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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Information sought in possible elk poaching** *Operation Game Thief offering reward*

**KINGMAN, Ariz.** – Arizona Game and Fish is seeking information in the possible poaching of a bull elk.

Officers with Game and Fish need public assistance and Operation Game Thief is offering up to a \$1,350 reward for information leading to an arrest of any individual responsible for the possible crime.

“Right now there’s little information available, but someone may have seen or heard something that can lead us to an answer,” said Zen Mocarski, public information officer for the Game and Fish Region 3 office in Kingman.

A call to OGT involved a bull elk head with the skull plate cut off dumped in northern Kingman near the intersection of Stockton Hill Road and Northern Avenue. Officers estimate the skull had been there approximately a week, believing it was dumped on or about Aug. 22.

Mocarski stated that while there were several open bull elk seasons during this timeframe, the manner in which the elk was found was suspicious.

“If it was taken legally, a call to the Region 3 office in Kingman would be appreciated,” Mocarski said. “All calls regarding a potential criminal case, however, should go through OGT.

“OGT has played a critical role in catching a number of poachers this year. It’s important to remember this is not the act of sportsmen, it’s the act of a criminal. Poaching is theft from all the citizens of Arizona.”

Anyone with information regarding this case, or any wildlife violation, should call the OGT hotline at (800) 352-0700. Web submissions can be reported via the Internet by going to [www.azgfd.gov/thief](http://www.azgfd.gov/thief). Identities will remain confidential. Anyone calling should reference case number 12-001642.

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