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Reward Offered for Information in Bald Eagle Death

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) are seeking information regarding the death and mutilation of a Bald Eagle in Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. In late March 2013, FWS Special Agents and ODWC Game Wardens were informed of an eagle carcass abandoned on the sidewalk of Motel 6 in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Initial forensic evaluation revealed the talons had been removed along with the tail feathers and several of the larger primary wing feathers.

A reward of up to \$2,500 is being offered for information which leads to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death and mutilation of the eagle.

Bald eagles are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Oklahoma Wildlife Statute. Under these laws, a person may not kill, harass, disturb or otherwise harm bald eagles.

Anyone with information concerning the death of the bald eagle is asked to contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement at 405 715-0617 or Operation Game Thief at 1 800-522-8039.

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