



Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife Police Incident Report Form

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| Incident Number WA-18-013867 | | Related Case Number | |
| Incident Type GENERAL AUTHORITY INVESTIGATION | | Incident Occurred On/Between 2/1/2018 11/8/2018 | |
| Area | | Area 2 | |
| Address | | Address 2 / X-Street | |
| City | State | County THURSTON | Zip Code |

INVOLVED PERSON(S)

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| Involvement SUSPECT | | Names (Last, First Middle) SCOTTEN, ARRON PETERS | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 10/22/1972 | Age 45 | Phone (509) 690-0493 | |
| Address 613 DEADMAN CREEK KETTLE FALLS WA 99141 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 5-09 | Weight 190 lbs | Hair | Eyes GREEN |
| Comment | | | | | |

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| Involvement SUSPECT | | Names (Last, First Middle) SCOTTEN, JOLENE K | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 12/28/1973 | Age 44 | Phone (509) 690-3688 | |
| Address 613 DEADMAN CREEK RD KETTLE FALLS WA 99141 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes |
| Comment | | | | | |

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|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) FLOOD, JEFFREY DALE | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 6/17/1971 | Age 46 | Phone (509) 684-2830 | |
| Address 600 KNAPP RD COLVILLE WA 99114 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 6-02 | Weight 180 lbs | Hair | Eyes GREEN |
| Comment | | | | | |

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|--|--------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) KRETZ, JOEL ANDREW | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 1/7/1957 | Age 61 | Phone (509) 779-4105 | |
| Address 1014 TORODA CRK RD WAUCONDA WA 98859 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 5-10 | Weight 200 lbs | Hair | Eyes HAZEL |
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| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) WALTERING, DIAMYND S.T. | | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver License | St WA | DOB 3/9/1994 | Age 23 | Phone (509) 690-6023 | | |
| Address 7212 SE OLALLA VALLEY RD PORT ORCHARD WA 98367 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex FEMALE | Height 5-02 | Weight 90 lbs | Hair | Eyes BROWN | |
| Comment | | | | | | |
| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) SHEPHERD, JAY F | | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 10/26/1960 | Age 57 | Phone (208) 420-7832 | | |
| Address 1205 PINEBROOK DR CHEWELAH WA 99109 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 5-10 | Weight 175 lbs | Hair | Eyes BLUE | |
| Comment | | | | | | |
| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) MCKAY, KATHY | | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 3/1/1969 | Age 48 | Phone (509) 775-3511 | | |
| Address 15661 S HWY 21 REPUBLIC WA 99166 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes | |
| Comment | | | | | | |
| Involvement WITNESS | | Names (Last, First Middle) SCOTTEN, ERYKA TAGE | | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 4/16/1993 | Age 24 | Phone (509) 828-0518 | | |
| Address 613 DEADMAN CREEK RD KETTLE FALLS WA 99141 | | | Address 2 PO BOX 235 | | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes | |
| Comment | | | | | | |
| Involvement MENTIONED | | Names (Last, First Middle) GIBSON, MARK ALLEN | | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver License | St WA | DOB 2/10/1960 | Age 57 | Phone (509) 722-3650 | | |
| Address POBOX 51 GIFFORD WA 99131 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 5-11 | Weight 170 lbs | Hair | Eyes GREEN | |
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| Involvement MENTIONED | | Names (Last, First Middle) SMITH, JUSTIN MICHEAL | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver License | St WA | DOB 2/18/1990 | Age 27 | Phone | |
| Address 613 DEADMAN CREEK RD KETTLE FALLS WA 99141 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 5-11 | Weight 195 lbs | Hair | Eyes BROWN |
| Comment | | | | | |
| Involvement MENTIONED | | Names (Last, First Middle) TRUMBULL, JASON R | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 5/13/1999 | Age 18 | Phone (509) 690-0323 | |
| Address 5015 S REGAL APT. I-268 SPOKANE WA 99223 | | | Address 2 OR I-2068 | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes |
| Comment | | | | | |
| Involvement MENTIONED | | Names (Last, First Middle) HOFFMAN, JOSHUA D | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver | St WA | DOB 6/21/1992 | Age 25 | Phone (509) 620-9560 | |
| Address 7212 SE OLALLA VALLEY RD PORT ORCHARD WA 98367 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes |
| Comment | | | | | |
| Involvement MENTIONED | | Names (Last, First Middle) GRUMBACH, DOUGLAS EUGENE | | | |
| Driver's License 413 - Driver License | St WA | DOB 4/16/1963 | Age 54 | Phone (509) 779-4839 | |
| Address 361 LONERANCH CRK RD DANVILLE WA 99121 | | | Address 2 | | |
| Race | Sex MALE | Height 6-00 | Weight 200 lbs | Hair | Eyes BROWN |
| Comment | | | | | |
| Involvement WDFW EMPLOYEE | | Names (Last, First Middle) WEATHERMAN, DON | | | |
| Driver's License | St | DOB | Age | Phone (509) 680-8015 | |
| Address 2315 N DISCOVERY PLACE SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99216 | | | Address 2 | | |
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| Involvement WDFW EMPLOYEE | | Names (Last, First Middle) SCHREINER, RALF | | | | |
| Driver's License | St | DOB | Age | Phone (360) 902-2490 | | |
| Address 600 CAPITOL WAY NORTH OLYMPIA WA 98501 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes | |

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| Involvement WDFW EMPLOYEE | | Names (Last, First Middle) CRUZ, MARIO | | | | |
| Driver's License | St | DOB | Age | Phone (360) 918-3824 | | |
| Address 600 CAPITOL WAY NORTH OLYMPIA WA 98501 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes | |

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| Involvement WDFW EMPLOYEE | | Names (Last, First Middle) BENNETT, CANDACE | | | | |
| Driver's License | St | DOB | Age | Phone (509) 844-2404 | | |
| Address 755 S MAIN COLVILLE WA 99114 | | | Address 2 | | | |
| Race | Sex | Height | Weight | Hair | Eyes | |

Comment

| WDFW OFFICERS | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Officer LENNY HAHN | Work Address / Phone DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE 2315 N DISCOVERY PLACE SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99216-1566 (509) 435-6855 |
| Officer JUSTIN MASCHHOFF | Work Address / Phone DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE 600 CAPITOL WAY N OLYMPIA, WA 98501 253-381-7387 |



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CITATIONS / REFERRALS / WARNINGS

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| Citation Number / Referral Type REFERRAL | | Date Issued | Officer LENNY HAHN | | County THURSTON |
| Violator - Individual (Last, First Middle) SCOTTEN ARRON PETERS | | | Violator - Business | | |
| RCW 9A.56.040 | WAC NONE | Violation THEFT 2 | | Species | Date |
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| Citation Number / Referral Type REFERRAL | | Date Issued | Officer LENNY HAHN | | County THURSTON |
| Violator - Individual (Last, First Middle) SCOTTEN JOLENE K | | | Violator - Business | | |
| RCW 9A.56.040 | WAC NONE | Violation THEFT 2 | | Species | Date |
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PROPERTY

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tag # WA-018574 | Date Submitted 12/10/2019 | Submitted By LENNY HAHN | | Property Description |
| Owned by (Last, First Middle) WDFW REGION 1 | | | Received from (Last, First Middle) | |
| Brand | Model | Color | Serial # | |
| Amount | Units | Additional Description THUMB DRIVE WITH VERIZON AND AT&T CDR'S | | |
| Est. Value | Actual Value | | | |



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Created by: **LENNY HAHN**

Date Created: **12/13/2019**

Background

Range riders are responsible for livestock and predator (primarily wolves) monitoring for livestock producers as requested by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Some of their duties include removing cattle away from areas occupied by predators during calving/lambing time periods, placing water, mineral blocks, and supplemental feed away from predator core areas, removing dead and injured livestock wherever predators are present, increase human presence when predators are in the vicinity of livestock and deploy hazing (screamer ammunition rounds) and fladry (strips of cloth hung from fences) when needed. Range riders who utilized horses to do the job were paid \$110/half day (< 6 hours), \$200/full day. Range riders who utilized vehicles to do the job were paid \$70/half day (< 6 hours), \$120/full day.

Theft by Deception

In October of 2018 I was asked to investigate the possible theft being committed by a contract range rider known as the DS Ranch. WDFW employees who worked in the area where the DS Ranch range riders were supposed to be working, and who helped manage their contract, believed they weren't putting in all the hours they were claiming. The two primary range riders for DS Ranch were **Jolene Scotten** and her husband **Arron Scotten**. Their contract (WA-17-08552) period was effective May 25th, 2017 to June 30th, 2019 worth a total amount of \$352,000. They had several people subcontract through them including their two daughters, Diamynd Waldering and Eryka Scotten. Diamynd's boyfriend Josh Hoffman and Jolene's nephew, Jason Trumbull were also subcontractors. The last three subcontractors who worked for them at one time or another were Mark Gibson, Jay Shepherd, and Doug Grumbach. Arron, Jolene and Eryka Scotten all lived at 613 Deadman Cr. Rd., Kettle Falls, WA. 99141.

Through interviews and other evidence, enough probable cause was developed for a search warrant to obtain cell phone records for Arron and Jolene Scotten's phones for the period between February 1st and October 31st of 2018. Dates earlier in the contract were not examined because prior to February 1st, 2018, range riders weren't required by WDFW to keep track of their start and end times for each day worked, which made it nearly impossible to determine if they were being deceptive in their time accounting. The Scotten's cell phone records showed which cell phone tower their phones used every time they made a call or their phone accessed the internet. By looking at their range riding logs of the hours they claimed to be working and seeing what towers their phones were using during these hours, I could see when they were outside the contracted range riding areas. Using this information and through more interviews, enough probable cause was developed for a search warrant for Arron and Jolene's bank records from February 1st through November 8th, 2018. These bank records showed every time they used their debit cards, including the date and locations where they were used. The location of these transactions was always within the coverage area if they used a cell tower around the same time. Both pieces of evidence complemented each other as did receipts from some of the vendors and information obtained from people I interviewed.

With the above information, I was able to show there were 77 combined days (338 hours) when Arron and Jolene claimed range riding time when evidence showed they weren't working. This may have been for part of



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Jolene claimed range riding time when evidence showed they weren't working. This may have been for part of the day or the entire day they claimed to be working. This totaled 225 hours of work and \$3,300 by Arron and 113 hours of work and \$3,020 by Jolene.

RCW 9A.56.020 states theft means, in part, to wrongfully obtain or exert unauthorized control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services; or by color or aid of deception to obtain control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services. RCW 9A.56.010(5)(a) states deception occurs when an actor knowingly creates or confirms another's false impression which the actor knows to be false. Arron and Jolene's invoices and activity logs eventually went to state contract and fiscal personnel in Olympia, WA (Thurston County) who relied on those records to pay Arron and Jolene Scotten, dba DS Ranch, for their range riding work. The theft in this case, occurred in Thurston County because that was where the false impression occurred and where they were paid from. RCW 9A.56.010(21)(c) says whenever any series of transactions which constitute theft, would, when considered separately, constitute theft in the third degree because of value, and said series of transactions are a part of a criminal episode or a common scheme or plan, then the transactions may be aggregated in one count and the sum of the value of all said transactions shall be the value considered in determining the degree of theft involved. Theft in the second degree (RCW 9A.56.040) states in part that a person is guilty of theft in the second degree if he or she commits theft of property or services which exceed(s) seven hundred fifty dollars in value but does not exceed five thousand dollars in value.

Additional Information

The investigation also showed Arron and Jolene would withhold over 50% of some of the subcontractors range riding paychecks. WDFW did not have a provision in the contract directing whether a contractor could withhold money from subcontractors. Other evidence showed Arron and Jolene were paying their daughter Eryka's boyfriend, Justin Smith, who was not listed on the contract, to range ride. Their other daughter Diamynd said her sister Eryka never range rode, especially from a horse. She said it was possible the boyfriend (Justin Smith) did. WDFW paid over \$20,000 for Eryka's range riding activity in 2018. Eryka and her boyfriend live with Jolene and Arron. Arron and Jolene would have known if Eryka was working or not and if the hours she submitted were fraudulent. According to interviews, Arron directed all the subcontractors on where they needed to range ride, and he turned in their range riding logs to WDFW. In fact, it was shown Arron or Jolene added extra hours to Diamynd's range riding logs on top of what hours she recorded for herself.



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ADMONITION

I Certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all the statements made herein are true and accurate and that I entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it. (RCW 9A.72.085)

LENNY HAHN

Officer Electronic Signature

SPOKANE COUNTY

Location

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Created by: **LENNY HAHN**

Date Created: **07/23/2019**

Through a competitive proposal process, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hires private contractors to provide range riding services for livestock and predator (primarily wolves) monitoring for livestock producers as requested by WDFW. Range rider duties include removing cattle away from areas occupied by predators during calving/lambing seasons, placing water, mineral blocks, and supplemental feed away from predator core areas, removing dead and injured livestock wherever predators are present, increasing human presence when predators are in the vicinity of livestock, and deploying hazing (screamer ammunition rounds) and fladry (strips of cloth hung from fences) when needed. Range riding is a necessary preventative measure that not only enables the producer to protect their livestock, but also provides nonlethal means for WDFW to manage predators.

On October 15th, 2018 I was asked by WDFW Captain Dan Rahn to see if a group of range riders was committing theft against the agency. Department employees were questioning whether or not the group of range riders was working all the hours they claimed to be. The range rider contractor I was asked to investigate was known as the DS Ranch. DS Ranch was awarded contract number WA-17-08552 (**Attachment #1**) and given a State Vendor number of SWV0181206. According to the Washington Department of Revenue (DoR), DS Ranch is classified as a sole proprietorship and codified via the NAICS as Support Activities for Animal Production. Its Unified Business Code (UBI) is 604-113-930. The business address is listed as 613 Deadman Creek Road, Kettle Falls, WA 99141 and its governing people are Arron P. Scotten (DOB 10/22/72) and Jolene K. Scotten (DOB 12/28/73). Arron and Jolene Scotten, a married couple, reside at 613 Deadman Creek Road, Kettle Falls, WA 99141, according to the Washington Department of Licensing (DoL).

The contract period for WA-17-08552 was in effect from May 25th, 2017 to June 30th, 2019. The contract value was for \$70,400 and Jolene Scotten was the only person originally listed on the contract. She was also the sole signee of the contract and all the amendments made to it. WDFW and Jolene Scotten signed an amendment (**Attachment #2**) which went into effect May 25th, 2017, increasing the contract value to \$352,000 and adding four more range riders, to include Arron Scotten (Jolene's husband), Jason R. Trumbull (DOB 05/13/1999), Diamynd S.T. Waldering (DOB 03/09/1994), and Eryka T. Scotten (DOB 04/16/1993). An additional amendment (**Attachment #3**) went into effect on September 25th, 2017, adding Mark A. Gibson (DOB 02/10/1960), Jay F. Shephard (DOB 10/26/1960), and Joshua D. Hoffman (DOB 06/21/1992) as range riders. Jay Shephard was removed in a separate amendment (**Attachment #4**) on May 16th, 2018 and Douglas E. Grumbach (DOB 04/16/1963) was added. Mark Gibson was removed from the contract (**Attachment #6**) on September 1st, 2018. Besides the amendments to the contract noted above, an amendment (**Attachment #5**) went into effect on May 15th, 2018 revising and replacing Attachment C-1 (Revised Statement of Work) of the original contract. Another amendment (**Attachment #7**) went into effect on August 23rd, 2018 increasing the maximum amount of days some of the range riders could work in a month, and lastly an amendment (**Attachment #8**) went into effect on September 23rd, 2018 increasing the amount of days Josh Hoffman could work in September of 2018.

WDFW Conflict Specialist Candace Bennett told me the area they range rode was primarily in Ferry County,



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WDFW Conflict Specialist Candace Bennett told me the area they range rode was primarily in Ferry County, with a couple pieces of private property in north Stevens County and one allotment they rarely worked in Stevens County called Calispell Creek which was east of Chewelah (**Attachment #9** is a map of all the grazing allotments). The specific allotments Arron and Jolene worked were CC Mountain (DM), Copper Mires (DM), Day Creek (Grumbach), Lone Ranch (Grumbach), Lambert (DM), North Fork St. Peters (Brown), S. Fork St. Peters (Delbalcon), Tonata (Brown), Churchill (DM), Hope Mountain (DM), Bulldog (Sanders), Vulcan (Brown), Jungle Hill (Delbalcon), Bracken (DM), Jasper (Eslick), Quartz (K Diamond K), First Thought (DM), McKinley (Graeber), Renner Lake (closed allotment but a road went through it connecting Boyd and Bulldog allotments), and Boyd's (Delp/Scotten). The names (last) in parentheses were the producers who had cattle in those particular allotments. DM stood for Diamond M Ranch owned by the McIrvan's.

Range riders who utilized horses while carrying out the duties of the contract were paid \$110 per half day of work (< 6 hours), and \$200 per full day of work (> 6 hours). They could work a maximum of 22 days per month. Range riders who utilized vehicles while carrying out the duties of the contract were paid \$70 per half day of work (< 6 hours), and \$120 per full day of work (> 6 hours). They could work a maximum of 30 days per month. Effective May 16th, 2018 the maximum amount payable to Arron Scotten per fiscal year was removed but the maximum contract value did not change. In August and September of 2018, the 22-day per month maximum restriction for horse range riders was changed to 30 days per month for all the range riders involved, except Josh Hoffman.

Beginning February 1st, 2018 WDFW began requiring range riders to report on a WDFW- provided form called the Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log. This captured the date worked, time in and time out, total hours, whether they patrolled by vehicle or horse, what area they were working, and any observations or comments regarding the patrol. In the Attachments section, there are links to the DS Ranch's logs from February 2018 through November 2018. Prior to February 2018, WDFW did not require the contracted range riders to provide the details captured on this form including the time in and time out for every day worked. The reason for the change was because the State Auditor's Office said the agency needed a way to clarify the provided range riding services were being performed. Not knowing what specific hours the DS Ranch range riders claimed to work in 2017 was the main reason the investigation didn't date back that far.

Payments for the contracted work were determined by information provided to WDFW from invoices prepared by Arron Scotten. During a phone interview (**Attachment #10**- audio recorded interview, **Attachment #11** - transcribed interview) with Arron and his attorney on April 19th, 2019, Arron told me he prepared the invoices and logs by summarizing how many half days of work and how many full days of work each range rider performed. Arron said he was gifted with penmanship, indicating that was why he did them all. He also said that if the times were entered by computer, then WDFW Conflict Specialist Candace Bennett or Don Weatherman would have done that with the information Arron had given them. The Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs were attached to each invoice and submitted to WDFW Conflict Specialist Candace Bennett or Don Weatherman each month. Bennett or Weatherman would then create an Order/Payment Form for reimbursements. The Order/Payment Form, along with the invoice and activity logs, were sent to WDFW



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for reimbursements. The Order/Payment Form, along with the invoice and activity logs, were sent to WDFW Headquarters, located in Olympia, WA. From there, private contractors such as the Scottens were then payed by the Office of Financial Management (OFM). Arron told me the money paid to them was automatically deposited into their bank account under the DS Ranch. He said they banked with Chase Bank.

Range riders were required to stay in communication with WDFW's conflict specialists for a variety of reasons. They're supposed to keep the producer and WDFW conflict specialists apprised of what they are seeing out on the landscape. Communication between the groups was key to help minimize conflict between predators and livestock. They also communicated with WDFW staff to discuss contract revisions and things related to pay such as signing of payment forms. The main WDFW contract specialists they interacted with were Candace Bennett and Don Weatherman. Bennett and Weatherman told me they mainly communicated with Arron on his cell phone, 509-690-0493. In fact, Bennett still had a text message on her phone from Arron dated 10/15/18 at 0757 hours saying he was going to work later that morning in the CC allotment. Bennett said she had another cell phone number for Arron, 509-207-8008, which he didn't use as much. She said the second number had a different carrier and that Josh Hoffman had used that number as well. Bennett and Weatherman said Jolene's cell phone number was 509-690-3688. Weatherman said he got her cell number directly from her and Bennett had received a call from Jolene from that number. On March 22nd, 2019 and March 29th, 2019 I called Arron at 509-690-0493 and Jolene at 509-690-3688. Nobody answered and it went to their voicemails. Each of their voicemails identified them respectively.

On December 3rd, 2018 I spoke to Jay Shepherd. Shepherd said him and Arron were co-founders of an organization called the NE WA Wolf/Cattle Collaborative, which was a 501c3. Arron was on the Board of Directors with Shepherd. Shepherd said people on the board could not be paid as range riders. This organization provided range riding services to producers similiar to WDFW but received funding through a grant (\$185,000 for 2018-2020) received by the Department of Agriculture. As mentioned above, Shepherd was on the DS Ranch range rider contract with WDFW for only a short period of time. Shepherd also used to work for WDFW. Shepherd said he had known Arron to have the cell phone number 509-690-0493 dating back to at least 2016. Shepherd thought the service provider was Verizon. Shepherd said Arron used that phone all the time. However, he didn't think Arron had Verizon cell coverage at his residence. Shepherd also knew Arron had another cell phone number, 509-207-8008 but said he didn't use it very often and believed it was through a different carrier. Shephard told me Arron had resigned from the Board of Directors on 11/1/18 which would then make it possible for him to work as a range rider for them and get paid.

In December of 2017 Jolene submitted a range log (**Attachment #12**) which gave a brief description of what she did each day she worked. On December 13th, 2017 Jolene wrote, "*Traveled to Ellensburg WA by invitation of Kittitas County Cattleman to discuss non-lethal deterrent's, range riding efforts and a question and answer regarding the efforts in NE WA and what they may see coming in the near future, the building of relationships with WDFW and the significance of HWY 97 and how to work in regards to that issue and range riding efforts.*" She also wrote, "*I was unsure on the cattleman's meeting so put it here but if not allowed please simply ignore.*" The agency wrote a handwritten note with an arrow to Jolene's sentence that said, "*WDFW*



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CONTRACT 17-08552 ATTACHMENT "C", ITEM 1, CLEARLY STATES THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS HIRED FOR "LIVESTOCK AND PREDATOR MONITORING AS REQUESTED BY THE WDFW CONFLICT SPECIALIST," THIS PART OF THE REQUESTED/INVOICED WORK WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OR COMPENSATED FOR. Then it was initialed RS, which were the initials for Ralf Schreiner, one of WDFW's game conflict specialists at WDFW headquarters in Olympia, WA. The agency did not pay Jolene for the day she travelled to Ellensburg for the Kittitas County Cattlemen meeting.

In the interview with Arron on April 19th, 2019, he told me he was the one that went to the above Cattleman's meeting in Kittitas. He couldn't recall the email from Schreiner but said they probably had it because they saved just about everything from the department. Arron said that WDFW Conflict Specialist Candace Bennett told them they could get compensated for meeting with cattle groups and discussing range riding and growing the program. He said she also told them they could get compensated for going to livestock handling clinics. On April 22nd, 2019 I asked Bennett about this. She said the livestock training Arron was referring to was at the K Diamond K Ranch with a person named Hillary Anderson. Bennett thought this training was in May of 2017 and 2018. Bennett said she asked staff in Olympia if the range riders could get paid for this training which they allowed. However, she said Arron never asked to be compensated for things like Cattleman Association meetings, Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) meetings, or county commissioner meetings. Bennett also told me range riders were not paid to come in and turn in monthly paperwork like the hours they worked.

In September and October of 2018, WDFW had seven game cameras in the area where the DS Ranch was contracted to range ride. The map (**Attachment #9**) shows the location of the game cameras highlighted in green. Arron and Jolene's residence (613 Deadman Cr. Rd.) is also in green. The cameras were placed to capture anything coming up or down the road in the seven different locations. Wolves like to travel on mountain roads so it's one way WDFW uses to monitor for them. In total, the cameras were in place for about 90 days altogether and operated 24/7. They captured predators, livestock, people, vehicles, ungulates, small game, etc. There were two other cameras set on animal depredations. In all, the cameras took approximately 863 videos (15-30 second clips) and/or still pictures. WDFW Internal Auditor Mario Cruz systematically reviewed all the pictures and videos (**Attachment #13-description of each video/photo**) and found only seven pictures and four video clips that appeared to have range riders in them. Some of the pictures appeared to be the same as what the video captured. The range rider in the pictures and video appeared to be Arron Scotten. Three of the pictures were taken on 9/20/18 (**Attachment #14**), one on 10/2/18 (**Attachment #15**), and three on 10/6/18 (**Attachment #16**). The videos were taken on 9/20/18 (**Attachment #17 and #18**), 10/2/18 (**Attachment #19**), and 10/06/18 (**Attachment #20**). On 11/8/18 Ferry County/Stevens County Control Specialist Jeff Flood told me he also had game cameras set up in the same areas around the same time. Flood told me during an interview he didn't have any photos/videos of anyone from the DS contract on them. Flood told me he didn't write things down as he didn't want anything to be subjected to public disclosure requests. He said his boss was okay with this. He said he knew better because of all the public disclosure requests (PDR's) WDFW had been subjected to.

In the interview with Arron on April 19th, 2019 I asked him if he knew where the WDFW game cameras were



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In the interview with Arron on April 19th, 2019 I asked him if he knew where the WDFW game cameras were located. He said there was one on the Upper and Lower Handicap, Betty Creek, and one at the end of the dead-end road that starts up the face of U.S. Mountain. He said a birds of prey contractor had a camera on the Stagecoach Trail heading to Midnight and another one on a dead-end road on the north end of Albion Hill and one up Boulder Creek. He said there was one by the Ryan Cabins but he didn't know who's it was. He claimed he couldn't figure out a way to get to that camera without getting on it. He claimed to know where a few of Jeff Floods cameras were. He said Hank Sypes and a professional hunter had game cameras out but he wanted to keep the hunters name confidential. He said some of the producers put cameras out. Without being able to go over these with Arron looking at a map, it's unclear if he knew where all of them were at because he could be using different location names.

WDFW Internal Auditor Mario Cruz provided me commissioner notes from a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Wolf Depredations dated Friday August 24th, 2018 at 11:00 am held in Colville, WA. He had found it on the internet at https://www.ferry-county.com/Commissioners_Calendars/Year_2018/2018-Minutes/08-Aug/08-24-2018_BOCC-Notes-Tri%20County%20Forest%20Group-Wolf%20Depredations.pdf (**Attachment #21**). It was an official document that had a Ferry County Commissioners stamp on it. The document was signed by the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, a board member, and the Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM. The document listed the people at the meeting which included Jolene and Arron Scotten, and Doug Grumbach. The Maps app on my iPhone showed it was about a 40 minute drive from the Scotten's residence to the location of the meeting in Colville. On the DS Ranch's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log they submitted to WDFW for payment of work hours, Arron claimed to be working from 0700 to 1800 hours, claiming a total of 11 hours. He claimed he was on horse and rode Betty Creek Trail and noted the cattle were agitated. Jolene indicated she worked 1000 to 1700 hours claiming 7 hours. She claimed to be on a horse riding in the Alligator area and Horse Camp. She made a note the cattle were present and there was no other sign. Doug Grumbach claimed to be working from 0730 to 1630 hours, claiming a total of 9 hours. Grumbach indicated he drove Day Creek and went to a wolf meeting. He made a note saying there was no activity. I later determined Arron's cell phone used the cell site in Colville at 1214 hours and 1629 hours that day and his debit card made a purchase at North 40 Outfitters in Colville at 1550 hours and Walmart in Colville at 1615 hours. All this was done while claiming to be range riding in the above locations.

I spoke with Jay Shepherd on December 3rd, 2018 and Representative Joel Kretz on December 12th, 2018. I also spoke to a husband/wife livestock producer in November of 2018 who wanted to remain anonymous. Shepherd told me that Arron and Jolene Scotten, Jason Trumbull, Eryka Scotten, Josh Hoffman, and Diamynd Waldering were all present at a horse sale Representative Kretz held at his ranch (Promised Land Ranch - 1014 Toroda Creek Rd., Wauconda, WA) on September 15th, 2018. Shepherd said Arron and Jolene picked him up from Tribal Trails Noisy Waters gas station in Kettle Falls around noon to go to Representative Kretz's horse sale. I later learned Arron made a debit card purchase at this gas station at 1143 hours.

In another vehicle, Shepherd said Jason Trumbull, Eryka Scotten and two of their children were riding together.



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I believe Shepherd was confused between Justin Smith, who is Eryka's boyfriend not Jason Trumbull. In an interview with Trumbull on 9/18/19, he told me he didn't go to this horseshale and that Eryka likely went with her boyfriend Justin Smith. Shepherd said that Josh Hoffman rode to the horse sale with Diamynd Waldering. However, in an interview with Hoffman later on (9/24/19), he said Diamynd didn't go to the horse sale but rather, he went with a friend. When Detective Maschhoff interviewed Waldering on 10/16/19 she confirmed said she did not go to this sale. According to the iPhone Maps app it was about an hour and 15 minutes from Tribal Trails Noisy Waters gas station to Representative Kretz's horse sale. Shepherd said he didn't get home until after midnight that night. Arron's cell phone records show his phone was back in the Kettle Falls area by around 8 pm.

The livestock producer said they were at the same horse sale and saw Arron and Jolene along with some of "their crew". They weren't sure exactly who was who besides Arron and Jolene. They said the DS Ranch crew was at the horse sale prior to the time they arrived which was around 1PM and were still there when they left at 3PM. Representative Kretz said the horse sale started around 1PM and got over around 4PM. He wasn't sure what time the DS Ranch folks arrived but guessed it might have been around 3PM. He remembered they stayed for dinner. He recalled Arron and Jolene Scotten, Jason Trumbull, Eryka Scotten, and Josh Hoffman being there. He wasn't sure about Diamynd because he didn't know her. Representative Kretz expressed his frustrations with WDFW and how they were handling the wolf situation.

On the DS Ranch's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log they submitted for payment, Arron claimed to be working on September 14th at 0600 hours all the way until September 15th at 1430 hours, claiming 32 of work. He indicated he was on horse and road Twin Sisters inbound on the 14th and Twins Sisters outbound on the 15th. He noted there was wolf scat NE of 1st Twin. His debit card purchases and cell phone records show he was in Colville at 0832 hours and 0836 hours respectively buying things at North 40 Outfitters, McDonald's, and Safeway. As mentioned above, there was a debit card purchase at Tribal Trails Noisy Waters gas station at 1143 hours which aligns with what Shepherd said. In the interview with Arron on 04/19/19 he told me that he checked three more allotments on his way to the horse sale, two of which up where up Boulder Creek after he picked up Shepherd even though Shepherd never mentioned this when I interviewed him. Boulder Creek Rd is one of two main routes people use to get over the Kettle Range. Highway 20 being the other main route. Both routes showed they took one hour and 19 minutes to get from the gas station to the horse sale.

Jolene indicated she worked from 1000 to 1800 hours on September 15th. She claimed to have worked from horse and that she rode Betty Creek and the Gap. She made a note that there was cattle and wolf sign all over. Josh Hoffman claimed to be working from 0900 to 1600 hours on September 15th. He said he worked from a horse riding the Plantation area and noted cows and scat. Eryka indicated she worked from 1400 to 2000 hours on September 15th. She claimed to have worked from horse and that she rode the Alligator area noting cattle were present. For these four range riders, WDFW paid them \$800 in one day to provide range rider services when at least three witnesses stated they were at a horse sale at Representative Kretz' ranch during at least some of the time they were claiming work hours. It doesn't appear Arron could not have been range riding



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approximately 0800 to 1230 while he was in Colville and Kettle Falls on 9/15/18. Since Jolene rode with Arron to the horse sale, meeting Sheppard at the gas station around noon and arriving at the sale between 1 and 3 pm according to witnesses, she couldn't have been range riding from about 1500 to 1800 hours, especially on a horse up Betty Creek.

Shepherd, Representative Kretz, and the same livestock producer also told me they saw Arron at a Cattleman's Association meeting on October 5th, 2018 at the K Diamond K Ranch located at 15661 State Route 21, Republic, WA. 99166. Representative Kretz thought Arron got there around 5PM and the producer said Arron was there at 6pm when they arrived. The owner of the K Diamond K Ranch, Kathy Konz, told me Arron was there and stayed up late the night of the 5th drinking. She said he stayed the night in Room 2. On the DS Ranch's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log submitted to WDFW for payment of hours worked, Arron claimed to be working from 0700 to 1700 hours, on October 5th. He claimed he was on horse and rode Betty Creek Trail and noted an injury investigation. However, WDFW Conflict Specialist Weatherman said he was at the livestock depredation on October 5th with WDFW Officer Nick Parkert and the producer.

Weatherman said he never saw Arron there nor did he hear from him. In Weatherman's depredation report he listed all the people who were there and how he was notified. Arron wasn't mentioned in Weatherman's report and he didn't see him or talk with him. Arron's 0493 used a cell site at 1603 hours in Colville and a cell site near Kettle Falls at 1610 which coincided with the Kettle Falls Pharmacy debit purchase at 1604 hours. Kettle Falls Pharmacy to the K Diamond K is about an hour drive which puts him there around 5pm which is what Representative Kretz told me. At 1643 hours his phone used a cell site with a coverage area over the K Diamond K. His phone didn't use any other cell sites the rest of the day. The late night K Diamond K debit card purchase at 2357 hours coincides with the owner saying Arron stayed up late drinking. It doesn't appear Arron could have been range riding until 1700 on October 5th. Plus, he wasn't at the "injury investigation" he reportedly said he was at unless he was at one he didn't report to WDFW. It doesn't appear Arron could have been working from 1600 to 1700 hours. When I interviewed him on April 19th, 2019 Arron confirmed he had went to the K Diamond K for Cattleman's Association meetings but couldn't remember the date or if he stayed the night on October 5th, 2018. He claimed to have done some range riding on the ranch for them in the past because they thought there may be wolves on the property but Arron thought it was most likely cougars.

On October 6th, Arron claimed to be range riding from 0700 to 1700 hours by horse up Betty Creek again. He would have had to have left the K Diamond K Ranch by 0530 hours on October 6th to be back to his house and working (on horse) by 0700. Kathy Konz, the owner of the K Diamond K said she serves breakfast around 0800 but couldn't say for sure if Arron was there or not. The first cell site his phone used was the same one as the night before which was a cell site just north of Republic with a range that covered the K Diamond K. The time was 0937 hours and the phone continued to use this cell site until 1024 hours. It used a cell site in Colville at 1050 hours. His debit card transactions show he made a coffee purchase on the 6th at 0954 hours in Republic which is north of the K Diamond K by about four miles. This matches the cell phone information as mentioned above. One of WDFW's game cameras captured someone who appeared to be Arron and someone else at 1456 hours this day. It doesn't appear Arron could have been range riding from 0700 to at least 1000 hours.



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Shepherd said he attended a Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) meeting on July 10th and 11th, 2018 in Ellensburg, WA and said Arron was there. WDFW Wildlife Conflict Specialist Bennett said she was at the same meeting and also saw Arron there each day. She said the meeting on the 10th was from 1300 to 1800 hours and 0800 to 1500 hours on the 11th. Maps app on the iPhone shows it takes four hours and 15 minutes to get from Arron's residence to Ellensburg. On the DS Ranch's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log submitted to WDFW for payment of hours worked, Arron claimed to be working from 0700 to 1600 hours, claiming a total of 9 hours on July 10th. He claimed he was patrolling by vehicle in the area of Bon Apart and said the cattle were settled, there was a deer carcass in the road and wolf scat on the road. When I interviewed Arron on April 19th, 2019 he said he had gone to a WAG meeting in Ellensburg but didn't know the date. I asked him if he claimed range riding hours for it and he wasn't sure, saying he should be paid for it. I asked other WDFW employees who were at this WAG meeting but nobody could remember if Arron was there or not. Matthew Trenda (WDFW Communications Specialist) thought it was possible Arron missed that meeting but wasn't positive. Jolene claimed to be range riding from 0700 to 1300 hours on July 10th, 2018. She claimed to be on horse riding private ground near Boyd's. Once I obtained Arron and Jolene's cell phone records and mapped them, they didn't show them going to Ellensburg. However, they did show them going to the Spokane/Airway Heights area around 2200 hours on July 9th, 2018 and not getting back to the Colville area until July 10th, 2018 around 1700 hours. It appears Arron or Jolene didn't range ride at all on July 10th, 2018 like they claimed to.

I drafted an affidavit for search warrant for call detail records (CDR's) for Arron and Jolene Scotten's cell phone carriers and presented that document to the Honorable Judge Annette Plese of Spokane Superior Court on January 18, 2019. Judge Plese reviewed the affidavit for search warrant and granted the request that day. I served the search warrant for CDR's upon the two carriers utilized by the Scottens; AT&T (**Attachment #22**) and Verizon Wireless (**Attachment #23**). The scope of the records sought in the search warrant were from February 1st, 2018 through October 31st, 2018. This time frame coincided with the activity log requirement going into effect that captured each range rider's time in and out of work.

Once I received responsive records (Evidence Tag: WA-018574) containing CDR's from the cellular providers, I mapped the location data from the CDR's for each cellular telephone. This data showed all the cell sites used whenever the phone made a call, text, or accessed the internet during the requested time frame. Cell sites are more commonly known as cell towers. Cell sites usually have three sectors towards the top of the tower. Sector information denotes the direction the target was facing from the tower at the time of the call/text. For example, I could tell if the cell phone user was south of the cell site. Each sector is usually 120 degrees apart. Other information captured within a CDR included the date/time a call, text, or data usage was sent or received, length of the call, which cell site and sector was used, and GPS locations if available with the accuracy of those GPS points. GPS points may be captured when the phone sends or receives an email, receives some type of notification from social media, calendar events, calls, or text messages. AT&T records showed location data for text messages but Verizon's records did not, only calls and internet use. GPS data was only captured by Arron's AT&T phone, 509-207-8008. The 509-207-8008 AT&T phone was not activated by Arron until June 22nd, 2018.



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From the CDR's obtained by the search warrant, I used a mapping software called TraX, provided by the company ZetX, to map the CDR's of each phone. The program showed the cell site each phones used, which sector on the cell site was used, and the range of that particular sector, i.e. the area each sector covered. The program also mapped the GPS points from the AT&T phone. All this data was mapped onto Google Earth and is located within **Attachment #24**. I created videos (**Attachments #64, #65, #66, #67, #68**) and a screenshot (**Attachment #69**) of the first six days in question showing examples of how to read the data. These links are also referenced in **Attachment #25** mentioned below.

By comparing the mapped CDR data to Arron and Jolene's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log, I documented (**Attachment #25**) when their phones were used outside the areas they were contracted to range ride while claiming to be on duty, performing work per the awarded contract. There were 42 days when Arron's phone showed him outside the contracted range riding area when he was claiming range riding time. There were 25 days when Jolene's phone showed her outside the contracted range riding area when she was claiming range riding time. On some days they were outside the range riding area during the entire time they claimed to be working, while other days they were outside the range riding area for part of the shift.

The information obtained from the CDR's was supported by several other pieces of evidence. Much more detail on the the following days can be found in **Attachment #25**.

1) On February 6th, 2018 Arron claimed to work 6.5 hours. CDR's showed him going to Airway Heights during the time he claimed to be range-riding. Hotel records (**Attachment #26**) provided by Northern Quest Casino showed him and Jolene stayed the night at the Northern Quest Casino, located in Airway Heights, from February 6th to February 7th, 2018.

2) On July 16th, 2018 Jolene claimed to work 7 hours and Arron claimed 10 hours on July 17th, 2018. CDR's showed them going to Kellogg, Idaho on July 15th and not leaving Kellogg until July 17th, 2018. All the time each of them claimed to be range riding was when they were coming, going, or in Idaho. Skip Robinette, an employee, from Dave Smith Motors in Kellogg, told me his computer records showed Arron coming into the dealership to shop for truck parts on July 16th, 2018.

3) On August 24th, 2018 Arron, Jolene, and Doug Grumbach went to a County Commissioner meeting in Colville, WA during hours Arron and Doug claimed to be range-riding. A notarized copy of the minutes (**Attachment #21**) from the meeting was found on the internet. It listed all the attendees including the above three. Arron claimed to be range riding for 11 hours during this time. His CDR's showed him using the south facing sector of the cell site in Colville for over four hours during the time he claimed to be range riding.

4) On September 4th, 2018 Arron's CDR's showed him out of the range-riding area for over 8 hours of the 13 hours he claimed to have worked that day. One of the calls he made that day was to Ziggy's Building Material in Spokane, WA. Ziggy's Building Material provided me a receipt (**Attachment #27**) showing Arron had



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been in Spokane and purchased what appeared to be decking supplies during the time he was supposed to be range-riding.

5) On September 15th, 2018 was the date witnesses saw Arron and Jolene at Representative Joel Kretz' horse sale. His CDR's show him in Colville the morning of the 15th and a witness saying Arron, Jolene left the Tribal Trails Noisy Waters gas station around noon. Arron and Jolene could not have been range riding by horse during all the hours they claimed to be working.

6) On September 18th, 2018 Arron claimed to work seven hours. CDR's showed both Arron and Jolene going to Spokane prior to Arron beginning his range-riding patrol. The Davenport Hotel in Spokane provided me an email (**Attached #28**) saying Arron checked in on September 18th, 2018 and stayed until September 19th, 2018. Both Arron and Jolene claimed to have worked on September 19th, 2018 until 6:00 PM though their CDR's did not show them leaving the Spokane area until sometime after 7:30 PM.

7) On October 5th, 2018 Arron went to a Cattleman's Association meeting at the K Diamond K Ranch arriving around 1700 hours and staying the night in Room 2. CDR's showed Arron in Kettle Falls around 4pm and in the area of the K Diamond K around 5pm. He claimed to be range riding until 5pm up Betty Creek by horse. He claimed to have started work on October 6th, 2018 at 7am. CDR's show Arron in Republic area until about 10am.

On April 19th, 2019 I interviewed Arron Scotten by phone. His attorney was also present on the three-way phone line. I had read Arron his Miranda Rights and he agreed to speak with me. The interview was recorded (**Attachment #10**) and transcribed (**Attachment #11**). During the interview I learned Arron was the primary user of cellular telephone 509-690-0493 and Jolene was the primary user of cellular telephone 509-690-3688. While Arron did regularly use cellular telephone 509-207-8008 as well, he said other range riders would use it if they were working on the west side (Republic, WA side) of the range.

During the interview with Arron he told me the following in substance:

- When they get paid for their range-riding services, the money was automatically deposited into their bank account.
- Their bank account is in the name of their business, DS Ranch.
- They bank with Chase Bank.
- They paid the subcontracted range riders via check, electronic payments, direct transfers through an app that Chase Bank offered, and money orders.
- There were times they had not received payment from WDFW, so they would provide the subcontractors a preemptive loan to cover costs associated with performing duties of the contract.

I located several calls to Chase Bank in the CDR's from Arron and Jolene Scotten's phones. On May 29th, 2018 both Arron (his 0493 phone) and Jolene called Chase Bank. Both Arron and Jolene claimed to work six hours this day, but their CDR's did not show them in the range-riding area during any of the hours they claimed to be



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this day, but their CDR's did not show them in the range-riding area during any of the hours they claimed to be working. On July 3rd, July 12th, September 4th, and September 18th, 2018 Arron's cell phone ending in 8008 number called Chase Bank. Jolene called Chase Bank usually two or three times each month from her cell phone.

I drafted an affidavit for search warrant (**Attachment #29**) for bank records in the name of DS Ranch, Arron Scotten, and/or Jolene Scotten held by JP Morgan Chase Bank and presented that document to the Honorable Carol Murphy of Thurston County Superior Court on May 28th, 2019. Judge Murphy reviewed the affidavit for search warrant and granted the request that day. I served the search warrant for bank records on JP Morgan Chase Bank via fax on May 29th, 2019. The scope of the records sought in the search warrant were February 1st, 2018 through November 8th, 2018. This time frame coincided with the activity log requirement going into effect that captured each range rider's time in and out of work until the last day they claimed range riding activity in November, 2018. I received the records from JP Morgan Chase Bank on June 26th, 2019 (**Attachment #30**), July 9th, 2019 (**Attachment #31**), and August 13th, 2019 (**Attachment #32**). **Attachment #30** showed what accounts Arron and Jolene were linked to and bank statements for their account ending in 88232 which contained both their debit card transactions. **Attachment #31** showed the debit card ending in 2262 belonged to Arron (pg.5) and the debit card ending in 0975 belonged to Jolene (pg.8). **Attachment #32** contained a spreadsheet with similar information as the bank statements (**Attachment #30**) for the account ending in 88232 but Chase Bank advised this document was created after the general course of business. Unlike **Attachment #30**, **Attachment #32** included times when the transactions occurred. A more detailed explanation of this is in the following supplemental report. I added debit card purchase information to all the days in question in **Attachment #25** which corroborated the cell phone data.

As indicated above, Arron and Jolene submitted invoices, not only for their own range riding work, but also for Josh Hoffman, Doug Grumbach, Diamynd Waltering, and Eryka Scotten's range riding work in 2018. When added up, the invoices showed the following amounts paid to Arron and Jolene Scotten from WDFW: \$27,200 for Doug Grumbach, \$21,400 for Josh Hoffman, \$20,040 for Diamynd Waltering, and \$20,320 for Eryka Scotten in 2018. All the range riders interviewed said they were paid either by check or money order. Using the Chase Bank statements, I added up the checks written to each of these range riders in 2018 and found Doug Grumbach was paid \$18,200, Josh Hoffman was paid \$10,070, Diamynd Waltering was paid \$9,620, and Eryka Scotten was paid \$11,080. If Arron and Jolene only paid their subcontractors by check in 2018, it appears they were withholding about half of Hoffman, Walterings, and Eryka's payments.

Bank statements showed all four of the above range riders were written checks on July 14th, again on August 15th or 16th, and September 18th, 2018. There were other dates some of the range riders were paid. However, on each of the days mentioned above, Jolene Scotten also wrote Justin Smith a check (see **Attachment #30** pg. 179, 188, and 199) which totaled \$4,800 between all three. In all five of the checks written on August 15th and 16th, the memo line said, "pay" or "July pay". Justin Smith is Eryka Scotten's boyfriend or husband. Based on the fact Jolene wrote Smith a check on the same date as the other range riders and using the same wording on the memo line during one of the months (August), it appears Jolene was paying Smith for range riding work.



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the memo line during one of the months (August), it appears Jolene was paying Smith for range riding work. Smith was never listed as a range rider in the 17-08552 contract nor were there any Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs or invoices turned in for Smith's range riding work. Amendment 4 (**Attachment #5**) to the contract under sections 4 and 5 specifically says that WDFW will not pay for non-contracted, independent range riding services. It specifically states that a contractor may not employ and utilize any contractor employee or subcontractor for range riding services until that contractor employee or subcontractor has submitted a statement of qualifications to WDFW, been evaluated by WDFW staff, and approved for use under the contract as documented by an amendment to the contract.

As mentioned in WDFW Detective Maschhoff's supplemental report regarding his interview with Josh Hoffman and Diamynd Waltering, they both indicated Eryka Scotten never range rode. Diamynd said she didn't think her half-sister, Eryka, had ever been on a horse and she was constantly taking care of her three kids. When shown how much WDFW paid towards the range riding hours turned in for Eryka, she said there was no way Eryka worked those hours and if anything, her boyfriend, Justin Smith, may have worked some. Diamynd provided Detective Maschhoff the same four bank statements I had found in Arron and Jolene's Chase Bank records (**Attachment #30** pgs 176, 191, 200, and 211). When Detective Maschhoff showed her WDFW records of how much money was paid toward the hours she (Diamynd) worked (\$20,040) in 2018 (**Attachment #49**), Diamynd told him she only received around \$12,000 in both 2017 and 2018. Diamynd said her parents always withheld some of the money out of her paycheck. I contacted WDFW conflict specialist Ralf Schreiner to see if it was okay if the contract range rider could withhold money from their own subcontractors. He said WDFW has no control over what the range riders withheld from their subcontractors. Reasons for withholding money would be to pay for horse care, gas, vehicles, trailering, etc. It appears Arron and Jolene withheld around 52% of Diamynd's pay in 2018.

I also compared Diamynd's June 2018 notebook ledger (**Attachment #33**) she provided Detective Maschhoff to the June 2018 Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log that was turned in for her (**Attachment #34**, pg 6). It appeared Jolene's, Arron's, Josh Hoffman's, and Diamynd's Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs were all filled out by the same person based on the pen color and penmanship. In my April 19th interview with Arron, he said he was blessed with penmanship and was the one who filled these out. The notebook ledger that Diamynd filled out for June was much different than what the June Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log showed. Her log didn't show her working June 2nd, 3rd, or 4th but the Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log did. It also showed she worked over six hours each of those days by horse. In Diamynd's notebook it showed she worked by vehicle each of the days but the Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log said she worked nine days by horse. The Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log showed her working 29 more hours than what her notebook ledger showed. The total monetary amount Diamynd should have made based on her notebook ledger was \$1,800. The amount based on the hours and patrol type (horse or vehicle) from the Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log was \$2,880 and was the amount submitted to WDFW (**Attachment #34**, pg 2). She is listed by her initials, "DW". It appears Arron created another false impression to WDFW making it appear Diamynd should have been paid more money than what she earned. Not only that, Jolene wrote Diamynd a check for \$1,440 on July 14th,



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what she earned. Not only that, Jolene wrote Diamynd a check for \$1,440 on July 14th, 2018. It appears Arron and Jolene withheld half of Diamynd's pay for themselves.

I compared Diamynd's September, 2018 notebook log and Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #35**) which she provided to Detective Maschhoff, to the Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #36**, pg 8) turned in by Arron. It appears Diamynd filled out her own Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log this month because the penmanship on her Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log matched her notebook and Arron's, Jolene's, Eryka's, and Doug Grumbach's, were all typed. At the bottom of Diamynd's Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log, there was a note that said she 22 (horse) x 200 (money) = 4,400, "mom & dad get 1,320". This would equal \$3,080 which was very close to the check Jolene wrote to her on 10/11/18 for \$3,100.

I also compared Diamynd's October, 2018 notebook log and Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #37**) which she provided to Detective Maschhoff, to the Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #38**, pg 11) turned in by Arron. It appears Diamynd filled out her own Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log this month because the penmanship on her Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log matched her notebook and was different then the penmanship on Arron's, Josh Hoffman's, Eryka's, Doug Grumbach's, and Jolene's which were all the same. At the bottom of Diamynd's Range Rider/Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #37**), there was a note that said she 22 (horse) x 200 (money) = 4,400, "mom & dad get 1,320 for horse maint + care". I did not find a check written to Diamynd after October, 2018.

Using the cell phone records, debit card purchase transactions, and the other information mentioned above, I documented in detail the hours of each day when evidence showed Arron and Jolene weren't working even though they claimed to be (**Attachment #25**). I also created a spreadsheet (**Attachment #39**) to summarize the hours claimed each of those days, the hours the evidence showed they weren't working, and the amount of money and total hours the State of WA was deceived.

When Arron and Jolene submitted their invoices and activity logs, those documents eventually went to state contract and fiscal personnel in Olympia (Thurston County) who relied on the records to pay Arron and Jolene Scotten, dba DS Ranch, for their range riding work. I totaled the amount of money Arron and Jolene made when evidence showed they were out of the range riding area but claiming work time. This totaled about \$3,300 for Arron and about \$3,020 for Jolene. The amount of labor hours they claimed to have worked but didn't was approximately 338 hours combined, 225 by Arron and 113 by Jolene. I did not use the data from Arron's 509-207-8008 phone when coming up with these amounts unless his 509-690-0493 phone was in the same area. This is because he had mentioned other range riders could have used it. DS Ranch, specifically Arron and Jolene Scotten, knowingly created and confirmed another's (State of WA) false impression which Arron and Jolene knew to be false by claiming range riding hours when they weren't range riding.

I hoped to question Arron and Jolene again but their attorney said they declined to be interviewed in an email



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I hoped to question Arron and Jolene again but their attorney said they declined to be interviewed in an email correspondence on September 20th, 2019. I interviewed Jason Trumbull, Doug Grumbach, and Mark Gibson which are in the attached supplemental reports. WDFW Detective Maschhoff interviewed Diamynd Waldering and Josh Hoffman which are in his supplemental report. It should also be noted I attempted to contact Eryka Scotten several times by phone and through Facebook Messenger but she never contacted me back.

RCW 9A.56.020 states theft means, in part, to wrongfully obtain or exert unauthorized control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services; or by color or aid of deception to obtain control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services. RCW 9A.56.010(5)(a) states deception occurs when an actor knowingly creates or confirms another's false impression which the actor knows to be false. The theft in this case, occurred in Thurston County because that is where the false impression occurred and where they were paid from. RCW 9A.56.010(21)(c) says whenever any series of transactions which constitute theft, would, when considered separately, constitute theft in the third degree because of value, and said series of transactions are a part of a criminal episode or a common scheme or plan, then the transactions may be aggregated in one count and the sum of the value of all said transactions shall be the value considered in determining the degree of theft involved. Theft in the second degree (RCW 9A.56.040) states in part that a person is guilty of theft in the second degree if he or she commits theft of property or services which exceed(s) seven hundred fifty dollars in value but does not exceed five thousand dollars in value. It is a class C felony.

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Analysis of Cell Phone and Bank Records

Range riders who utilized horses were paid \$110/half day (< 6 hours), \$200/full day. Range riders who utilized vehicles were paid \$70/half day (< 6 hours), \$120/full day. Evidence showed that on some days Arron and Jolene Scotten didn't work any of the hours they claimed they did on their Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs. There were other days evidence showed they were out of the contracted range riding area for some of those hours they claimed to be working. Some of the days should have been coded as a half day rather than a full day, the difference between getting paid \$200 vs \$110 if on horse or \$120 vs. \$70 if working by vehicle. I calculated the time outside the contracted range riding area if the cell site coverage didn't extend to areas where they could range ride and/or if their debit cards made purchases outside the range riding area. It should be noted that since their residence was inside the range riding area, there would be no way to know if they were working or not. Plus, their cell phones didn't have cell coverage at their residence.

Almost all of Arron's and Jolene's range riding work was westerly to northerly of their residence located at 613 Deadman Cr. Road, Kettle Falls, WA (**Attachment #9**). The only allotment southeast of their house that WDFW Conflict Specialist Bennett said they worked very occasionally was Calispell Creek. None of the days in question do their cell phone records show them working the Calispell Creek allotment nor do they mention working that area in their Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs. The allotments in **Attachment #9** are outlined in blue and the separate pastures within the allotment are in red. Cattle are often rotated to different pastures within the allotments throughout the year. The allotments Arron and Jolene range rode were CC Mountain (DM), Copper Mires (DM), Day Creek (Grumbach), Lone Ranch (Grumbach), Lambert (DM), North Fork St. Peters (Brown), S. Fork St. Peters (Delbalcon), Tonata (Brown), Churchill (DM), Hope Mountain (DM), Bulldog (Sanders), Vulcan (Brown), Jungle Hill (Delbalcon), Bracken (DM), Jasper (Eslick), Quartz (K Diamond K), First Thought (DM), McKinley (Graeber), Renner Lake (closed allotment but a road goes through it connecting Boyd and Bulldog), and Boyd's (Delp/Scotten). The (last) names in parentheses were the producers who had cattle in those particular allotments. DM stood for Diamond M Ranch owned by the McIrvan's.

When I mapped Arron and Jolene's cell phone call detail records (CDR's), it showed what cell sites (towers) the phones would use. Often times these cell sites were located near towns because that's where they could service the most people. I used the Maps app on my iPhone to determine roughly how long it took to get from these areas to their house. In my experience, this app has proven to be extremely accurate when determining how long it takes to get from one location to another. The reason I measured from their house was because this was the most south easterly portion of the area they could still be range riding. The places they went that were outside the range riding area were even further south easterly than their residence. For example, if they went to Spokane while they were claiming to be range riding, I would use the Maps app to calculate the time it took to get from their residence to Spokane which was about two hours. There would be no reason to go to Spokane while getting paid to range ride. Their residence would also be the most logical place where they would start and end work most days. If they worked from horse, they would have most likely had to either start riding



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the house or loaded them in a trailer to take them to another location. From their residence, Kettle Falls was about 25 minutes, Colville was about 40 minutes, Chewelah was 1 hour, Valley was about an hour and 10 minutes, Loon Lake and Clayton were about 1 hour and 20 minutes, Deer Park was about 1 hour and 30 minutes, Davenport and Reardan were about 2 hours, Airway Heights was about 2 hours and 15 minutes, and Spokane was about 2 hours. Another example would be if their cell phone used a cell site in Spokane at 1pm and no other cell sites for the rest of the day, they should not have claimed range riding time until 3pm because of the two hour drive. This method gave the Scotten's the benefit of the doubt because they could have stayed in Spokane longer but in this exampe, the last cell site their phone used was in Spokane at 1pm. It's possible theycould have stayed in Spokane until the evening but I could only base the calculations off the last cell site used. This describes how I calculated the times in **Attachment #39** under "Time not in the area".

Even though Arron admitted he also used the cell phone ending in 8008 sometimes, he said other range riders would use it as well. Therefore, I didn't count times when the 8008 cell phone used cell sites outside the range riding area unless it was clear he had both phones with him.

Arron's Chase debit card ended in 2262 and Jolene's 0975. **Attachment #30** is Arron and Jolene's Chase Bank records from January 2018 through October 2018. These records included the date the transaction cleared the bank, what type of transaction it was, the date the purchase happened, the merchant, if it was Arron's or Jolene's debit card, the amount, and the balance. The date on the far left column was when the transaction cleared the bank, the other date listed was when the transaction actually occurred.

I was able to obtain the times of the transactions from Chase Bank (**Attachment #32**) for their Chase Bank records from August, 2018 through June 2019. It should be noted that Chase Bank only retains transaction times for a year and that's why they were unable to produce transaction times from February through July, 2018. It should also be noted I had only requested bank records through October, 2018 even though they provided records all the way through June, 2019 which I did not use. In the second column of **Attachment #32**, I was told the "System Time" was when the transaction was received by Chase Bank and would be the most accurate of the two times displayed in the records. Most of these times aligned with the cell phone data. For example, Arron's cell phone was using cell sites in Airway Heights while also making a purchase at a store in Airway Hieghts. Not only was the store within the coverage area of that cell site but the purchase was made at about the same time as when his phone used that particular cell site. The "System Time" was displayed in Eastern Standard Time (3 hours later than Pacific Standard Time) so I made the time correction in **Attachment #25**.

I noticed the times displayed in the "Tran Time" column, i.e. Transaction Time (4th column over) didn't appear to be accurate based on the cell phone records. Cathy Johnson a Chase Bank representative said this time was set by the merchants bank which was the reason for it being inaccurate sometimes. This time could have been the local time of the merchant but it could have also been in GMT time, or Central Standard Time regardless of daylight savings, or Standard Time. Some "Tran Time's" were set randomly by the terminal installer. I also noticed some of the transactions displayed in **Attachment #30** weren't displayed in the records in **Attachment #32**.



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Range riders were paid to range ride, not to attend meetings or turn in monthly paperwork. On one occasion they were allowed to claim time for a low-stress livestock handling clinic they went to. WDFW Conflict Specialist Bennett thought this was in May of 2017 and 2018. In an interview with Arron on 04/19/19 he told me he thought they were supposed to get paid when they took their monthly paperwork to the WDFW office but he never asked for it. Both Conflict Specialist Bennett and Weatherman said they were not supposed to be paid for this.

Attachment #39 is a spreadsheet showing each of the days Arron and/or Jolene committed theft against the State of WA. It shows the hours they claimed to have worked, what patrol method they used (vehicle or horse), the hours they deceived the State of WA, and the amount of money they deceived the State of WA. In summary, there were 77 combined days when Arron and Jolene claimed range riding time when evidence showed they weren't working either part of the day or the entire day. This totaled 225 hours of work and \$3,300 by Arron and 113 hours of work and \$3,020 by Jolene. **Attachment #25** provides the evidence backing up the dates listed in the spreadsheet.

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Doug Grumbach Interview

On September 11th, 2019 at about 1930 hours I interviewed Doug Grumbach at his residence located at 361 Lone Ranch Cr. Rd., Danville, WA. 99121. With his permission (**Attachment #40**), I recorded the conversation (**Attachment #41 and #42**) and later had it transcribed (**Attachment #43**). The recorded statement started at 1932 hours and accidentally stopped at 2022 hours. When I noticed it had stopped, I turned it back on at 2038 hours to 2040 which was the end of the interview. I read Grumbach his Miranda Rights and he said he would talk with me.

Grumbach told me he range rode under the DS Ranch contract from approximately July to November 2018. Grumbach said he had read through the contract paperwork which he thought Arron had provided him. He said the only other person he knew that was working under the DS contract was Jolene and Josh Hoffman. He thought Mark Gibson range rode under another contract, maybe through Jay Shepherd's NE WA Wolf/Cattle Collaborative. Grumbach said he would give Arron the hours he worked every month which Grumbach wrote down in a small notebook. He later showed it to me. Grumbach said he only saw Arron once a month and maybe five other times. Those five other times he had his horse trailer and would ride from Grumbach's place. Approximately three of those times Josh Hoffman was with him. Grumbach said whenever he saw Jolene she had a small child (2-3 year old) in the pickup with her. Jolene would show up with Arron but in a different truck.

Grumbach said he couldn't ride at his own ranch (Lone Ranch) last year because he was immediate family. He said the contract stated immediate family members couldn't range ride their own property. So he rode off the Boulder Cr. Hwy on Hancock Timber Company property. He said this year WDFW did an ammendment allowing immediate family members to range ride their own property.

Grumbach said he was told that if he worked over one minute he should claim a half day and if he worked over six hours it was a full day. He said they didn't have to split time up between horse or vehicle. He was told he could claim horse patrol even if he wasn't on the horse more than in a vehicle. Grumbach said he kept his hours in his own notebook and then he would give those hours to Arron who would then fill out the Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log. He said he wrote his hours down either the day of or the day after he worked. Then when he met up with Arron each month, Arron would take a photo of his hours using his phone. That way Arron had a copy and Grumbach could keep his own copy.

Grumbach said they paid him with a check from the DS Ranch. He said Jolene would write the check out and hand deliver it. Grumbach said they paid him \$110/half day (< 6 hours), \$200/full day if he patrolled by horse and \$70/half day (< 6 hours), \$120/full day if he patrolled by vehicle. He said they paid him the correct amount each month. I told Grumbach our records showed he should have been paid \$27,200. Grumbach thought he got paid more like \$25,00 but he didn't know for sure and continued to say they paid him for all the hours he turned in.



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turned in.

Grumbach said he mainly called Arron on the 8008 number but knew he had another number. He recalled him changing numbers which was likely when he added the 8008 number because it was AT&T which had better service on the side of the mountain where Grumbach lived. He said nobody else ever answered the 8008 number besides Arron. Grumbach said Candace had told him that he could not claim range riding time when he went to meetings on wolf stuff.

Grumbach said he went to the county commissioner meeting on August 24th, 2018 as did Arron. He showed me his log for that day which I took a picture of (**Attachment #44**). He wrote, "Aug 24, 2018, Drove, 7:30am-4:30pm, Drove Day Cr. and checked comer(sp?). Went to wolf meeting. Returned home. 9hrs." He couldn't remember if Jolene was there. At the time he thought he could claim those hours. He said he had been to some Cattleman Association meetings at the K Diamond K Ranch but said he never claimed hours range riding hours for those. He couldn't remember the dates he went to those. Grumbach said he went to Representative Kretz' horse sale but didn't claim any hours that day. Grumbach said he went for about an hour and a half with his girlfriend. They took the back way to get to Kretz' place and then took a different road home so he could show his girlfriend where he had been working. However, Grumbach's Range Rider / Livestock Monitoring Activity Log (**Attachment #36**, pg 11) for that day (9/15/18) showed he worked from 1400 to 2000 hours by vehicle up Day Cr and 1st Cr. Representative Kretz said the horse sale went from about 1pm to 4pm.

I ended the recording at 2040 hours and cleared his residence at about 2050 hours.

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Mark Gibson Interview

On September 12th, 2019 at 1605 hours I interviewed Mark Gibson at his residence located at 3184 Anderson Rd., Gifford, WA. 99131. Gibson told me the following in substance:

- He rode under the DS Ranch range rider contract in 2017.
- He had read the WDFW Goods and Services Contract before.
- He only knew Arron and Jolene Scotten were on the contract.
- He had cameras set-up on the Lone Ranch and saw Arron on them once.
- He only range rode the McIrvan property for four to five days in October and the Lone Ranch in November of 2017.
- He stopped helping Arron after he didn't pay him for so long for his work in November of 2017. Arron finally paid him in January and was frustrated Arron had taken a vacation in between.
- Arron paid him by check which was approximately \$1,280 in one check and \$800 in another check.
- He knew Arron charged his kids when he would take them places to range ride.
- He only claimed time when he was out riding and never during any of the Cattleman, County Commissioner, or WAG meetings.
- Gibson went to Representative Kretz' horse sale on 9/15/18. Gibson got there around 11am and left around noon or 1pm. Gibson said Arron got their just before he left.
- He went to one of the WAG meetings in July of 2018 and he didn't think Arron was there.

I thanked Gibson for his time and left his residence at about 1648 hours.

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Jason Trumbull Interview

On September 18th, 2019 at 1913 hours I interviewed Jason Trumbull at his residence located at 5015 S. Regal St., Apt. I2068 in Spokane. Trumbull gave consent (**Attachment #45**) to record the conversation (**Attachment #46 and #47**) and at 1930 hours I advised Trumbull of his Miranda Rights by reading them from an agency pre-printed card. I later had the recorded conversation transcribed (**Attachment #48**). Trumbull said he understood his Miranda Rights and was willing to speak with me. He wanted to talk in my truck versus inside his apartment. Trumbull told me the following in substance:

- Arron and Jolene sort of adopted him ever since he was dropped off by his biological parents when he was a freshman in high school. Jolene was Trumbull's mom's first cousin. He referred to Jolene and Arron as mom and dad.
- He worked as a range rider the summer of 2017 up until he went into the Job Corp on October 17th, 2017. He then helped Steve Sanders, a cattle producer, all through the winter of 2018. He later said he might have worked in August of 2018 as well.
- I asked Trumbull if he made around \$22,000 range riding and he said it was more like \$5,000. He remembered getting paid \$500-\$1,000 each of the months he worked. I showed him a spreadsheet (**Attachment #49** - bottom tab labelled "WDFW Range Riders All") Ralf Schreiner, a WDFW game conflict specialist at WDFW headquarters had put together which showed Trumbull had made \$2,800 in May of 17', \$1,720 in June of 17', \$4,760 in July of 17', \$5,240 in August of 17', \$4,760 in September of 17', and \$2,800 in October of 17'. There were no payouts listed for Trumbull in 2018. After showing him those amounts and the dates, he again said he only made about \$5,000 that summer from range riding.
- I showed him a DS Ranch invoice for the range riding worked performed in August of 2017. It showed Trumbull had worked 22 full days by horse and 7 full days by vehicle which amounted to \$5,240. Trumbull said he worked that many days probably but was not paid that amount.
- The invoice (**Attachment #50**, pg. 2) Arron and Jolene had turned in for October of 2017 showed Trumbull (initialed "JT") had worked 14 full days by horse making \$2,800. That would mean Trumbull only had two days off prior to going to the Job Corp on October 17th. As mentioned earlier, range riders weren't required to report the exact dates worked or the hours worked until February of 2018.
- Everything else he did in 2018 was around Arron's house like building an attachment to the main house and building a cover.
- Trumbull showed me a couple of his Banner Bank bank statements (**Attachment #51**). One statement was dated 07/06/17 (for dates 6/19 through 7/6) and the other 01/07/19. On the July 17' statement there was a \$100 deposit on 6/19, \$3 deposit on 7/5 and a \$950 deposit on 7/5.
- Arron and Jolene either paid him by check or money order from their bank account which he thought might be Chase Bank.
- I asked if Trumbull if ever saw the Goods and Services Contract (**Attachment #1**) from WDFW. He said he signed something that he thought was from WDFW but never got a chance to read it and nobody read it to him.
- I asked him if maintained copies of all records related to range riding and he claimed to only have bank statements, as mentioned above, and could only provide one from the time period he was range riding under the



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statements, as mentioned above, and could only provide one from the time period he was range riding under the DS Ranch contract.

- He said Arron did all the communicating with WDFW. Trumbull said he was just the grunt and was kept out of the loop on most things. They told him where to range ride.
- He turned in logs with date, times, location, notes, GPS points to Jay Shepherd in 2018. This made me realize Trumbull was likely working for the NE WA Wolf/Cattle Collaborative led by Jay Shepherd and not under the DS Ranch WDFW contract in 2018. That was likely why Arron and Jolene never turned in range rider invoices for Trumbull in 2018, only 2017. Trumbull said he still had not been paid from his range riding work done in 2018. Trumbull was told he would make \$200/night for watching calves in 2018 if he was patrolling by horse. Arron told him two weeks prior to this interview that the paychecks were in. Trumbull indicated to him the work had been done months ago. This supports my belief that Arron went to work for NE WA Wolf/Cattle Collaborative under Sheppard.
- He remembered something saying they had to take pictures every hour and at the beginning and at the end of each shift. Trumbull was likely referring to them having to use a GPS to track their activity when working for the NE WA Wolf/Cattle Collaborative.
- He said Eryka Scotten, Josh Hoffman, Diamynd Waldering, Jolene and Arron Scotten range rode in 2017.
- Jolene is Diamynd's biological mother and Arron was her step-dad. Josh Hoffman is Diamynd's boyfriend and has been in the family even before Trumbull. Trumbull said Josh and Diamynd lived together over in the Seattle area currently.
- Trumbull didn't have Eryka's phone number and only communicated with her through Facebook Messenger.
- Trumbull said Arron and Jolene take care of Jolene's oldest son, John Waldering's daughter named Hazel. CPS had taken Hazel from John.
- I asked Trumbull why Jolene and Arron go to the doctors a lot in Spokane. He said they went to the VA hospital and Hazel had doctor appointments in Spokane a lot. Trumbull said they had been coming down to Spokane to see him as well.
- Jolene, Arron, Hazel, Eryka, Justin Smith who is Eryka's boyfriend, their three kids Elaina, Schuyler, and Mason lived at 613 Deadman Cr. Rd., Kettle Falls, WA.
- He described 613 Deadman Cr. Rd., Kettle Falls, WA like a compound. There was a bunch of cabins on the property. It used to be a boys camp. He said the main house had running water and a bathroom. There was a yurt and two other cabins next each other and two other cabins they added.
- He usually worked with Josh or Arron when range riding. Arron would take him to the different areas where they would work. Sometime they would stay overnight.
- He didn't know who turned in the monthly paperwork. He verbally told his hours worked to Arron. He said the paperwork was very unorganized.
- He thought he was being paid \$110 per half day of work (< 6 hours), and \$200 per full day of work (> 6 hours) if he was on horse or \$70 per half day of work (< 6 hours), and \$120 per full day of work (> 6 hours) if he patrolled by vehicle. However, he never seemed to get paid that much.
- He would usually take his phone with him when range riding but sometimes left it in the truck. He took pictures with his cell phone while working. He broke some of his phones while riding the horse. He only had his current phone for a couple months.



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- 509-690-3688 was Jolene's cell phone number and she always had it on her. He didn't know of anyone else ever using her phone.
- 509-690-0493 was Arron's cell phone number and he always had it on him. He didn't know of anyone else ever using his phone. He said Arron didn't have the 509-207-8008 phone in 2017.
- He didn't know where the WDFW game cameras were located.
- He remembered going to a Cattleman's Association on October 5th, 2018 with Josh Hoffman. They ate dinner but didn't stay the night.
- He did not go to Representative Kretz' horse sale.
- I asked him if there were any days he claimed to be range riding time but wasn't actually working. Trumbull said he wouldn't know because he didn't know what days Arron and Jolene claimed he worked.

I ended the interview at 2002 hours. I did not realize the recorder had stopped 26 minutes into the interview. Trumbull took me back to his apartment and let me take pictures of the two bank statements (**Attachment # 51**). I thanked him for his time and left at 2018 hours. I went back in and made notes for the interview questions that didn't get recorded.

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Diamynd WALTERING and Josh HOFFMAN Interviews

On September 24, 2019 I traveled to the Port Orchard area in Kitsap County, WA to conduct interviews for Detective Hahn. At approximately 0945 hours I met officers Ward and Hoffarth at the Port Orchard Fish and Wildlife Office. I briefed them on my plan to locate, contact and interview Joshua HOFFMAN and Diamynd WALTERING. After our briefing we left the office to go to one of the addresses Detective Hahn had provided.

At approximately 1115 hours we arrived at 7212 SE Olalla Valley Rd. As we pulled into the driveway leading to the residence I observed a white Nissan Pathfinder parked alongside the road with "For Sale" signs in the windows. I recognized the license plate number as one Detective Hahn said was registered to WALTERING. We were greeted in the driveway by a woman who identified herself as HOFFMAN's sister. She said that she was the only one home. Officer Ward and I asked her if HOFFMAN and WALTERING lived at the residence. She said that HOFFMAN did and that WALTERING also did before the two broke up. She said HOFFMAN was at work and had no idea where WALTERING was currently living. She said it had been less than a week since the two separated. I provided my business card and asked her to please have HOFFMAN contact me. We then departed.

At approximately 1145 we arrived at 4656 Nina Lane in Port Orchard. This is one of the possible previous addresses used by WALTERING. This was an apartment complex. I drove to the building with the house number 4656 on the front. There were six units in the building. I did not see WALTERING's car parked in any of the parking stalls in front of the building. I then went to the office building and inquired with the manager if there was anyone by the last name of WALTERING living in her complex. I told her that she did not have to give my any information, but that I did not want to have to keep coming back and knocking on the doors of that complex to figure out if WALTERING was living there. The office manager then said she did not recognize the name as one of her renters. We then departed the area.

At approximately 1206 hours we arrived at 9908 Fairview Lake Rd. This is one of the possible previous addresses used by WALTERING. Officer Ward and I knocked on the door, but there was no answer. There were numerous signs at the residence that indicated the occupants were grandparents. We thought this could be a possible location WALTERING could be residing and decided to come back another time if we did not locate WALTERING at any other address. We then cleared the area.

At approximately 1235 hours we arrived at 4451 Woods Rd in Port Orchard. This is one of the possible previous addresses used by WALTERING. There was no answer at the door when Officer WARD and I knocked. Since it appeared there was a neighbor home we went next door to ask if they had seen WALTERING. The woman that answered the door said the family that lived next door was very nice and that she had actually seen a young woman around the house the past few days that she did not recognize. When I showed her a picture of WALTERING she said it kind of looked like the girl, but the one she saw had blond hair. I left my business card with the woman and asked if she would have the neighbor call me so I could



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hair. I left my business card with the woman and asked if she would have the neighbor call me so I could inquire if WALTERING was currently living with them. We then departed the area.

After talking with Officer WARD we decided to meet again on Thursday, September 26th to follow up on any contacts I had over the next day or so. I then left the Port Orchard area and returned to Tacoma.

On September 25, 2019 at approximately 0825 hours I returned a phone call to Kristin Depoe; one of the residents at 4451 Woods RD E. She had left a voice mail the night prior. I explained why we went to her residence and that we were interested in speaking to WALTERING. She said that no one by the name Diamynd WALTERING had ever lived at their residence. I explained that her address was used when WALTERING bought a fishing license in 2016. She said that they often get mail for residents on Woods RD SE and suggested I look for a similar address off that road. I thanked her for her time and ended the phone call.

On October 2, 2019 I met HOFFMAN at the Port Orchard Starbucks at 1960 SE Lund St, Port Orchard, WA 98366. After multiple phone conversations over the preceding few days HOFFMAN and I had agreed to meet at this location after he was finished working for the day. At approximately 1610 hours HOFFMAN and I sat down at a table near the entry door. My back was to a wall and I was facing the entry. HOFFMAN sat in the seat closest to the door and had clear access to the exit. I went over the interview form provided to me by Detective Hahn with HOFFMAN. I told him that he was not under arrest and did not have to answer my questions if he did not want to. HOFFMAN smiled and said, "OK."

I then began asking HOFFMAN the questions provided to me by Detective Hahn (**Attachment #52**). The following are the answers provided to me by HOFFMAN. It is a synopsis of our conversation and is not intended to be verbatim.

HOFFMAN told me that he was contracted as a range rider under Arron SCOTTEN's contract. He said that he rode for SCOTTEN during the summers of 2016, 2017 and 2018. In 2019 he performed range riding activities for NEWCC.

HOFFMAN told me he was familiar with the WDFW goods and services Contract, but has not reviewed it since he was first hired in 2016. He told me that he was responsible for keeping records of his range riding activities. He said that he would track dates, hours and locations that he rode. He would then submit these records to SCOTTEN for payment.

When I showed HOFFMAN Attachment C - Performance of duties, reimbursement of Costs, Invoicing, Conduct He said he was familiar with the terms. When I asked him about each section (a-l) he said that SCOTTEN was responsible for most of the activities. The following are his answers section by section:

- A. SCOTTEN coordinated all work activities.
- B. HOFFMAN has extensive knowledge of livestock handling and husbandry.
- B. HOFFMAN had intimate knowledge of the assigned terrain



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- C. HOFFMAN documented wolf tracks, kills, strange cattle behavior and other interactions
- D. SCOTTEN was responsible for communicating with the ranchers.
- E. HOFFMAN said he conducted pro-active hazing and deploying things like "Fox Lights."
- F. HOFFMAN only conducted management intensive grazing methods only if asked by the cattle owner to do so.
- G. HOFFMAN acted as a subcontractor for SCOTTEN
- H. HOFFMAN said he did not complete reports
- I. HOFFMAN said he did not have contact with WDFW employees while range riding.
- J. HOFFMAN said he was familiar with the wolf management plan.
- K. HOFFMAN said he gave all of his logs to SCOTTEN
- L. HOFFMAN said he performed duties as assigned by SCOTTEN

HOFFMAN said that He, Diamynd WALTERING, Jason TRUMBULL and Arron SCOTTEN rode under the contract. He told me that Arron and Jolene SCOTTEN were married; Eryka SCOTTEN is Arron's daughter, but she never range rode; Diamynd WALTERING is Jolene SCOTTEN's daughter; Jason TRUMBULL is family relative of some kind; Doug GRUMBACH is a rancher; and Mark GIBSON is another range rider. HOFFMAN said that none of these people had any kids with them while they were range riders. He said his son was in Western Washington. He was unwilling to discuss who lived with Arron and Jolene in Kettle Falls.

When I asked HOFFMAN about range riding areas he said he was familiar with all of the names on the list provided by Detective Hahn except, Lost Lake, Ponds, County Line, Karamip, Independence, and specific road numbers. Hoffman told me he only knew roads by the nicknames people called them. He said he would not be able to recall when he was in each/any of the areas without looking at a log.

HOFFMAN said that on a typical day he would ride out, find the cows, sit on them for a while and then circle the area to look for sign of wolves. He said he would look for prints, wolf kills or scat. HOFFMAN said that if he located a depredation he would notify Arron or the cattle owner as soon as possible. He said that he used his cell phone to photograph the kill and call Arron. He also said that most of the areas he worked had a cell signal, or he knew where to ride in order to get one. HOFFMAN said that he either rode from the house to the range area, or traveled via truck and horse trailer. If using a trailer he said he had to get a ride because he did not have his own horse trailer.

I then asked HOFFMAN about the "Livestock Monitoring Activity Log." He initially told me that he did not fill them out and that he believed Arron and Jolene filled them out. Hoffman said that before the end of the month he would report his work to the SCOTTENS from the records he kept in a notebook. Then, when I showed him an example log he said that he actually did recognize the form and that he and Diamynd would fill out the logs together throughout the month and then give them to Arron. HOFFMAN was confident that the hours reported on the logs were true to the hours he spent range riding.

HOFFMAN said that he was paid by check from DS Ranch. He said that he received either \$110 or \$200 per



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day when riding depending on if he worked under or over six hours. He said this amount was reduced to \$70 and \$120 per day if they used a vehicle instead of horses. HOFFMAN said he used Chase bank in 2018 and that he did not know what bank the SCOTTENS used. When I reviewed the payment amounts HOFFMAN had received he told me that he believed the amount he was paid looked accurate. He said he never received any pay stubs, just checks.

I then asked HOFFMAN about the phone numbers used by the SCOTTENS. He said he did not know Jolene or Eryka's phone numbers. He said that he thought he recognized one of the numbers provided as Arron's number (0493). HOFFMAN said he did not know anything about a second cell phone number or if Arron ever lent that phone to anyone.

HOFFMAN said he only knew about WDFW Game cameras if he saw them and that he never intentionally rode around them. He also said he had no idea if Jeff Flood had any cameras deployed.

HOFFMAN admitted to attending various WAG meetings but said he did not know anything about Arron or Jolene's business or what meeting they attended. He said that when he attended meetings he never claimed range riding hours. He said that if he had range riding hours on the same day he would have completed them before or after the meetings. He said that he did not remember attending a meeting on August 24, 2018 in Colville, WA. He also stated that he never attended any meetings with Doug.

HOFFMAN admitted to attending the horse sale at Representative Joel Kretz's ranch on September 15, 2018. He said that he couldn't tell me if he was at the Tribal Trails gas station that day. He said that he drove to the sale with a buddy. He said that Diamynd did not go to the horse sale. HOFFMAN claimed that he did not get to the horse sale when it started and that he went after he had finished range riding. When I showed HOFFMAN that he had claimed to be working from 1000-1600 hours he said "If I claimed those hours then I was riding during those hours."

HOFFMAN admitted to going to the Cattleman's Association meeting on October 5th, 2018. He did not recall what time he got there. He said he had no idea what time Arron got there because he wasn't living with them at the time, but the meeting was about two hours from his house. He said that he did not spend the night, or eat breakfast there. He also did not recall riding with Jason TRUMBULL. When I asked him about Arron's attendance and his claim to be at an "injury investigation" he said he knew nothing about it.

HOFFMAN said that he attended about three Wolf Advisory Meetings over the last three years. He said that he could not remember the dates that he attended.

At the end of our conversation HOFFMAN said the he would try to locate the notebook he kept while working for DS Ranch. He stated again that he did not claim any hours worked for days that he was not actually range riding. He also said that he believed that if Arron or Jolene claimed they were range riding than they likely were. Before departing I asked HOFFMAN to ask WALTERING if she would be willing to speak to me about



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the same things I asked him about. He said he would have her contact me.

I ended my interview with HOFFMAN at approximately 1700 hours.

At approximately 1326 hours on October 15, 2019 I received the following text message from 509-690-6023: *"Hello, this is Diamynd waltering. I was told you or someone is trying to get a hold of me."* The following is the rest of our text conversation:

Detective: Yes, I'd like to schedule a time to interview you regarding your range riding activities for the past few years. Justin Maschhoff, WDFW Detective

Diamynd: Okay

Detective Are you still living in the Port Orchard area?

Diamynd: Yes

Detective: What is your availability for the rest of this week. I can meet during the day or in the evening. What would work best for you?

Diamynd: Anytime.

Detective: Can you meet at 1 o'clock tomorrow at the same Starbucks where I met Josh?

Diamynd: What Starbucks

Detective: t is the one next to the fuel pumps ad Safeway.

Diamynd: Okay

Detective: The address is 1960 SE Lund Street.

Diamynd: Okay.

Detective: I will see you there tomorrow at 1pm.

Diamynd: Okay.

On October 16, 2019 I arrived at the Starbucks at 1960 SE Lund Street at approximately 1255 hours. I sat down at a table inside. At about 1300 hours I observed a woman enter the building that I recognized as Diamynd



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WALTERING from her DOL Photograph. I waved at her and then greeted her as she approached the table where I was sitting. WALTERING sat in a chair across from me at the table. She was closest to the door and had clear access to the exit. After introducing myself, I asked her if she knew why I wanted to talk to her. WALTERING responded, "Because my mom and step-dad are embezzling money from the state." When I asked her how she knew this she said, "Because my step-dad got kicked out of the military for doing the same thing."

WALTERING then pulled out a set of documents that I recognized as Livestock Monitoring Activity Logs. On these Logs WALTERING had calculated how much money she earned versus how much she was paid. She said that her mom and step-dad "took" money from her. She explained that they claimed this money was for the care of the horses and equipment WALTERING was using. However, WALTERING said during all the time she stayed in Curlew she used a horse that did not belong to her parents. She also said that she paid to feed and take care of the horse she used. After obtaining WALTERING's permission, I photographed each of these pages as well as a page of check images that showed proof of payment (**Attachments #35, #37, #53, #55, and #56**).

WALTERING also showed me two pages in a notebook where she kept logs of her range riding activities. I observed that this log documented the days she worked, took off, and also had notes about her observations. The pages also had notes about her GPS unit not properly working. I photographed these three pages as well (**Attachment #54**).

The following are the answers provided to me by WALTERING. It is a synopsis of our conversation and is not intended to be verbatim.

I then began my interview of WALTERING. She told me that she rode under her step-dad's contract with WDFW. She said she did not know any of the business details because her dad only told her what was pertinent to her range riding activities. She admitted to being familiar with the terms of the Goods and Services Contract, but could not remember when or if she actually read it. WALTERING said that her step-dad coordinated all of the work activities and worked directly with the Department (WDFW). WALTERING said that she believed she was working as an independent contractor for her father and that is why she felt her parents unfairly took monies from her instead of paying her the full contract amount for days she worked.

When I asked WALTERING who else rode under the contract the only people she said that rode besides her parents were Josh HOFFMAN, and Jason TRUMBULL. When I asked if Eryka SCOTTEN every rode WALTERING gave me a look of disbelief and said that she was supposed to, but she never went. When I questioned her about this she said that SCOTTEN has three kids and she never rode because she always had them with her. She said this is why SCOTTEN always drove. I asked if someone could have watched her kids while SCOTTEN rode. WALTERING became defensive and said, "That fat bitch has probably only been on a horse two times in her life. She can't even get on by herself." WALTERING went on to say that if any riding was done and attributed to SCOTTEN then it was done by her boyfriend, Justin SMITH. WALTERING said



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WALTERING said that E. SCOTTEN and SMITH live on the property with Arron and Jolene SCOTTEN. She said that they live in a small one room cabin on the property. WALTERING described the cabin as an unkempt house with no power or running water. She said that she reported E. SCOTTEN to CPS at one point because she believed the kids were living in squalor. WALTERING also commented that she believed her parents were unfairly deducting money from her pay while not doing the same thing for E. SCOTTEN. She said that E. SCOTTEN and SMITH have never paid any fees to use her parent's horses, to use their saddles, for rent or for utilities despite making WALTERING pay them a part of her salary.

WALTERING said she was very familiar with all of the areas listed in Detective Hahn's interview questions. She said the only thing she did not recognize were the road numbers because they only called them by their nicknames. WALTERING said that she would choose which areas to ride from a list of areas provided to her by her step-dad. She said that her rides included looking for cows and any signs of wolf activity. WALTERING said that she regularly rode around game cameras because she did not want anyone taking pictures of her without her permission. She said this was because on two different occasions she was photographed while going to the bathroom in the woods and that someone has "pictures of her coochie." WALTERING said that if she ever used a vehicle to patrol she would use her or Josh's (HOFFMAN) vehicle.

I then talked to WALTERING about her activity logs. She said that she would keep track of her activity in her notebook and then transfer these notes to her activity logs at the end of the month. She said she would then turn these in to her step-dad to get paid. When we compared the activity log provided to me by detective Hahn (**Attachment #62**) with the August 2018 activity log WALTERING had brought (**Attachment #55**) we could see that some of the information on her copy was different. WALTERING said that her step-dad must have re-written the logs after she submitted them. A detailed comparison of the logs will have to be conducted by the investigating detective to look for possible discrepancies.

WALTERING said that she was paid by check. The four scanned checks provided as evidence (**Attachment #53**). The checks were from Jolene K Dougherty-Scotten's account at Chase bank. The account number on the checks is 873818798. The checks are all signed by "Jolene Dougherty-Scotten" The amounts on the checks were consistent with what WALTERING said she was paid after her parents took their portion out of her pay. When I went over the contracted pay amounts with WALTERING she told me that they were not allowed to work half days but that they could split their shifts if they wanted to work in the morning and then again in the evening. WALTERING said that the logs she completed and submitted to her dad were true and accurate to the work she did. She said that if her dad altered any of the logs then that was "on him."

I then showed WALTERING the spreadsheet of payments made to each of the range riders (**Attachment #49**). She said that what was listed on the spreadsheet is not what she was paid because her parents took part of her paycheck. She also looked at Eryka SCOTTEN's pay amounts and said that there is no way she should have made what was on the spreadsheet for some months because she did not ride a horse. She said that initially they could not ride more than 25 days per month and later it was 28 days per month. She said that the most



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SCOTTEN should have been paid in a month was \$3,360 (28*\$120). WALTERING said she would pay particular attention to any months SCOTTEN was paid more than \$3,360 because she believed either her activity logs were fabricated or Justin SMITH rode in her place. WALTERING also objected to the total amounts she was paid. She said it was more like \$12,000 that she was paid in both 2017 and 2018. WALTERING also said she was never given any earnings statements at the end of the year.

WALTERING said that the procedure for documenting wolf depredation was to record it, tag it, call it in and photograph it. She said that she never saw a wolf kill, but did locate cows that had been attacked by a wolf, but got away. She described bite marks and bloody hind quarters. She said that she would have used the provided GPS unit to take the photos and her cell phone if the GPS did not work.

WALTERING told me that she never attended any Wolf Advisor Group meetings or County Commissioner meetings. She did say that her dad was always asking Josh (HOFFMAN) to go with him and that Josh did go a time or two. WALTERING said she had no idea if they could get paid to go to the meetings.

When I asked WALTERING about attending the horse sale at Representative Joel Kretz's ranch she got visibly animated and said, "No, and I'm pissed about it." She went on to tell me that she remembered it because everybody was frantic to get out the door to be there on time. She said that she wasn't invited and was upset because they celebrated her youngest cousin's birthday while there. She said she went riding that day and remembers being upset with Josh because he got home really late. She did not know if anybody besides her went riding that day, but said it was possible that the reason Josh got home late was because he went riding after the sale.

WALTERING said she also remembered going to the K Diamond K Ranch. She said she remembered this event because a fawn had approached Josh, Jason and her while at the ranch. She said they petted the fawn and took pictures of it. She said it was likely that Josh and Jason rode together in the same vehicle to get to the ranch. She also remembered having breakfast there the next morning. I did not ask WALTERING if she went before or after riding on October 5th. She did not know what time her Step-dad got there.

At the conclusion of the interview WALTERING said the only thing she would add is that her dad split a lot of his days and probably got lazy about putting what hours he actually worked on his time sheets. She felt this may explain how he worked on the day of the horse sale. I then thanked WALTERING for answering my questions and we walked out to the parking lot. I then gave her a business card and told her to call or email me if she had any questions.



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I Certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all the statements made herein are true and accurate and that I entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it. (RCW 9A.72.085)

JUSTIN MASCHHOFF

Officer Electronic Signature

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ATTACHMENTS

Created by: **LENNY HAHN**

Date Created: **12/12/2019**

- 1) WA-17-08552 DS Ranch Contract - Goods & Services
- 2) Contract Amendment 1
- 3) Contract Amendment 2
- 4) Contract Amendment 3
- 5) Contract Amendment 4
- 6) Contract Amendment 5
- 7) Contract Amendment 6
- 8) Contract Amendment 7
- 9) Map of grazing allotments
- 10) Arron Scotten audio recorded interview
- 11) Arron Scotten transcribed interview
- 12) December 2017 range riding log
- 13) Description of each game camera video/picture
- 14) Game camera pictures taken on 9/20/18
- 15) Game camera pictures taken on 10/2/18
- 16) Game camera pictures taken on 10/6/18
- 17) Game camera video taken on 9/20/18
- 18) Game camera video taken on 9/20/18
- 19) Game camera video taken on 10/2/18
- 20) Game camera video taken on 10/6/18
- 21) 8/24/18 Board of County Commissioners wolf meeting minutes
- 22) AT&T affidavit, warrant, and return



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- 23) Verizon affidavit, warrant, and return
- 24) Mapped cell phone records onto Google Earth
- 25) Days of theft outlined
- 26) Northern Quest Casino hotel records
- 27) 090418 Ziggy's receipt
- 28) Davenport Hotel email regarding stay on 091818
- 29) Chase Bank affidavit, warrant, and return
- 30) Bank record SB1039958-F1 SCD 1
- 31) Bank record SB1039958-F1 SCD 2
- 32) Bank record SB1039958-F1 SCD 3
- 33) Waltering's June 2018 notebook
- 34) Scotten 17-08552 Jun 18
- 35) Waltering's September, 2018 notebook and activity log
- 36) Scotten 17-08552 Sep 18
- 37) Waltering's October, 2018 notebook and activity log
- 38) Scotten 17-08552 Oct 18
- 39) Spreadsheet of theft
- 40) Doug Grumbach Audio Recorded Statement form
- 41) Doug Grumbach interview A
- 42) Doug Grumbach interview B
- 43) Doug Grumbach transcribed interview A and B
- 44) Grumbach notebook on 082418
- 45) Jason Trumbull Audio Recorded Statement Form



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- 46) Jason Trumbull interview A
- 47) Jason Trumbull interview B
- 48) Jason Trumbull transcribed interview A and B
- 49) Spreadsheet of contract range riders (CRR) payouts
- 50) Scotten 17-08552 Oct 17
- 51) Trumbull bank statements
- 52) Interview Form for RRs
- 53) WALTERING 2018 Paychecks
- 54) Waltering's notebook pages
- 55) WALTERING Aug. 2018 Activity Log
- 56) WALTERING July 2018 Activity Log
- 57) Scotten 17-08552 Feb 18
- 58) Scotten 17-08552 Mar 18
- 59) Scotten 17-08552 Apr 18
- 60) Scotten 17-08552 May 18
- 61) Scotten 17-08552 July 18(2)
- 62) Scotten 17-08552 Aug 18
- 63) Scotten 17-08552 Nov 18
- 64) 020118 video
- 65) 020618 video
- 66) 050518 video
- 67) 051518 video
- 68) 051618 video



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ATTACHMENTS

- 69) 051818 screenshot
- 70) DiamondM_2018-09-19_Checklist
- 71) WA-18-009566 depredation report
- 72) 110718 Ziggy's Receipt

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I Certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all the statements made herein are true and accurate and that I entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it. (RCW 9A.72.085)

LENNY HAHN

Officer Electronic Signature

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Date Created: 09/04/2019

RCW 9A.56.040 Theft in the second degree.

(1) Except as provided in RCW 9A.56.400, a person is guilty of theft in the second degree if he or she commits theft of:

- (a) Property or services which exceed(s) seven hundred fifty dollars in value but does not exceed five thousand dollars in value, other than a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010 or a motor vehicle;
 - (b) A public record, writing, or instrument kept, filed, or deposited according to law with or in the keeping of any public office or public servant;
 - (c) Commercial metal property, nonferrous metal property, or private metal property, as those terms are defined in RCW 19.290.010, and the costs of the damage to the owner's property exceed seven hundred fifty dollars but does not exceed five thousand dollars in value; or
 - (d) An access device.
- (2) Theft in the second degree is a class C felony.

RCW 9A.56.020 Theft-Definition, defense.

(1) "Theft" means:

- (a) To wrongfully obtain or exert unauthorized control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services; or
- (b) By color or aid of deception to obtain control over the property or services of another or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services; or
- (c) To appropriate lost or mis-delivered property or services of another, or the value thereof, with intent to deprive him or her of such property or services.

(2) In any prosecution for theft, it shall be a sufficient defense that:

- (a) The property or service was appropriated openly and avowedly under a claim of title made in good faith, even though the claim be untenable; or
- (b) The property was merchandise pallets that were received by a pallet recycler or repairer in the ordinary course of its business.

RCW 9A.56.010 Definitions

(5) "Deception" occurs when an actor knowingly:

- (a) Creates or confirms another's false impression which the actor knows to be false; or
- (e) Promises performance which the actor does not intend to perform or knows will not be performed;

(10) "Obtain control over" in addition to its common meaning, means:

(a) In relation to property, to bring about a transfer or purported transfer to the obtainer or another of a legally recognized interest in the property; or

(b) In relation to labor or service, to secure performance thereof for the benefits of the obtainer or another;

(15) "Services" includes, but is not limited to, labor, professional services, transportation services, electronic computer services, the supplying of hotel accommodations, restaurant services, entertainment, the supplying of equipment for use, and the supplying of commodities of a public utility nature such as gas, electricity, steam, and water;



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and water;

(21) Value. (a) "Value" means the market value of the property or services at the time and in the approximate area of the criminal act.

(b) Whether or not they have been issued or delivered, written instruments, except those having a readily ascertained market value, shall be evaluated as follows:

(i) The value of an instrument constituting an evidence of debt, such as a check, draft, or promissory note, shall be deemed the amount due or collectible thereon or thereby, that figure ordinarily being the face amount of the indebtedness less any portion thereof which has been satisfied;

(c) Except as provided in RCW 9A.56.340(4) and 9A.56.350(4), whenever any series of transactions which constitute theft, would, when considered separately, constitute theft in the third degree because of value, and said series of transactions are a part of a criminal episode or a common scheme or plan, then the transactions may be aggregated in one count and the sum of the value of all said transactions shall be the value considered in determining the degree of theft involved.

For purposes of this subsection, "criminal episode" means a series of thefts committed by the same person from one or more mercantile establishments on three or more occasions within a five-day period.

ADMONITION

I Certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all the statements made herein are true and accurate and that I entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it. (RCW 9A.72.085)

LENNY HAHN

Officer Electronic Signature

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:
LIVESTOCK-WOLF MITIGATION MEASURES
Diamond M Ranch

SANITATION

- Remove or manage livestock carcasses from lambing or calving areas and from cooperators' lands when they are discovered (includes burying, burning, or composting consistent with state law and county or city ordinances).
- Install predator-proof fencing around a bone yard.
- In areas where available, contact WDFW when livestock carcasses are discovered so that they can be removed or protected from wolves.

SICK AND INJURED LIVESTOCK

- Remove or treat non-ambulatory (sick or injured) livestock from unsafe pastures in areas where wolves are present (when feasible and when discovered).

CALVING AND LAMBING AREAS

- Traditional calving or lambing areas are away from areas occupied by wolves (if known at the time this checklist is dated). (if this box is checked the next two boxes are not applicable; if this box is not checked then one or two of the next boxes must be checked)
- In the event that there is known wolf activity in the vicinity of a producer's calving or lambing areas then use protective fencing or fladry around calving or lambing areas when deemed necessary by WDFW.
- Use lambing sheds during and immediately after lambing.

TURNOUT

- Other techniques for managing risks of wolves being attracted to young calves on private lands (explain in Rationale box below).
- Turnout of calves onto forested/upland grazing allotments until calving is finished.
- Turnout of calves onto forested/upland grazing pastures or allotments once calves are larger (e.g., 200 lbs).
- Delay the turnout of livestock onto forested/upland grazing pastures or allotments until June 10th when wild ungulates are born.

RANGE RIDERS AND SHEPHERDS

- Use herders with dogs at night to protect sheep.
- Use guarding animals (dogs, llamas, donkeys, etc.) to alert herders and protect livestock.
- Manage grazing livestock near the core areas (dens, rendezvous sites) of wolf territories to minimize wolf-livestock interactions. Tools that may help achieve this include placing watering sites, mineral blocks, and supplemental feed away from wolf core areas. If available, it may also include temporarily switching grazing sites and moving livestock to another location.
- Use Range Riders to increase the frequency of human presence checking livestock in areas with wolves or when wolves are in the vicinity of livestock pastures. Range riders can be used to keep cattle distributed throughout pastures (as appropriate) and away from wolves while working to distribute grazing and improve forage utilization.
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HAZING PRACTICES conditioned on known wolf packs and presence; pick one

- Install light and noise scare devices to frighten wolves away from livestock and to alert ranchers or herders to the presence of wolves. These devices include propane cannons, light systems, and radio-activated guard (RAG) systems that emit flashing lights and loud sounds at the approach of radio-collared wolves.
- Haze wolves with non-lethal munitions (screamer rounds, shots from firearms, etc.) if encountered to frighten them away from livestock.
- Coordinate with WDFW to expand hazing once a depredation event occurs.

FENCING

- Use predator-resistant or electric fencing as a permanent barrier to keep wolves away.
- Use predator-resistant or electric fencing as a temporary barrier to confine sheep or goats and keep wolves away. Portable fencing can be effective as night pens under open grazing conditions.
- Fladry (strips of cloth hung along a fence or rope) or electrified fladry (“turbofladry”; strips of flagging hung from an electrified wire) around livestock can be used as a temporary deterrent to wolves. (Use around carcass)
- Use bio-fencing in coordination with WDFW study or research project.

OTHER TECHNIQUES

Name of the ranch: Diamond M

Log of Interactions and Site Visits

| Date: | Measures Reviewed: | Comments: |
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| 05/09/2017 | Range Rider activity | WDFW contracted range riders have been working with producer since 2016 on these activities. Range riders have been patrolling public and private grazing lands for carnivore sign throughout the winter and as of May 9, 2017 on a WDFW contract. Turnout onto various allotments have been different due to long winter, road conditions, and pasture conditions. |
| 05/24/2017 | Turnout | Onto private pastures have begun. |
| 06/12/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed wolf depredation on calf. Skeletal remains of another calf discovered within 150 yards of confirmed |

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| | | calf, but due to remaining evidence, Unknown Cause of Death. Also reported that at the end of May, two calf remains were discovered, but due to history producer thought mortalities were not due to wolves. Depredation of calf tied to Sherman wolf pack. |
| 06/13/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation on a calf, mortality. |
| 07/12/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation on a calf, mortality. |
| 07/21/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation on a calf, injury. Calf was euthanized and then removed from the allotment. |
| 08/24/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation on a calf, mortality. Calf carcass was left for trapping purposes. Cattle being pushed out of area. |
| 08/26/2017 | Depredation investigation | Non-Depredation. Cow carcass discovered by WDFW staff. |
| 08/28/2017 | Depredation investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation on a calf, mortality. |
| 04/2018 | WDFW contracted Range rider effort | Five WDFW CRR days in area to check for predator sign. |
| 05/2018 | WDFW contracted Range rider effort | 24 WDFW CRR days in area to check for predator sign. |
| 06/02/2018 | Range Rider Contact | Contacted head WDFW contract range rider to discuss total number of employees and where they are riding. One allotment is the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack home range. |
| 06/03/2018 | Range Rider Invoice | Met with head range rider to complete invoice and further discuss deterrence patrols and livestock release dates in the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack home range. |
| 06/17/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted a deterrent patrol along Deadman Creek. No cattle observed. |
| 06/30/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted a deterrent patrol along Alligator Ridge Road, Deadman Creek and Albion Hill. No cattle observed. |
| 06/2018 | WDFW contracted Range rider effort | 54 WDFW CRR days. |
| 07/08/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted deterrent patrol along Albion Hill Road. No cattle observed. |
| 07/10/2018 | Delayed turnout | No 1; allow cattle to be released at a larger size. No 2; the producer advised that 200+ cows did not conceive within the Old Profanity Wolf Pack home range in 2017 due to wolf harassment of livestock. The hopes were to |

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| | | allow bull to breed longer on the private ground before releasing onto the USFS grazing allotments. Calve away from area of occupied by wolves. |
| 07/10/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted a deterrent patrol along the Albian Hill Road and Deadman Creek Road. Contacted the producers just releasing 198 cow/calf pairs onto the USFS grazing allotment for 2018 grazing season. |
| 07/13/2018 | WDFW Contract Range Rider Contact | Advised head contract range rider of the release of cattle within the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack home range. Range riding activities will increase. Discussed concerns about GPS data from the collared wolf in the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack. A series of points were collecting where cattle will be in the near future. |
| 07/14/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted deterrent patrol along Deadman Creek. Several cattle observed along the creek bottom. All calm. Conducted patrol along alligator Ridge Road. No cattle observed. |
| 07/21/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted deterrent patrol along Deadman Creek. Several cattle all quiet. Cattle just starting up N. Fk. Deadman Creek Road and Alligator Ridge Road. All quiet. |
| 07/2018 | WDFW contracted Range rider effort | 64 WDFW CRR days. |
| 08/20/2018 | Depredation Investigation | Unconfirmed Cause of Death. 4.5 month old calf. |
| 08/26/2018 | Deperdation investigations | Two different depredation investigations of two different 4.5 month old calf carcasses. Unconfirmed Cause of Death due to lack of remains. |
| 08/30/2018 | Cattle grazing | A report from USFS Range Specialist indicates alternate grazing rotation to address wolf activity and cattle not staying in high ground around Twin Sisters. Issues in Lambert with cattle staying down near JM Spring instead of high ground as needed in grazing plan. May be pulling cattle from allotments. |
| 08/05/2018 | WDFW Contract Range Rider Contact | Discussed concerns again about series of points from the collared member of the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack. Two producers near points. |
| 08/25/2018 | Deterrence Patrol | Conducted deterrent patrol along the Alligator Ridge Road and spur roads occupied by cattle. Cattle observed throughout grazing allotment. All seemed quiet. |
| 08/26/2018 | Added Deterrence Patrols | WDFW Head Contract Range Rider advised his crew had just started night shift deterrence patrols within the last few days. Will continue with day and night shift patrols. |

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| 08/27/2018 | Added Deterrence Patrols | Continued discussions regarding shift work within the areas with cattle and high point data from a collared member of the Old Profanity Territory Wolf Pack. |
| 09/05/2018 | Depredation investigations | Confirmed Wolf Depredations. Three calves investigated. Two injured and one mortality were reported on 09/04/2018, but producer was going to be corralling the injured calves. After the investigation on the injuries, another calf was discovered dead and investigated right then. |
| 09/09/2018 | Added Deterrence Efforts | Placed fox lights at two critical locations where high concentrations of cattle stage. 11 cattle observed. All quiet. |
| 09/10/2018 | Added Deterrence Efforts | Placed additional fox lights at two more critical locations where high concentrations of cattle stage. 26 cattle observed. All quiet. Contacted contract range rider to inspect area with odd odor detected near recent depredation events. |
| 09/15-16/2018 | Lethal Removal Attempt | Livestock scattered around pasture and in adjacent allotments. |
| 09/17/2018 | Depredation investigation and deterrent discussion | Confirmed Wolf Depredation. Report of one dead cow and three injured calves. Cow was classified as a Confirmed Wolf Depredation. Two injured calves already investigated (shaved) and one without visible wounds. All three pair removed from the allotment. Two cameras and fladry placed at cow carcass. Moving 40 to alternate grazing location. Working on placing cattle, but keep coming back. |
| 09/19/2018 | Fladry check | Fladry still up. |
| 09/21/2018 | Depredation Investigations | Confirmed Wolf Depredations. Six calves brought off the range with injuries consistent with a wolf attack. 5 calves confirmed as wolf depredations and 1 unknown cause of injuries. Fox lights were inspected to see if still active. Cameras were checked for wolf photos. No wolves on cameras. |
| 09/22/2018 | Deterrence Patrols and camera inspection | Checked camera. No wolves. Conducted deterrence patrol along Bull Dog Cabin Road. Cattle from CC Mountain grazing allotment pushed onto Bull Dog grazing allotment. All quiet, no cattle observed. Discovered cattle along Albion Hill Road. All quiet. Discovered cattle along Highbridge Road. All quiet. Producer notified on locations of cattle. |

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| 09/23/2018 | Information Sharing | Contacted Ferry County Wildlife Specialist to advise of cattle observed along Highbridge Road. Also discussed GPS collar data and points of interest. |
| 09/24/2018 | Information Sharing | Ferry County Wildlife Specialist advised the points turned up a dead mule deer. |
| 09/28/2018 | Range Rider Contact | Contacted WDFW RR and advised to continue patrolling USFS grazing allotments in Ferry County. |
| 09/30/2018 | Investigate Calf Remains | Received report 10 days ago about calf skeletal remains discovered by USFS employee, small section of pelvic bone and the lower portion of one leg. Unable to locate remains. Multiple coyote tracks observed. |
| 10/01/2018 | Information Sharing | Contactd the Ferry County Wildlife Specialist to coordinated activities in the OPT and Togo Packs home range. W/L Specialist will continue to monitor activities in both home ranges. |
| 10/01/2018 | Range Rider Contact | Met with head WDFW contract range rider to go over Sept. invoice and log sheets. Also discussed planned patrols while cattle are being moved off one grazing allotment to another. |
| 10/05/2018 | Information Sharing | Contacted by Ferry County Wildlife Specialist to discuss GPS collar data information inspected on USFS grazing allotment. |
| 10/05/2018 | Depredation Investigation | Confirmed Wolf Depredation. WDFW staff confirmed an attack by the OPT wolf pack on a calf in grazing allotment. Discussed livestock removal process with producers. Less than half of the cattle off of the grazing allotment. Continue with gathering livestock by horseback. |
| 10/06/2018 | Camera Inspections | Viewed all cameras placed within heavy wolf depredation event areas. No wolf photos. |
| 10/07/2018 | Depredation Investigation | Probable Wolf Depredation. WDFW staff investigated old injuries to a calf that were classified as probable wolf attack. Discussed livestock removal with producers. Just over half of the cattle removed from the grazing allotment. Continue with gathering livestock by horseback. |
| 10/08/2018 | Cattle movements | Cattle still being removed from allotment (109 head removed). Some being placed on private grazing location west of Kettle Crest or being trucked out. |
| 10/20/2018 | GPS Data Monitoring | WDFW staff investigated a cluster of points from the collared member of the Smackout wolf pack in north Stevens County. The points were on the producers |

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| | | private pasture occupied with several head of livestock. A fresh dead Hereford heifer was discovered in the pasture. The heifer was tarped for further investigation the following morning. Wolf tracks, scat and a signal from the collared Smackout wolf were in the immediate area. |
| 10/21/2018 | Depredation Investigation | WDFW staff and the Stevens County Wildlife Specialist conducted an investigation and confirmed the heifer was attacked and killed by a member or members of the Smackout wolf pack in north Stevens County. The carcass was removed to meet sanitation efforts. |
| 10-22-2018 | WDFW Range Rider Contact | WDFW range rider was contacted to put together a team of ranger riders or rider to patrol three sections of private pasture land where two depredation events had recently occurred. The range rider was also instructed to place fox lights throughout the grazing pastures. |
| 10/28/2018 | Deterrence Removal | WDFW staff removed 2 remaining Fox Lights from 2 salting areas in Ferry County. Also removed, was fladry placed around a dead cow confirmed as a wolf/livestock depredation event earlier in the month of October. The cow carcass was drug off by a bear away from the fladry. No cattle were observed while in the grazing allotment. |



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| Incident Type ESA/PROTECTED SPECIES VIOLATION | | Incident Occurred On/Between 8/26/2018 | |
| Area FOREST SERVICE LANDS | | Area 2 | |
| Address | | Address 2 / X-Street | |
| City KETTLE FALLS | State WA | County FERRY | Zip Code 99141 |
| INVOLVED PERSON(S) | | | |
| WDFW OFFICERS | | | |
| Officer NICHOLAS PARKERT | | Work Address / Phone DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE 2315 N DISCOVERY PLACE SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99216-1566 | |
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NARRATIVE

Created by: **NICHOLAS PARKERT**

Date Created: **08/27/2018**

On 8/26/2018 Conflict Specialist Weatherman and I, along with Special Deputy Flood, investigated a dead cow in east central Ferry County. When I arrived on scene at about 1720 hours, CS Weatherman and Ferry/Stevens Co Wildlife Conflict Specialist Flood were already there. Also on scene was WDFW contract range rider Scotten and his daughter Erica and her husband. They had scoured the area and located a number of the calf's parts as it had been scattered. There was a small bit of hid attached to the head and neck of the cow. I assisted CS Weatherman in shaving the hide looking for any injuries consistent with a predator attack, none were located. The calf was estimated to be dead for 4-5 days. While looking for more evidence, another calf's jaw and ear tag were located. A short distance away was the skull. This calf appeared to be very recently killed, but had been picked clean of any muscle. No hide was located.

CS Weatherman brought the hide to the office and completed shaving the remaining hair. I viewed this as well and no marks consistent with predator attack was found.

See CS Weatherman's report for further details.

ADMONITION

I Certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all the statements made herein are true and accurate and that I entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it. (RCW 9A.72.085)

NICHOLAS PARKERT

Officer Electronic Signature

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