillan Location 73 Herod Hwy. 47226

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Legal Owner (Recovered property)	Date	Time	Item No.	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
Name _____	1-2-2014	1520	ALL	Ranger originally seizing items	STORAGE <i>Seized</i>
Address _____	1-2-2014	2100	ALL	<i>locked chest</i>	Storage
_____	1-3-2014	1200	ALL	Bin 22	Storage

Drugs Destroyed (item #'s) _____

Destroyed by _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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Citation No.	
Reporting Ranger	<u>LITTLE, J. C.</u>
Location	(2) (2), (2) (2), (2) (2)

Citation No. _____ Reporting Ranger _____ Location _____
Subject(s) Name _____ Type of Incident _____
_____ Illegal Take of Wildlife

Legal Owner (Recovered property)	Date	Time	Item No.	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
Name _____ Address _____ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [Redacted]	1/9/19	833	All	Ranger originally seizing items	STORAGE
	1/9/19	0945	411	[Signature]	Town Storage

Drugs Destroyed (item #'s) _____

Destroyed by _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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Location Stored
Bin #

Legal Owner (Recovered property)

Witness _____ Date _____

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

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Location

Type of Incident .

Illegal take of Wildlife

Detailed description (item, make, model, color, size, condition, etc.)

Serial No.

Location Stored
Bin #

10	3	30°C Bullets silver colored case copper colored bullet
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REASON

-STÉPHANIE

2024

I have witnessed the destruction of the (controlled substances) (drugs, biologicals, and reagents other than controlled substances) described in the foregoing certification in the manner and on the date stated herein, as required by 41 CFR 101-45.505

Drugs Destroyed (item #'s)

Method

Destroyed by _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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Citation No.	Reporting Ranger	Location
	<i>[Signature]</i>	(b) (5), (b) (7)(C)

Subject(s) Name	Type of Incident
Dr. N. A. L. L. L.	1st party - one of the party

Item No.	Quantity	Detailed description (item, make, model, color, size, condition, etc.)	Serial No.	Bin #

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Name Dr. Am. 10/2/10

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

(b) (5), (b) (7)(C)

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Drugs Destroyed (item #'s)

Method

Destroyed by _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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Location

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

Type of incident: 1100001 1000 12/19/18

Location Stored
Bin #Legal Owner (Recovered property)

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

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

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Drugs Destroyed (item #'s)

Method

Destroyed by _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

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EVIDENCE REPORT - GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Armaface

Location	Type of Incident
Alhambra	Theft of Vehicle

Detailed description (item, make, model, color, size, condition, etc.)

BIN#

ting for Brian Taylor (my husband)

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Date	Time	Item No.	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
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1-9-14	9/13	ALL	Ranger originally seizing items	STORAGE 2012
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1.9.19	163	ALL	3.11.19	2.11.19
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Bin #

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REASON

STORAGE 501210

Storing

Witness _____ Date _____

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

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Legal take v110119

Bin #

Legal Owner (Recovered property)

STORAGE

Added 1st 3100g

Witness _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Evidence Report:

SUBJECT NAME: <u>BRIAN DAVID TAYLOR</u>	INCIDENT: <u>18 U.S.C. 3372(a)(1); 36 CFR 2.2(a)(1)</u>
Case #: <u>NPI9000659</u>	Location: <u>(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)</u>
Citation #(s): <u>—</u>	
Offense Date: <u>1/9/19</u>	Offense Time: <u>App. 0840 hrs.</u>
Reporting Officer: <u>SA M. Sebastian</u>	Supervisor Reviewing: <u>ASAC L. Seago</u>

ITEM #	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION	STORAGE BIN
		(ITEM, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, SIZE, CONDITION, WEIGHT, ETC)	
		EVD-MS-001: CD-R DIGITAL MEDIA, PHOTOGRAPHS	
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Legal Owner

Name: _____	Phone # _____
Address: _____	

Chain of Custody

DATE	TIME	ITEM #	CUSTODY ASSUMED BY	REASON
<u>1/9/19</u>	<u>14:30</u>	<u>ALL</u>	Name/Sig. <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Seizure</u> <u>MS</u> <u>Storage</u>

I have witnessed the destruction of the (controlled substance), (drugs, biologicals, and reagents other than controlled substances) described in the forging certification in the manner and on the date state herein:

Drugs destroyed (item #'s) _____ Method: _____

Destroyed by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Camera:	SONY Cyber-shot, DSC-HX10V	
DATE of Photos:	1/09/2019	
TIME of Photos:	Approximately 0840 hours	
Location of Photos:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Image # or ID:	Description of Photo Subject:	
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DSC00845.JPG	Close up-bad exposure, blank screen	
DSC00846.JPG	Close up-photograph of Brian Taylor (S1) with deceased wolf	
DSC00847.JPG	Black Verizon flip phone-closed	
DSC00848.JPG	Close up-2018 Wyoming Resident Carcass Coupon, License #18117485069, Brian D. Taylor-notched DEC 31	
DSC00849.JPG	REAL TREE Lacrosse camouflage men's boots	
DSC00850.JPG	Close up- Lacrosse L-boot tread	
DSC00851.JPG	Close up-inside boot, Lacrosse Size US 10	
DSC00852.JPG	Brian Taylor (S1) holding Remington 700, Caliber 30-06	
DSC00853.JPG	Close up-Remington 700, Caliber 30-06, serial # 180240	

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Photographs list above Attachment_A
2. Evidence Report EVD-MS-001

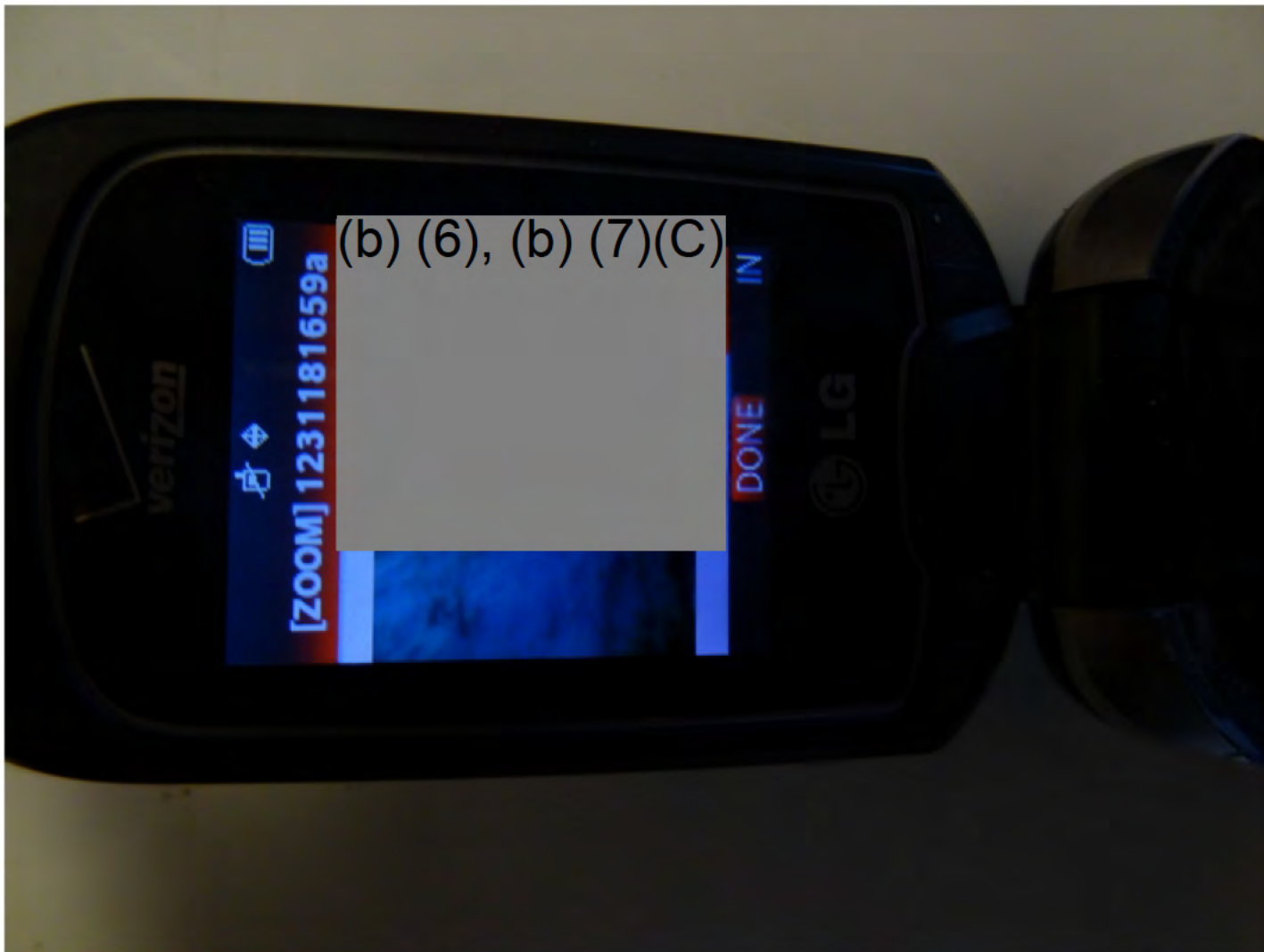
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NP19000659 Photographs EVD-MS-001



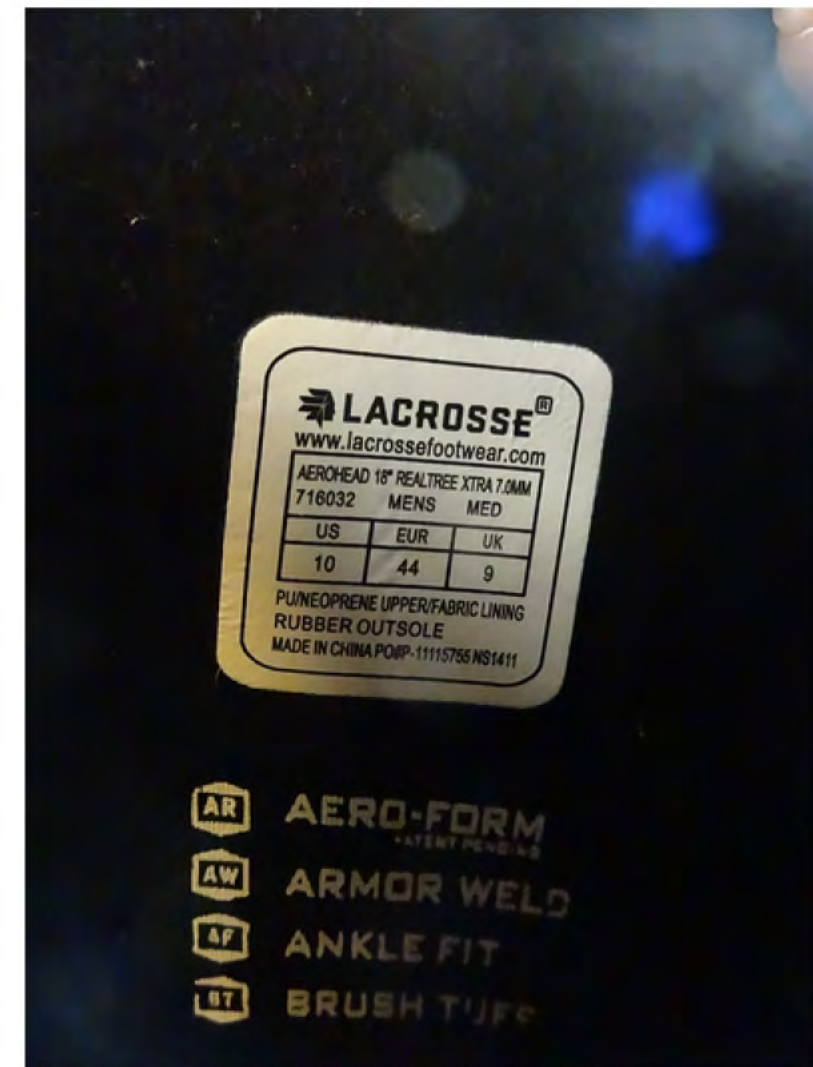
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Kill site - 1/9/19

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





The image on this map appears accurate.

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

1/9/19

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT VIOLATION NOTICE

United States District Court

Violation Notice

CVB Location Code

WGT

Violation Number 6570304	Officer Name (Print) Armitage	Officer No. 549
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING VIOLATION		
Date and Time of Offense (mm/dd/yyyy) 12-31-2018 5pm	Offense Charged 36 CFR 22.2(a)(1)	State Code WY
Place of Offense Grand Teton N.P.		
Offense Description: Factual Basis for Charge Eynon Draw (East of Elk Ranch Flats) to wit; attempt to hunt shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton N.P.		
DEFENDANT INFORMATION		
Last Name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	First Name (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	M.I. (b) (6), (b) (7)
Street Address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
City (b) (6), (b) (7)	State (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Zip Code (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Drivers License No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	CDL (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Social Security No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Vehicle (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Sex (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Age (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Year (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Make/Model (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Color (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Tag No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	State (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Pass (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
A ☒ IF BOX A IS CHECKED, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy).		
B ☐ IF BOX B IS CHECKED, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy).		
PAY THIS AMOUNT →		
FORFEITURE AMOUNT \$ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
PROCESSING FEE + \$30		
TOTAL COLLATERAL DUE \$ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
YOUR COURT DATE (If no court appearance date is shown, you will be notified of your appearance date by mail.)		
Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/23/2019		
Time (hr:min) 09:00		
Court Address U.S. DISTRICT COURT BUILDING 145 EAST SIMPSON JACKSON, WY 83001		

NP19000659

My signature certifies that I have received a copy of this violation notice. It is not an admission of guilt. I promise to appear for the hearing at the time and place instructed or pay the total collateral due.

X Defendant Signature

Location Code **WGT**

Citation Number **6570304**

NPS Case Number **NP19000659**

Ranger Last Name **Armitage**

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

(for issuance of an arrest warrant or summons)

On January 2, 2019, 1 NPS Ranger Nicholas Armitage along with Ranger Richard Baerwald began an investigation on the illegal take of wildlife, a female wolf, from Grand Teton National Park. Based on the findings of our investigation and the voluntary statements made to me and fellow rangers by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Taylor, and (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6) it was determined that (b) (6), (b) (7) attempted to illegally hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park on December 31, 2018. During a voluntary interview at (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), on January 9, 2019 (b) (6), (b) (7) reported to Ranger Baerwald that on December 31, 2018 (b) (6) had carried (b) (6) hunting rifle into the backcountry with the intent to shoot a wolf. After reviewing maps and photographs with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that (b) (6) Brian, and (b) (6), while following wolf tracks mistakenly believed they were leaving the park when they passed the boundary signs but were in fact entering the park. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that after spotting several wolves on the north side of Eynon Draw (b) (6) tried to get a clear shot at a wolf but because of the thick timber (b) (6) did not feel comfortable taking the shot that Brian Taylor eventually took. The investigation found 3 distinct boot tracks which matched (b) (6), (b) (7) Brian Taylor's, and (b) (6), (b) (6), boots. These tracks entered the park between two NPS Boundary signs, followed wolf tracks, and continued for approximately .65 miles to the location Mr. Brian Taylor shot the wolf. They had traveled a total of .75 miles to the wolf kill site from where they had entered the park. (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7) had a valid Wyoming wolf tag and hunting license for the neighboring National Forest hunting area. December 31, 2018 was the last day of the hunt for wolves in the National Forest. (b) (6), (b) (7) was issued a violation notice for 36 CFR 22.2(a)(1) illegal take of wildlife to wit; attempt to hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

The foregoing statement is based upon:

☒ my personal observation ☒ my personal investigation
☒ information supplied to me by my fellow officer's observation
☐ other (explain)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information which I have set forth above and on the face of this violation notice is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on:

01/26/2019

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Officer's Signature

Probable cause has been stated for the issuance of a warrant.

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U.S. Magistrate Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT VIOLATION NOTICE

United States District Court Violation Notice		CVB Location Code WGT	
Violation Number 6570305	Officer Name (Print) Armitage	Officer No. 549	
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING VIOLATION			
Date and Time of Offense (mm/dd/yyyy) 12/31/2018 5 pm	Offense Charged 36 CFR 22.2(a)(1)	State Code (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Place of Offense Grand Teton N.P.	Fynon Draw (East of Elk Ranch Field)		
Offense Description: Factual Basis for Charge Illegal take of wildlife to wit: hunt shoot and kill a wolf in Grand Teton N.P.			
DEFENDANT INFORMATION		Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Last Name Taylor	First Name Brian	M.I. D	
Street Address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
City (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	State (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Zip Code (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Driver's License No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	CDL No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Social Security No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Waiver (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Adult ☒ Juvenile ☐ Sex ☒ Male ☐ Female (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Eyes (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Hair (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Weight (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
VEHICLE VIN (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Year (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Make/Model (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Color (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
A ☒ IF BOX A IS CHECKED, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy). B ☐ IF BOX B IS CHECKED, YOU MUST PAY AMOUNT INDICATED BELOW OR APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy).			
PAY THIS AMOUNT → \$ Forfeiture Amount \$ + \$30 Processing Fee \$ Total Collateral Due		YOUR COURT DATE Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/23/2019 Time (hh:mm) 09:00	
My signature signifies that I have received a copy of this violation notice. It is not an admission of guilt. I promise to appear for the hearing at the time and place instructed or pay the total collateral due.			

NP 19000659

Location Code WGT
Citation Number 6570305
NPS Case Number NP19000659
Ranger Last Name Armitage

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
(for issuance of an arrest warrant or summons)

On January 2, 2019, I NPS Ranger Nicholas Armitage began an investigation on the illegal take of wildlife, a female wolf, from Grand Teton National Park. Based on the findings of my investigation and the voluntary statements made to me and fellow rangers by BRIAN TAYLOR, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) I determined that BRIAN TAYLOR illegally shot and killed a wolf in Grand Teton National Park on December 31, 2018. During a voluntary interview at his home in (b) (6), (b) (7) on January 9, 2019, BRIAN TAYLOR admitted to shooting the female wolf in Grand Teton National Park. After reviewing maps with Mr. BRIAN TAYLOR he explained that he mistakenly believed while following wolf tracks he was leaving the park when he passed the boundary signs but was in fact entering the park. He reported following wolf tracks until he spotted multiple wolves on the north side of Eynon Draw. He said he fired one shot with his rifle, killing a female wolf. The investigation found 3 distinct boot tracks which matched BRIAN TAYLOR's, (b) (6), (b) (7) and (b) (6), (b) (7) boots. These tracks entered the park between two NPS Boundary signs and continued for approximately .65 miles to the location Mr. BRIAN TAYLOR shot the wolf. He traveled a total of .75 miles to the wolf kill site from where he had entered the park. The wolf kill site was approximately .5 miles inside the park from the nearest boundary. Mr. BRIAN TAYLOR had a valid Wyoming wolf tag and hunting license for the neighboring National Forest hunting area. December 31, 2018 was the last day of the hunt for wolves in the National Forest. BRIAN TAYLOR was issued a violation notice for 36 CFR 22.2(a)(1) illegal take of wildlife to wit; hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park.

The foregoing statement is based upon:

- ☒ my personal observation ☒ my personal investigation
☒ information supplied to me by my fellow officer's observation
☐ other (explain)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

Defendant,

3:19-po-00033-MLC

Violation Notice: 6570304

Illegal Take of Wildlife

LEAVE GRANTING DISMISSAL AND DISMISSAL OF PETTY OFFENSE

After due consideration, the Court hereby GRANTS LEAVE to the United States to Dismiss the Petty Offense charge(s) with prejudice.

By:

MARK L. CARMAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1-31-19

DATE

The United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming dismisses with prejudice the petty offense charge(s) against the Defendant in the above-entitled case pursuant to Rule 48(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Said dismissal would be in the best interest of justice.

MARK A. KLAASSEN

United States Attorney

By:

FRANCIS LELAND PICO

Assistant United States Attorney

FILED
DISTRICT OF WYOMING
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

JAN 31 2019

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs

BRIAN D. TAYLOR

Case Number(s): 3:19-PO-00032-MLC

Defendant's Attorney(s)
WAIVED**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

THE DEFENDANT pled guilty to violation 6570305.

ACCORDINGLY, the court has adjudicated that the defendant is guilty of the following offense(s):

<u>Title and Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date Offense Concluded</u>	<u>Violation Number</u>
36 CFR 2.2(a)(1)	Illegal take of wildlife to wit: hunt, shoot, and kill a wolf in Grand Teton National Park	December 31, 2018	6570305

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 4 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of residence or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid.

Defendant's USM No: N/A

January 31, 2019

Date of Imposition of Sentence

Mark L. Carman

United States Magistrate Judge

Date

UNSUPERVISED PROBATION

The defendant is hereby placed on unsupervised probation for a term of 1 year.

While on probation, the defendant shall not commit another federal, state, tribal, or local crime.

The defendant shall make special assessment, processing fee, restitution, community service and fine payments as ordered by the Court and is required to notify the Court of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances that might affect the defendant's ability to meet these monetary obligations.

The defendant shall pay all monetary penalties in full by May 1, 2019.

The defendant's wolf hunting privileges will be suspended worldwide effective immediately, January 31, 2019 through the period of unsupervised probation terminating 1/31/2020

FINANCIAL PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the following total financial penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments set out below.

Citation Number	Assessment	Processing Fee	Restitution	Community Service Payment	Fine	Total Amount Due
6570305	\$10.00	\$30.00		\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,040.00
NOTES:						
Totals:	\$10.00	\$30.00		\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,040.00

FINE, RESTITUTION, and COMMUNITY SERVICE PAYMENT

The fine and/or restitution includes any costs of incarceration and/or supervision. The fine is inclusive of all penalties and interest, if applicable. Restitution, if applicable, is for response, assessment, restoration and monitoring activities for injuries to park system resources. Community Service Payment for the Wildlife Protection Fund would have the explicit goal of funding wildlife protection projects, initiatives and enforcement activities designed for the benefit and preservation of wildlife resources in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to identify, investigate and halt the unlawful take of wildlife, traffic of wildlife and sale of such resources in that region.

The defendant shall pay interest on any fine and/or restitution of more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), unless the fine and/or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the below payment options are subject to penalties for default and delinquency pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court has determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest or penalties and it is ordered that:

The interest and penalties not be applied to fine and/or restitution.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment; (2) restitution; (3) fine principal; (4) cost of prosecution; (5) interest; (6) penalties.

The total fine and other monetary penalties shall be due in full by May 1, 2019.

MONETARY OBLIGATIONS / FORFEIT PROPERTY

\$4,000.00 community service payment due in full not later than May 1, 2019, payable to Grand Teton Association Wildlife Protection Fund, Mailed to U.S. Attorney's Office, Attn: Financial Litigation Unit, P.O. Box 668, Cheyenne, WY 82003, and shall reference the defendant's case number, 3:19-PO-00032-MLC.

\$1,040.00 due in full not later than May 1, 2019, payable to the Central Violations Bureau, P.O. Box 71363, Philadelphia, PA 19176-1363. Payment(s) can also be made at www.cvb.uscourts.gov or by calling (800) 827-2982, and shall reference the defendant's violation number 6570305 and location code WGT.