OPERATION CAT TALE

(Trafficking in Endangered Ocelots)

Office of Law Enforcement • US Fish and Wildlife Service • Wilsonville, Oregon

Ocelot (*felis pardalis*)

PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

To disrupt a criminal organization involved in conspiracy to traffic endangered wildlife in the U.S.

AUGUST 2003 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold an endangered ocelot to Jeannette GIACINTO of Tarzana, CA. GIACINTO had it transported to Vancouver, WA, by Colette GRIFFITHS.

GIACINTO was fined $525 for the unlawful delivery of an endangered species in interstate commerce from California to Washington. GRIFFITHS was fined $525 for the unlawful transport of an endangered species in interstate commerce from California to Washington.

APRIL 2002 - WALDING sold 2 endangered ocelots in interstate commerce to Glenn DONNELLY of Weedsport, NY.

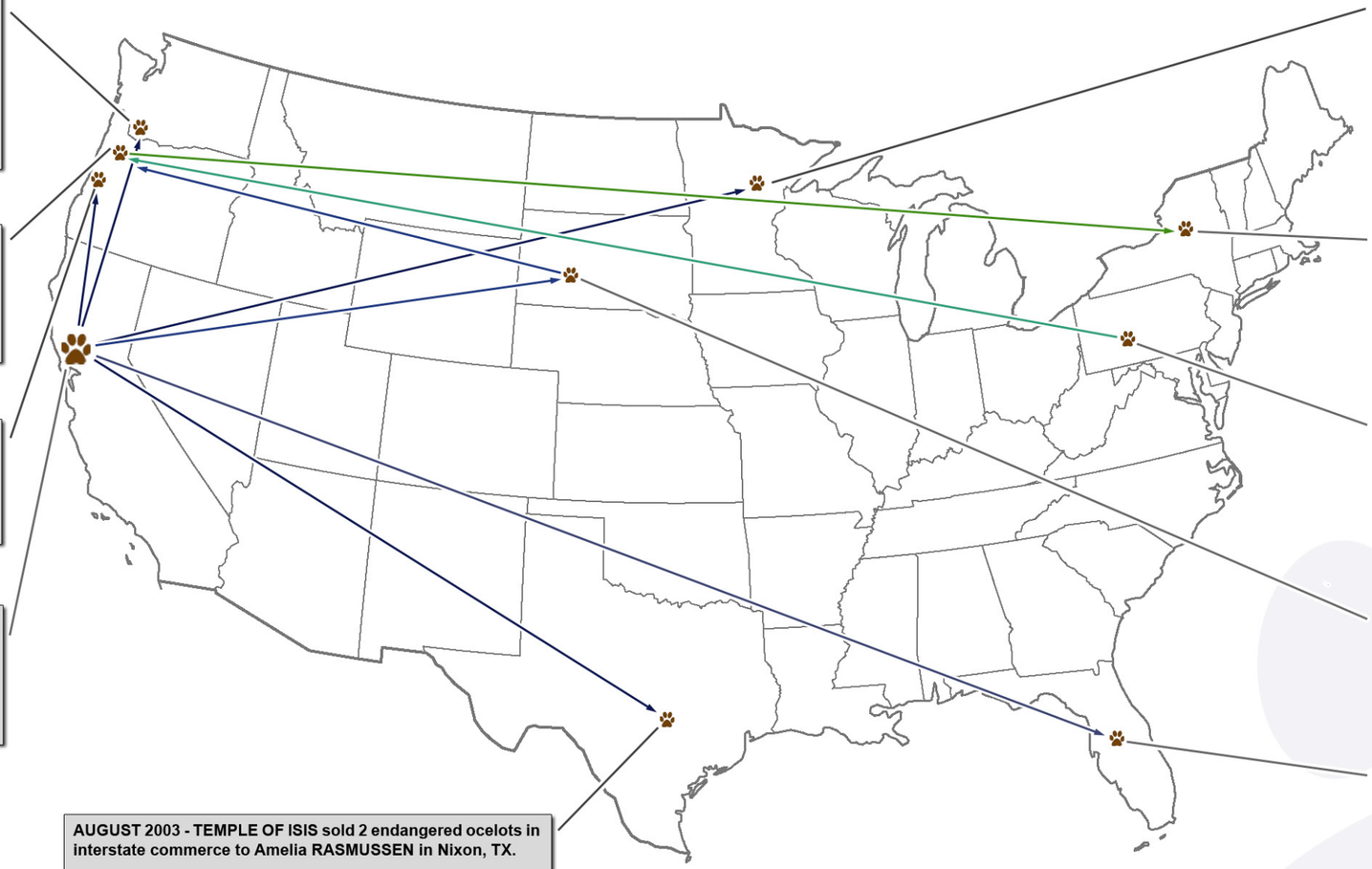
WALDING was sentenced to 1 month in federal prison, 9 months home confinement, and a $25,000 fine for the unlawful sale of an endangered species in interstate commerce from Oregon to New York.

FEBRUARY 2004 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold an endangered ocelot in interstate commerce to Jacquie SINNOTT in Oregon.

SINNOTT has agreed to pay $10,000 and serve 1 year pretrial diversion for the unlawful purchase of an endangered species in interstate commerce from California to Oregon.

TEMPLE OF ISIS, Geyserville, CA. TEMPLE OF ISIS was the source of supply for 6 ocelots sold illegally in interstate commerce.

Plea Recommendation: TEMPLE OF ISIS has agreed to pay $60,000 and serve 2 years probation for conspiracy to violate the Endangered Species Act.



AUGUST 2003 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold 2 endangered ocelots in interstate commerce to Amelia RASMUSSEN in Nixon, TX.

Plea Recommendation: RASMUSSEN has agreed to pay $15,000 and serve 1 year probation for the unlawful purchase of two endangered species in interstate commerce from California to Texas.

MARCH 2000 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold an endangered ocelot in interstate commerce to Craig WAGNER of Sandstone, MN. WAGNER has since moved to Cave Junction, OR, and is DBA GREAT CATS OF THE WORLD PARK.

Plea Recommendation: GREAT CATS OF THE WORLD PARK has agreed to pay $10,000 and serve 1 year probation for the unlawful purchase of an endangered species in interstate commerce from California to Minnesota.

APRIL 2002 - Glenn DONNELLY allegedly transported 2 illegally purchased endangered ocelots from Oregon to New York.

July 2006 - Felony indictment by Federal Grand Jury, Portland, Oregon. Note: An indictment is only an allegation.

NOVEMBER 2004 - Konstantin LYAVDANSKY of Kingston, PA, sold an ocelot coat in interstate commerce (via Ebay auction) to Deborah WALDING in Oregon.

LYAVDANSKY was fined $2,075 for the unlawful sale of an endangered species in interstate commerce from Pennsylvania to Oregon.

AUGUST 1999 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold an endangered ocelot in interstate commerce to Deborah WALDING while at the NATIONAL FELINE CONVENTION in South Dakota. WALDING then returned with the cat to Beaverton, OR.

JUNE 2002 - TEMPLE OF ISIS sold an endangered ocelot in interstate commerce to an unnamed purchaser in Florida.

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