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Reward Offered in New Jersey Bald Eagle Shooting

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife are seeking information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for shooting and injuring a bald eagle found in Pittstown, New Jersey. The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for this information, in addition to a \$2,500 reward from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to the USFWS, the wounded eagle was found in the Shy Creek residential development of Pittstown on December 7, 2015. An examination revealed that the eagle had been recently shot. The eagle sat perched in a tree for several days with a severely broken leg, before rescuers could capture the bird and take it to a rehabilitation center.

Terri Edwards, spokeswoman with the USFWS, said: "Shooting a bald eagle is a serious crime and we urge anyone with information about this case to come forward."

Kathleen Schatzmann, New Jersey state director for The HSUS, said: “This senseless shooting of our national symbol is a serious crime and we are appalled at the blatant cruelty involved. We are grateful to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife for their diligent efforts to bring the offender to justice.”

Shooting an eagle is a violation of two federal laws: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as well as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Someone convicted under those laws could face imprisonment of up to one and a half years with maximum fines of \$100,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

Anyone with information about this case should call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in Elizabeth, New Jersey at (908) 787-1321, or 1- 844-FWS-TIPS (397-8477).

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