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## Arizona Game and Fish Department

### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Reward offered for wildlife violations**

*Rabbits, doves, and more shot and left to waste*

**KINGMAN, Ariz.** – The Arizona Game and Fish Department’s Operation Game Thief is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for wildlife violations.

Game and Fish personnel believe multiple people are involved in the illegal shooting of rabbits, doves, and non-game birds which were left to rot.

“I don’t have an answer as to why someone would do this,” said Jes Antolik, law enforcement specialist at the Game and Fish Region III office in Kingman. “This isn’t the act of hunters; it’s an act of a criminal. This is theft from the people of Arizona.”

The illegal action likely took place on Saturday (June 20) at Berry Tank, which is located just south of the airport.

“I understand many people won’t view this as a major crime, but we’re seeing more of these indiscriminate acts throughout this area, and this needs to stop,” Antolik said.

Antolik explained waste of game meat is always a violation, doves are not in season, and killing non-game birds is never legal.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Operation Game Thief at (800) 352-0700. Callers can remain anonymous upon request. Anyone with information is eligible for a reward of up to \$500 upon arrest of the violator(s).

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