

IMARS Incident details

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Incident:	NP16048978

Incident details:

Report no.: NP16048978
 Incident Type: Natural Resource Management
 Incident time: 05/09/2016 19:21 MDT -
 Reported time: 05/09/2016 19:21 MDT
 Place of incident: EJH NORTHEAST ENTRANCE RD, YELLOWSTONE, PARK WY USA 82190
 (LAMAR BUFFALO RANCH) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site:
 LAMAR)
 Clearance status: Closed - Prosecution complete
 Concluded: No
 Concluded date:
 Summary: YELL LAMAR MA VN for disturbing wildlife, picking up bison calf from roadway.
 Calf released back to herd approximately 2-3 miles from the Buffalo Ranch. Bison
 management was notified. 6/2/16: Guilty; \$285 fine, \$500 CSP, 6 months
 unsupervised probation.

Remarks:

Associated incidents:

- Same event / NP16049486 / Natural Resource Management / 05/11/2016 08:02 MDT / 20160511 08:02:50:130

Involved persons:

- KASSAM, SHAMASH [B] / Charged / DOB: [REDACTED] Gender: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 (Voice) [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] Other / DOB: [REDACTED] Gender [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] Complainant

Involved addresses:

- EJH NORTHEAST ENTRANCE RD / Dispatch address / YELLOWSTONE, Wyoming, USA 82190 (LAMAR BUFFALO RANCH) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: LAMAR)

Involved vehicles:

- TOYOTA SEQUOIA 2016 / Other / [Sport utility vehicle: Enclosed body - nonremovable enclosure (e.g. jeep, SUV)] WY Reg #2249006 (RR.WYLIC0000.WYDI00219.*CONTROLFLD. TXT LIC: 22-49006 LIT: PC TAB: 0653950 DATE REGISTERED: 2016/02/22 NAME: CORPAT INC ADDR: PO BOX 16210 CITY/ST/ZIP: MISSOULA, MT 59808 VMA: TOYT VYR: 2016 VST: VN VCO: MAR TITLE: 22-0328149 VIN: 5TDBY5G12GS135338 REG END DATE: 2017/02/28;201605091939/201605091939 YCAD08 34) Colors: Maroon

Involved officers:

- [REDACTED]

Involved property:

Reports:**General report:**

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Author: [REDACTED] **Report time:** 05/16/2016 15:12 MDT

Entered by: [REDACTED] **Entered time:** 05/16/2016 15:12 MDT

Remarks:

Narrative:

SUMMARY:

On May 9, 2016, I contacted Shamash KASSAM at the Buffalo Ranch in Yellowstone National Park with a bison calf in the trunk of his vehicle. The bison calf was released back into a bison herd near where KASSAM had picked up the calf. KASSAM was issued a violation notice for disturbing and touching wildlife, for removing the bison calf from the roadway and putting it in his vehicle.

NARRATIVE:

I state that on May 9, 2016 while exercising my duties as a law Enforcement Officer in the District of Wyoming, in Yellowstone National Park, at approximately 8:10 pm, while on patrol, I received a report from Yellowstone Dispatch that a visitor was at the Buffalo Ranch and had picked up a bison calf from the roadway. I asked Yellowstone Dispatch to call someone from NPS Bison management for advice on how to handle the situation. Eventually [REDACTED] was notified.

I arrived at the Buffalo Ranch and contacted two males in a maroon Toyota Sequoia (WY/2249006). The driver was identified by his [REDACTED] Driver's license as [REDACTED] I identified the second male as Shamash KASSAM by his [REDACTED] Driver's License. Shamash KASSAM stated that they had been on the road near the river, a few miles east of the Buffalo Ranch, and a baby bison was in the middle of the road, wet and shivering. Shamash KASSAM stated that the bison calf would not leave their vehicle for 20 minutes, while they waited to see if any bison would come back for the bison calf. After 20 minutes they still could not see any bison anywhere in the vicinity, and the bison calf would not leave their vehicle, appearing to be seeking warmth from the engine. Shamash KASSAM stated that he decided to pick up the bison calf, or it would have been road kill. They then drove to the Buffalo Ranch and called law enforcement for assistance. Shamash KASSAM stated he was trying to help the bison calf.

I observed a bison calf lying in the trunk of KASSAM's Toyota Sequoia. I advised Shamash and [REDACTED] that bison, including calves, are wild animals and in Yellowstone National Park, people are not allowed to intervene with wildlife, touch, disturb or feed them, and that by removing the calf, he was preventing the mother from locating it and possibly altering its' ability to survive in the wild. KASSAM stated that he understood what he did was wrong and he would never pick up or disturb any wildlife again, and instead would wait at the scene and call for law enforcement.

I advised KASSAM that we needed to drive back to the location where he had picked up the calf and attempt to release it. KASSAM described the location as a place where the road was close to the river, a few miles to the east of the Buffalo Ranch. KASSAM stated that there had been no bison anywhere in the area at the time they picked up the calf. The location KASSAM described, appeared to be the Confluence of the Lamar River and Soda Butte Creek on the Northeast Entrance Road.

Approximately 3 miles east of the Buffalo Ranch, I observed a bison herd walking west in the roadway, away from the Confluence, near Old Lamar Picnic Area. I decided this was likely the herd the bison had been separate from. The bison calf was released into the herd. It took two attempts to get the calf to leave the engine block of my patrol vehicle. I observed the bison calf run up to a cow bison with another calf in the roadway and saw the cow lick the newly released bison calf. The calf then walked with the herd towards the Lamar river. Before releasing the bison calf, it appeared to have pooped in the trunk of KASSAM's Toyota Sequoia.

I issued KASSAM a violation notice for Wildlife Protection, 36 CFR 2.2 (a)(2), for picking up and disturbing a bison calf.

After concluding the stop, I drove east towards the Northeast Entrance and observed only two groups of bison. The first was approximately 0.5 mile north of the roadway near Lamar Stock trailhead and appeared to consist of a group of 4-6 bull bison. The second group of bison was approximately 1 mile north of the roadway at Soda Butte Flats up on the hillside. I did not observe any bison near the Lamar River confluence, either on the north or south sides of the roadway. No other bison were located or observed near the roadway or within sight between Old Lamar Picnic area and the Northeast Entrance. I drove back by where the bison calf had been released near Old Lamar Picnic Area, and it appeared that the bison herd that the newly released calf was in the process of crossing the Lamar River.

On May 16, 2016 I called Shamash KASSAM and he agreed to change his collateral fine to a mandatory appearance court date set for June 2, 2016 at 9:00 am.

In car vehicle video available.

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 115.10 KB]:

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Author: [REDACTED] **Report time:** 05/15/2016 17:22 MDT

Entered by: [REDACTED] **Entered time:** 05/15/2016 17:22 MDT

Person: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Vehicle: [REDACTED]

Officer: [REDACTED]

Remarks: [REDACTED] statement form

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 77.85 KB]:

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Entered by: [REDACTED] **Entered time:** 05/15/2016 17:22 MDT

Person: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Vehicle: [REDACTED]

Officer: [REDACTED]

Remarks: SHAMASH statement form

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 127.90 KB]:

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Author: [REDACTED] **Report time:** 05/16/2016 15:11 MDT

Entered by: [REDACTED] **Entered time:** 05/16/2016 15:11 MDT

Person: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Vehicle: [REDACTED]

Officer:

Remarks: VN PC KASSAM



Statement Form:

In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

Baby Bison fell in the snow so he
couldn't come out of the snow
and helplessness waited twenty minutes.
Saw him going ^{to} die. So picked
him up took him to the ranger
station.

[Signature]

(Use Reverse Side if Needed)

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: *[Signature]* Date: 9/05/10 Time: _____

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name: SHAMASH KASSAM	[Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted]	[Redacted]
SSN	Number of Pages Page <u>1</u> of <u>1</u> Pages
Local address:	If residence in park, employer:

Statement given to (Person): [Redacted]	Date/Time: 5/9/2010	Case Number: NP/6048978
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Statement Form:

In your own words describe the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, & HOW.

SAN A BABY BISON FELL IN THE RIVER AND WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. IT WAS SHIVERING WITH NO HERO AROUND.

DECIDED TO TAKE THE BABY TO THE RANGER STATION IN LAMAR VALLEY SO THE RANGER CAN HELP THE BABY BISON WHICH WAS GOING TO BE ROAD KILL.

MYOAO AND I ARE GOOD SMARATANS HELPING A POOR ANIMAL.

(Use Reverse Side if Needed)

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed: [Redacted]

Date: MAY 9, 2016 Time: 8:00

SHADED AREA TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFICER

Name	[Redacted]	Permanent Address:	
Date of Birth	[Redacted]	OLN Number/State	
SSN	[Redacted]	Number of Pages	Page 1 of 1 Pages
Lo	[Redacted]	If residence in park, employer:	

Statement given to (Ranger):	Date/Time:	Case Number:
[Redacted]	5/9/2016	NP16048978

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
VIOLATION NOTICE

United States District Court CVB Location Code

52 **Violation Notice** WYMP

Violation Number 0661931	Officer Name (Print) [REDACTED]	Officer No. 0661931
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING VIOLATION		
Date and Time of Offense (mm/dd/yyyy)	Offense Charged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FR <input type="checkbox"/> USC <input type="checkbox"/> State Code	
5/9/16 0810pm	36 CFR 2.2(a)(2)	
Place of Offense BUFFALO RANCH NE GUARANTEE RD		
Offense Description WILDLIFE PROTECTION, DISTURB, TOUCH OR FEED		
77-00-00		
DEFENDANT INFORMATION		
Phone: [REDACTED]		
Last Name KASSAM	First Name SHAMASH	M.I.
Street Address [REDACTED]		
City	State	Zip Code
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Drivers License No.	D.L. State	Social Security No.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	Sex	Height
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION		
Tag No. 2249006	State WY	Year 16
Make/Model Toyota Sequoia	Color Maroon	VIN: 5TDBY5G12GS135338
A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF BOX A IS CHECKED, YOU MUST APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy). B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IF BOX B IS CHECKED, YOU MUST PAY AMOUNT INDICATED BELOW OR APPEAR IN COURT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS (on back of yellow copy).		
[REDACTED] \$ 110 Forfeiture Amount + \$25 Processing Fee		
PAY THIS AMOUNT → \$ 135 Total Collateral Due		
YOUR COURT DATE		
<small>(If no court appearance date is shown, you will be notified of your appearance date by mail.)</small>		
Court Address MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS JUSTICE CENTER	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 06/02/2016	Time (hh:mm) 9:00 AM
My signature signifies that I have received a copy of this violation notice. It is not an admission of guilt. I promise to appear for the hearing at the time and place instructed or pay the total collateral due.		
X Defendant Signature [Signature]		

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Violation No. 0661931 Loc. Code WYMP
STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
(for issuance of an arrest warrant or summons)

I state that on May 9, 2016 while exercising my duties as a law Enforcement Officer in the District of Wyoming, in Yellowstone National Park;

At approximately 8:10 pm, while on patrol, I received a report from Yellowstone Dispatch that a visitor was at the Buffalo Ranch and had picked up a bison calf from the roadway. I arrived at the Buffalo Ranch and contacted two males in a maroon Toyota Sequoia (WY/2249006). I identified one of the males as Shamash KASSAM by his [REDACTED] Driver's License. KASSAM stated that they had been on the road near the river a couple of miles east of the Buffalo Ranch and a baby bison was in the middle of the road, wet and shivering, and would not leave their vehicle for 20 minutes, while they waited to see if any bison would come back for the bison calf. After 20 minutes they still could not see any bison anywhere in the vicinity, the Bison calf would not leave their vehicle, appearing to be seeking warmth from the engine, and KASSAM stated he decided to pick up the bison calf, or it would have been road kill, and drive to the Buffalo Ranch and call law enforcement for assistance. I observed a bison calf lying in the trunk of KASSAM's Toyota Sequoia. I advised KASSAM that bison, including calves, are wild animals and in Yellowstone National Park, people are not allowed to intervene with wildlife, touch, disturb or feed them, and that by removing the calf, he was preventing the mother from locating it and possibly altering its' ability to survive in the wild. KASSAM stated that he understood what he did was wrong and he would never pick up or disturb any wildlife again, and instead would wait at the scene and call for law enforcement.

A bison herd was located near where KASSAM had picked up the calf, and the calf was released back into the herd. I observed a mother bison with another calf, lick the bison calf and then walk towards the Lamar River with the calf following closely. NPS Bison management was notified.

I issued KASSAM a violation notice for Wildlife Protection, 36 CFR 2.2 (a)(2), for picking up and disturbing a bison calf.

The foregoing statement is based upon:
 my personal observation my personal investigation
 information supplied to me by my fellow officer's observation
 other (explain)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information which I have set forth above and on the face of this violation notice is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on: 5/15/2016 [REDACTED]
 Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Officer's Signature

Probable cause has been stated for the issuance of a warrant.

Executed on: _____
 Date (mm/dd/yyyy) U.S. Magistrate Judge

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Printed:	10/20/2016 15:52
Incident:	NP16049486

Incident details:

Report no.: NP16049486
 Incident Type: Natural Resource Management
 Incident time: 05/10/2016 08:03 MDT -
 Reported time: 05/11/2016 08:02 MDT
 Place of incident: EJH NORTHEAST ENTRANCE RD, YELLOWSTONE, PARK WY USA 82190
 (LAMAR BUFFALO RANCH) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site:
 LAMAR)
 Clearance status: Closed - Incident only
 Concluded: No
 Concluded date:
 Summary: YELL LAMAR Bison calf dispatched.
 Remarks:

Associated incidents:

- Same event / NP16048978 / Natural Resource Management / 05/09/2016 19:21 MDT / 20160509 19:21:55:000

Involved persons:

Involved addresses:

- EJH NORTHEAST ENTRANCE RD / Incident address / YELLOWSTONE, Wyoming, USA 82190 (LAMAR BUFFALO RANCH) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: LAMAR)

Involved officers:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Reports:

General report:

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 Task: T160141321 [Init rpt - <<Overdue>> Sup chk] Due: 05/12/2016 08:28 MDT [REDACTED] [Low] NP16049486 Natural Resource Management @05/11/2016 08:02 MDT (EJH NORTHEAST ENTRANCE RD, YELLOWSTONE, PARK WY USA 82190 (LAMAR BUFFALO RANC
 Author: [REDACTED] Report time: 05/11/2016 08:11 MDT
 Entered by: [REDACTED] Entered time: 05/11/2016 08:11 MDT
 Remarks:
 Narrative:

I Park Ranger [REDACTED] along with Park Ranger [REDACTED] received a radio report from VUA [REDACTED] at approximately 1500 hrs. on 5/10/16. She reported that there was a bison calf approaching vehicles and visitors near the Old Yellowstone Picnic area. [REDACTED] and I learned that this bison was believed to be the same bison that was involved in an incident with Park Ranger [REDACTED] on 5/9/16. [REDACTED] had contacted a party that had a bison calf in their truck. [REDACTED]

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contacted the party, released the bison and observed the bison reuniting with a heard.

██████████ and I contacted Ranger ██████████ and learned that he had been in contact with YCR and the bison management team which included ██████████. They agreed that the behavior of the bison indicated that it was imprinting on vehicles and visitors. They determined that this could lead to a potentially dangerous situation for the visitors and vehicles using the roadway.

██████████ and I arrived on scene and observed the bison leaning on ██████████. We cleared the pullout of all visitors and attempted to haze the bison away from the road by shouting, clapping and using our bodies to pressure the bison off the road. This was not effective. We then tried using the patrol vehicles lights and sirens. This too was ineffective. We lastly attempted to shout at the bison and also use the Taser in drive stun mode on the bison. This was also ineffective. We then decided that we needed to dispatch the bison. We closed the road with the assistance of Park Ranger ██████████. ██████████ I then dispatched the bison with two rounds of 12 gauge slug.

██████████ and I then dragged the bison to a safe distance away from the roadway. Nothing further to report at this time.

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