

CRIME STOPPERS of Southern Oregon



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A Red Tailed hawk is in stable condition following the removal of two bullets on Friday, February 15. A Grants Pass family brought in the red-tailed hawk after their child had been told by a neighborhood friend that it had been in a carrier, injured for a few days. Staff in Wildlife Images clinic took x-rays as part of the bird's intake exam and found two bullets still inside its body. One bullet was near the neck and a second was found in the left wing. Both were removed successfully while the bird was under anesthesia. Following the procedure, the bird was awake and stable but both the damage from the gunshots and the anesthesia can make for a tough recovery. The clinic staff is watching the bird very closely and continuing with antibiotics and pain relievers as needed. The bird was brought in from near Elmer Nelson Lane in Grants Pass. However, in some circumstances, an animal can fly or wonder a long distance before it weakens enough from its injuries to be caught by humans.

These birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act – making it illegal to shoot them. Oregon State Police – Fish & Wildlife Division is investigating this case. One month previous, almost to the day, another red-tailed hawk arrived with a gunshot wound. That patient, from Jackson County, died.

If you have any information regarding either of these cases, please call, or **TEXT**, Crime Stoppers of Southern Oregon at 1-800-850-0580 and refer to case number **KMED 030619**.

Depending on the case and the information given, Crime Stoppers will pay a reward up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and filing of charges. Callers can remain anonymous. The reward is sponsored by Rogue Credit Union.



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