

Reward for death of Stagecoach wild horse upped to \$1,000

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In January 2012, the Wild Horse Preservation League of Dayton offered a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for chasing a band of wild horses on December 28, 2011.

Residents in the area of Boyer Lane in Stagecoach said youngsters riding dirt bikes and ATVs chased a band of wild horses, running them into a fence and causing a well-known stallion to break its leg. The horse ultimately had to be euthanized by a sheriff's deputy.

The allied horse groups asked concerned advocates in Central Lyon County and Fernley areas to print copies of the poster and place them in conspicuous public places, such as community bulletin boards, cluster mailboxes and windows of agreeable merchants.

They wanted to get the word out that harassing wild horses is serious business and can have legal consequences. It is a crime under Nevada law to harass wild horses.

As no one came forward with information, a wild horse advocate generously donated another \$500 to be added to the amount offered – raising it to \$1,000.

On March 9, 2012, Dayton resident and Virginia City High School student Jeremy Davidson, volunteered to replace many of the first reward posters with the revised \$1,000 poster. He said, "I am doing this because I want to protect these wild horses. They are an important part of our history and should be allowed to live in peace on the open range."

Anyone with information regarding the incident is urged to call the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Silver Springs Substation at 775-577-5020 or call 775-220-6806.