



Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Law Enforcement Incident Report

Case: 27121/1

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Case Date: 1/15/2021 2:00:00 PM
Type: REPORTED
Status: CLOSED

Case Officer: LENTSCH, MATT
Coordinator: CRANE, TRAVIS
Creator: LENTSCH, MATT
Create Date: 01/03/2022

Case Synopsis

On 1/15/2021, I responded to 1100 Black Mountain Road south of Thermopolis in response to a report that a dog had been caught in a snare within the highway right of way. There I found a total of 3 snares placed in a gate opening. One of the snares was set and the other two were closed. One of the snares that was closed appeared to be that which the dog had been caught. The other closed snare appear to have been inactive for a long period of time as it was rusted up. The snare that was set was attached to the barbed wire on the gate. This snare had a trap tag with the name [REDACTED]. The other two snares were attached to the brace posts. Neither of these snares had identification tags attached. Approximately 10 feet in the field from the gate was a head and hide of a domestic sheep. I attempted to contact [REDACTED] at his residence but he was not home. I left message on his phone asking him to call me. [REDACTED] returned my call and I met him at his residence later that afternoon.

In my contact [REDACTED] confirmed the snare at the gate were his. When I questioned him about three trapping violations I saw, he stated that he normally attaches id tags to all the snares he uses and did not know why the snares did not have tags unless the tag was torn off when the dog was caught. He admitted he did not attach the one snare to a solid object. He stated that the head and hide of the sheep was from one of several sheep he had butchered approximately a month previous. He said he thought the dogs must have drug it out of his "bone pit". He stated he had not placed the head and hide at that location but he said he saw it laying near the snares and did not remove it. [REDACTED] stated he was having problems with his neighbors dog coming onto his property and chasing his sheep. He stated the snares we set for coyotes and foxes and not dogs.

I issued [REDACTED] a warning for setting a snare within 30 ft of an exposed bait, a warning for failure to tag snares with an identification tag and a warning for failing to attach snare to a fixed anchor.

Suspect(s)

DOB: [REDACTED] Hair: GRAY Driver's License:
HT: 5:11 Eyes: BLUE SSN:
WT: 215 Race: Caucasian Email Address:
Gender: M

Address(es):
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Violation(s):

FAILURE TO TAG LEGHOLD TRAPS OR SNARES

Code: 606 Statute: 23-2-303(d) License #:
Species: Predatory Mammals
Region CODY Type: WARN Ticket# #: W68907

Court Information

Disposition Date: Disposition: County:
Fine Amount: Restitution:

Notes:

Suspension Information

Type: Start Date Reinstatement Date:
Description:

SET TRAP OR SNARE WITHIN 30' OF EXPOSED BAIT OVER 5 LBS. IN WEIGHT

Code: 616 Statute: 23-2-303(d) License #:
Species: Predatory
Mammals
Region CODY Type: WARN Ticket# #: W68906

Court Information

Disposition Date: Disposition: County:
Fine Amount: Restitution:
Notes:

Suspension Information

Type: Start Date Reinstatement Date:
Description:

SNARE WITHOUT A BREAK-AWAY LOCK

Code: 618 Statute: 23-2-303(d) License #:
Species: Predatory
Mammals
Region CODY Type: WARN Ticket# #: W68908

Court Information

Disposition Date: Disposition: County:
Fine Amount: Restitution:
Notes:

Suspension Information

Type: Start Date Reinstatement Date:
Description:

Signatures

Case Officer Signature

Date

CMS Coordinator Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date