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NEWS RELEASE

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Information sought in pronghorn poaching *Reward offered for information*

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. – A reward of up to \$3,250 is being offered for information in the poaching of a pronghorn buck in Prescott Valley on Sept. 9.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Operation Game Thief program is offering up to a \$1,250 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the criminal act. An additional \$2,000 reward is available through an anonymous source, payable upon conviction.

The pronghorn was reported through Operation Game Thief and an officer was dispatched to the scene. The animal, shot and left to waste, was illegally killed west of Glassford Hill Road, about ½-mile south of 89A near the Granville subdivision.

Game and Fish officers continue to gather evidence at the scene, but believe someone might have seen something that can help with the investigation.

"The location of the animal was visible from Glassford Hill Road," said Virginia Gouldsbury, a Region 3 Game and Fish wildlife manager. "This isn't an isolated area and there's a good chance someone saw something that can lead us to a suspect."

Gouldsbury added that a person didn't have to see the act, but might have overheard a conversation, which can provide a valuable starting point.

"Through the Game and Fish Operation Game Thief program, we managed to catch a number of poachers this year," Gouldsbury said. "It's important to remember that this is not the act of sportsmen, it's the act of a criminal. Poaching is a crime and I certainly hope we can bring those responsible to justice."

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. Identities will remain confidential. Anyone calling should reference case number 11-001299.

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