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Reward of up to \$1,500 offered in deer poaching

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. – The Arizona Game and Fish Department is asking for the public's help in finding the individual responsible for the illegal killing of a white-tailed deer on the evening of Sept. 5. It was left to rot after being shot from a vehicle on High Knolls Road, just east of Sierra Vista near the San Pedro River.

Residents had often seen the deer in the area and dove hunters had seen it alive at a watering hole Saturday morning. "This was a mature 2 x 2 whitetail buck that was killed by a small caliber, high powered rifle from the roadway," said Brad Fulk, wildlife manager supervisor for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Evidence suggests that the poacher was in a vehicle on High Knolls Road when the deer was shot," Fulk said. "This isn't the action of a hunter; it's an act of a criminal who is wasting Arizona's wildlife resources, and the offender needs to be brought to justice," he said.

Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking the public's assistance in bringing the offender to justice. If you have information on this incident, or any other Game and Fish violation, call the department's Operation Game Thief hotline at (800) 352-0700. Callers are eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,500 for information leading to the arrest of the violator responsible for this poaching case. Caller identities may remain confidential upon request.

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