



SUNRIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: 04-19-2016
Subject: Animal Abuse
Arrested: Severs, Joseph N. Age 39, Bend Oregon.

On 04-17-2016, at approximately 18:53 hours, Sunriver Police responded to a game violation call on River Road. Upon arrival, Officers were able to determine that a male working at the Meadows Golf Course had shot two juvenile goslings.

Officers were able to transport one injured gosling to the High Desert Wildlife rescue, where it is recovering from its injuries. One gosling was found deceased at the location, and was later turned over to the department for evidentiary purposes.

After investigation, Sunriver Police cited Joseph N. SeEVERS in lieu of custody for two counts of animal abuse and two counts of the unlawful taking of a game animal to wit goose. SeEVERS was released to appear at the Deschutes County Court, and his single shot air rifle was confiscated for evidence.

It was later determined that Sunriver Lodge Resort management had no knowledge of SeEVERS actions. Sunriver Police worked in cooperation with the Oregon State Police during this incident.

At last sighting, the two adult geese were attending to the remaining gosling. It is hoped that the injured gosling will be returned to its family after recovering from its injuries.

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