



Kittitas County Sheriffs Office

Detail Incident Report

Incident Number: S15-08451

Reference Number: S15-08451

Incident: TRESPASS

Area: KCSO

Observed: Trespass

Location: 322 E TANEUM RD

When Reported: 10:40:36 10/17/15

Occurred Between: 10:40:26 10/17/15

And: 10:40:28 10/17/15

COMPLAINANTS:

Name: GEORGE, ETHAN C.

DOB: 08/20/1993

Race/Sex: W/M

Address: 322 E TANEUM RD
THORP, WA 98946

Home Phone: (509)929-1046

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NARRATIVE:

Name: GREEN, ZACHERY

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CRIME: RCW 77.15.435, Unlawful hunting on or retrieving hunted wildlife from the property of another

SUSPECT: Cole, Richard A

NARRATIVE:

On 10-17-15 at approximately 1040 hrs I responded to a trespass that had just occurred. I responded to Tanuem Rd where the Westside Irrigation canal crosses the road. I saw a vehicle parked in the entrance to the canal road bearing WA license AFW1970. There was a male standing next to the car who identified himself by his WADL as Richard A. Cole. I asked Mr. Cole what was going on and he told me that he had shot a deer and was trying to access it when he was contacted by the RP, Ethan George, who advised him he had trespassed to shoot the deer based on the description of where he had shot it.

I then contacted Mr. George who told me the land that Mr. Cole had been on belongs to the Springwood Ranch and there is no way to access it without crossing private property.

Mr. Cole said that he had driven up North Thorp Hwy to where the railroad tracks cross the road and parked. He said he walked W/B along the railroad tracks until he was almost to the Yakima River and then headed S/B along the river until he got to the canal road. Where he got to the canal road there is a large irrigation structure maintained by Westside Irrigation. This structure has a sign indicating people are not supposed to continue. Mr. Cole said he walked the canal road approximately 200 yards and then sat down by the river. He said a deer came out, and he shot it. He said the deer made it up onto the canal road so he came up to the road and shot and killed the deer. Mr. Cole said at that point he walked out of the area the way he came in and was looking for a way to access the area with his vehicle when he was contacted by Mr. George.

I asked Mr. Cole if he was willing to show me where the deer was so we could determine if it was on private property and he agreed. I asked Mr. Cole if he was willing to get in my vehicle to drive back to the area and he agreed. Mr. George unlocked the gate on the canal Rd and Mr. Cole and I drove the canal Rd back onto the Springwood Ranch property until we came to the large irrigation structure and where the canal parallel's the Yakima River. We found the deer

just past the irrigation structure at coordinates, N 47.09439, -120.70540. I was met at the deer by, Scott Gress, who I know has been associated with the Springwood Ranch for many years. I asked him about the area and he confirmed that where we were at was indeed Springwood property and Westside Irrigation had an easement for their canal and canal road.

Mr. Cole showed me where he had entered the property, where he had been sitting when he took his first shot at the deer, and where he had finally killed the deer.

I spoke with Mr. Cole about the land he had used to access this hunting spot. Mr. Cole mentioned that he didn't know who owned the land. He also mentioned seeing another hunter while walking into the area in a tree stand. He said this hunter had told him he had obtained permission to hunt. Mr. Cole did say he thought that particular land was different than where he had hunted.

Based on the area, the fact that he walked along the railroad tracks, crossed obvious farm/pasture property, walked on a canal road, I believe Mr. Cole should have known he was trespassing, even if he claimed he did not know.

With the help of a Wildlife agent, the deer was given to someone in Ellensburg who works with the WDFW and takes care of animals left in these types of situations and facilitates getting them to the mission in Yakima.

I request this case be forwarded to the Prosecutor's office for charging.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed at Ellensburg, Washington this 27th day of
Ellensburg 2015.

Deputy Name: Zach Green
Badge number: 23

Approval: _____

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