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Reward of up to \$8,000 offered in elk poaching

PINETOP, 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 large bull elk found shot on July 31. It was left in the vicinity of Pinot Ridge on Bluegrass Ranch Drive in Pinetop.

“The poacher left this majestic animal to waste, and we need assistance from the public to find the individual responsible,” says Bruce Sitko, spokesman in the department’s Pinetop office. “This isn’t the action of a hunter; it’s an act of a criminal stealing wildlife assets and resources from the people of Arizona.”

To report information on this incident, or any Game and Fish violation, call the department’s Operation Game Thief hotline at (800) 352-0700. Caller identities may remain confidential upon request. Callers are eligible to receive a reward of up to \$8,000 for information leading to the arrest of the violator responsible for this poaching case.

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