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Operation Game Thief continues to be a successful deterrent to wildlife law violators. Operation Game Thief was established in 1977, as a way to report game and fish violations, remain anonymous and potentially receive a monetary reward. The reward fund does not use tax or license fees. It comes from donations made by clubs, organizations, businesses and thousands of individuals.

Conservation Officers constantly investigate cases that originated from calls to Operation Game Thief. The result from these tips often leads to criminal charges filed and fines collected. This is because concerned citizens, like yourself, took the time to call in a tip for Conservation officers to investigate. Operation Game Thief has paid thousands of dollars in rewards.

The State Game Commission suspends ALL hunting, fishing and trapping privileges of people who fail to pay their penalty assessment.

Operation Game Thief needs your support. Please send a check payable to Operation Game Thief and mail it to the Department

of Game and Fish, PO Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504. Your donation is tax-deductible. All the money is used to pay rewards and promote the program.

Parental Responsibility Act

The New Mexico Parental Responsibility Act requires the State Game Commission to revoke the recreational and professional licenses of anyone who does not comply with court-ordered child support obligations.

The purpose of the act is to eliminate child support arrearage. This helps reduce the number of children living at or near the poverty level and decreases the financial obligation that falls to the State of New Mexico when parents do not provide for their children.

There are currently hundreds of individuals that have their hunting and fishing privileges suspended by the State Game Commission because of their failure to pay court-ordered child support. For more information about this law, please contact the Department's Law Enforcement Division at (505) 476-8065.

Turn in a Poacher, Earn a Reward!

Rewards paid for the arrest or charges against game violators are:

\$750 for cases involving elk or bighorn sheep;

\$500 for cases involving deer or oryx;

\$350 for cases involving pronghorn antelope;

\$250 for cases involving turkey, bear, cougar, javelina, ibex, Barbary sheep, endangered species, small game, fish, rapt and furbearers;

\$50 for cases where a warning citation is issued.

Call: (800) 432-4263 to report poachers and remain anonymous.



REWARD! The New Mexico Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will pay a reward of up to \$200, in addition to any reward paid by Operation Game Thief, for information leading to the conviction of any person who violates New Mexico turkey hunting rules or rules protecting the state-endangered Gould's turkey.

Donation Certificate

Use this certificate if you give game meat, fish or parts of game animals to someone.



I, _____ Place of Transaction: _____

Hereby convey to: _____ Date of transaction: _____

The following game animal(s) or animal parts:

The animal(s) was (were) legally taken by me under a valid hunting license.

License No.: _____ License Date: _____

Signature of Donor: _____ Signature of Recipient: _____

We affirm that the above information is true and correct. We understand it is unlawful to postdate, predate or otherwise falsify a Donation Certificate.