

Incident details

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Incident: NP13029771

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Report no.: NP13029771
 Incident Type: Natural Resource Management: Other Animal & Wildlife Incidents (NPS-83-09-00) [999.056]
 Incident time: 06/06/2013 20:14 - 06/06/2013 20:14
 Reported time: 06/10/2013 11:41
 Place of incident: 1 DENALI VISITOR CENTER, DENALI PARK, AK USA 99755 (MCKINLEY STATION TRAIL) (Region: AKR, State/Zone AK, Area: DENA)
 Clearance status: Closed - Incident only
 Concluded: No
 Concluded date:
 Summary: Moose shot by visitor if self defense
 Remarks:

Associated incidents:

Involved persons:

Involved addresses:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (Region: AKR, State/Zone AK, Area: DENA, Site: 1, Place: 1, Point: 1)
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EAGLE RIVER, Alaska, USA 99577 (Region: AKR, State/Zone AK, Area: DENA)
- 1 DENALI VISITOR CENTER / Incident address; Other / DENALI PARK, Alaska, USA 99755 (MCKINLEY STATION TRAIL) (Region: AKR, State/Zone AK, Area: DENA)

Involved comm addresses:

Involved vehicles:

Involved officers:

- Investigator/agent / BELL, S. / #SA8 / NPS / Police other / NPS ISBW
- Investigator/agent / CARNEY III, J. / #SA32 / NPS / Police other / NPS ISBW
- Assisting officer / HAMILTON, E. / #773 / NPS / Police other / NPS DENA
- Supervising officer / FISH, J. / #2301 / NPS / Police other / NPS DENA
- Reporting officer / DUCKETT, J. / #1328 / NPS / Police other / NPS DENA

Involved property:

Modus operandi:

Reports:

General report:

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DENALI PARK,
Author: #1328 DUCKETT, J. Report time: 06/16/2013 20:28
Entered by: #1328 DUCKETT, J. Entered time: 06/16/2013 20:28
Remarks:
Narrative:

On June 6th, 2013 at approximately 1959 hrs Alaska Regional Communications Center (ARCC) received a report from Denali National Park and Preserve Visitor Center (DVC) staff that a visitor had shot a moose on a trail behind the visitor center. ARCC notified ranger staff. I, US Park Ranger Jeffrey Duckett responded to the DVC. While enroute ARCC told me the individual who shot the moose was at the visitor center and that he had shot the moose because it charged at him and the group he had been hiking with. Additionally it was indicated that the moose would have to be dispatched due to its injuries. I arrived at the DVC at approximately 2004 and went to the scene. Supervisory ranger John Fish and NPS Special Agents (SA) Jack Carney and Steve Bell met with the individual who shot the moose. Ranger Liz Hamilton also responded.

I found the scene approximately 1/8 of a mile from the trailhead behind the DVC. I observed an adult female (cow) moose lying on its side on the east side of the trail. The moose was still alive and kicking its legs. I noted that there was a wound to the head and blood coming from the head. I observed the moose for a short period and noted that it was not able to get up and seemed beyond recovering. I took my agency issued 870 Remington Shotgun and dispatched the moose using two rounds to the head area.

Following this the individual who shot the moose arrived on scene. I identified the individual as Robert Joseph SIRVID of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Eagle River, AK 99577

SIRVID was visibly upset. I asked SIRVID to explain what happened. SIRVID provided the following statement: Prior to the incident he had been returning from a hike on the Triple Lakes Trail with four other people. He identified the four others as Mark, Rebecca, Isabella (age 7) and Anthony (age 5) Diorio of Makera, IL. SIRVID stated they were friends of his. At approximately 1950 as they rounded a corner on a trail they encountered a moose. SIRVID was unsure exactly how far away the moose was, but based on where SIRVID thought he was and where he thought the moose was, I determined that it was approximately 25 yards. The group stopped and first considered taking a picture but the moose immediately started walking towards them. The group began moving back the way they came but the moose charged. SIRVID stated he attempted to move behind a tree but the others began running back the way they came. SIRVID fearing that the moose might hurt the others, especially the children, drew the handgun he was carrying and fired one shot at close range into the moose's head. The moose fell down along the side of the trail. The group immediately went to the visitor center and reported the incident. SIRVID said he really did not want to shoot the moose but felt he had no choice.

SIRVID is a member of the US Air Force, stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, near Anchorage, AK. SIRVID has been in Alaska for about 6 months. The handgun that SIRVID used to shoot the moose was a Ruger Black Hawk .41 magnum revolver. NCIC and ASPIN

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checks on the handgun returned clear.

SA Jack Carney interviewed Mark DIORIOS at the DVC separate from SIRVID. SA Carney came to the scene and overheard SIRVID statements. SA Carney told me that SIRVID's statements basically matched DIORIOS. DIORIOS stated that when they saw the moose they stopped. They considered taking a photo but the moose started moving towards them. DIORIO stated he grabbed his daughter's (Isabella) arm and ran back with his wife and son. As they attempted to hide behind a tree they saw the moose running very fast towards them. At this point SIRVID shot the moose. DIORIO provided a written statement and relevant contact information was collected.

Based on the investigation and statements taken from the group it was determined that the moose had posed an immediate threat to the group and the SIRVID was justified in his actions. Though discharging a firearm within a National Park is prohibited [36 CFR § 2.4 (a) (1) (iii)], it was determine that SIRVID shot the moose to protect himself and the children. Alaska State Law allows a person to defend his or her self from wildlife if it poses a threat to life or property: Alaska Administrative Code (ACC) 92.410(b).

The moose was removed from the scene and the carcass salvaged through AST charity. Ranger Hamilton oversaw the removal of the carcass.

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PHOTO 1
 LOOKING SOUTH, SHOWING TRAIL AND MOOSE
 06/06/2013
 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

Reporting Officer's Name: Jeffrey Duckett Badge #1328		Supervisor's Name: John Fish	
Reporting Officer's Signature: /S/ JEFFREY DUCKETT	Date: 06/16/2013	Supervisor's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 6-18-13

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PHOTO 2
 LOOKING NORTH, SHOWING TRAIL AND MOOSE
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 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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PHOTO 3
 LOOKING EAST, SHOWING TRAIL AND MOOSE
 06/06/2013
 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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PHOTO 4
 LOOKING NORTH, SHOWING BEND IN TRAIL AND DIRECTION PARTY
 WAS HEADING WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED MOOSE
 06/06/2013
 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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PHOTO 5
 LOOKING NORTH, SHOWING BEND IN TRAIL AND POINT PARTY FIRST SAW MOOSE
 06/06/2013
 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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PHOTO 6
 LOOKING NORTH, SHOWING BEND IN TRAIL AND TREE
 WHERE SIRVID SHOT MOOSE
 06/06/2013

OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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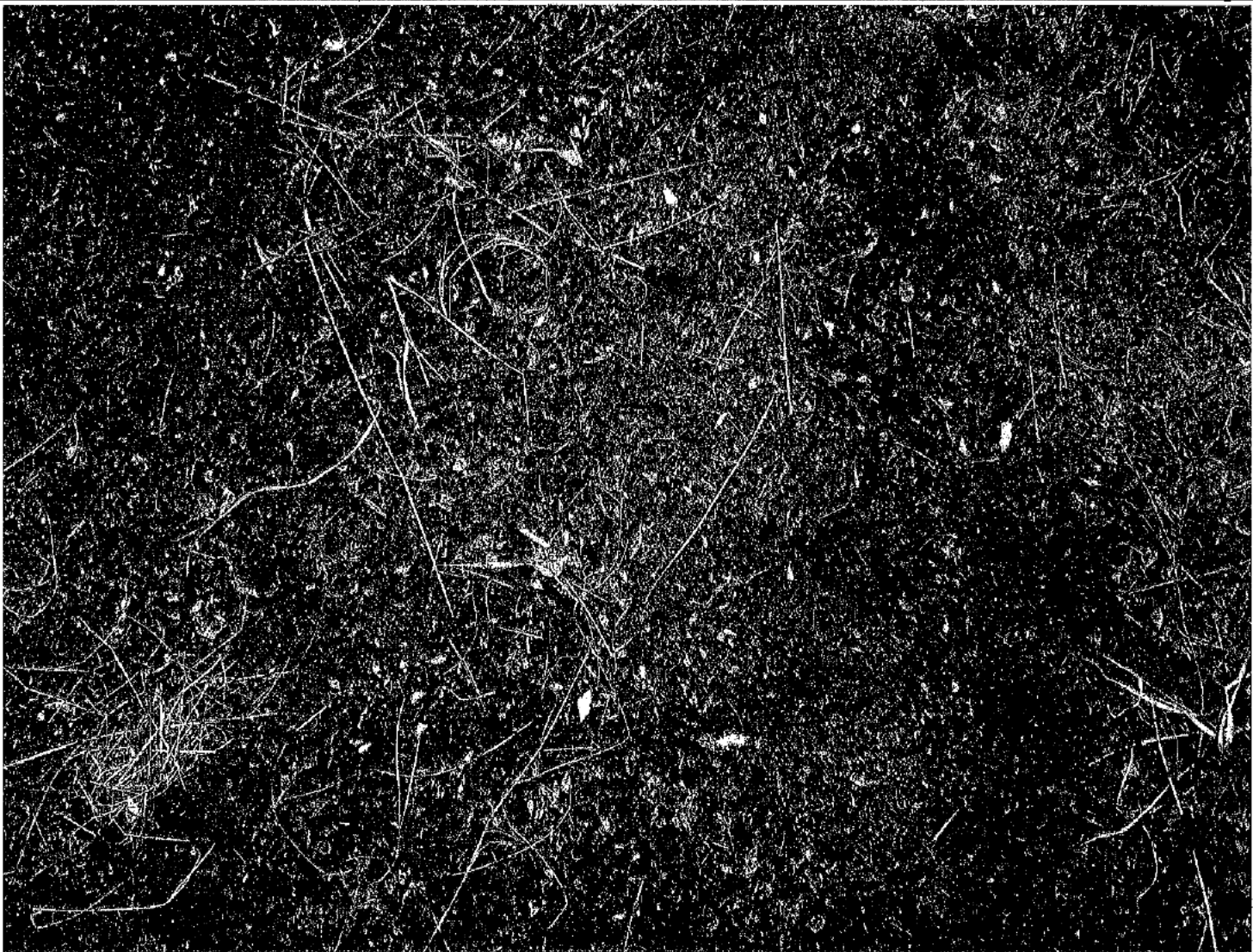


PHOTO 7
 LOOKING AT GROUND, SHOWING BLOOD ON TRAIL NEAR MOOSE CARCASS
 06/06/2013

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PHOTO 8
 LOOKING SOUTH, SHOWING MOOSE TRACKS GOING IN THE
 DIRECTION OF LOCATION WHERE PARTY SAW MOOSE
 06/06/2013
 OLYMPUS STYLUS TOUGH DIGITAL CAMERA
 TAKEN BY: J.DUCKETT

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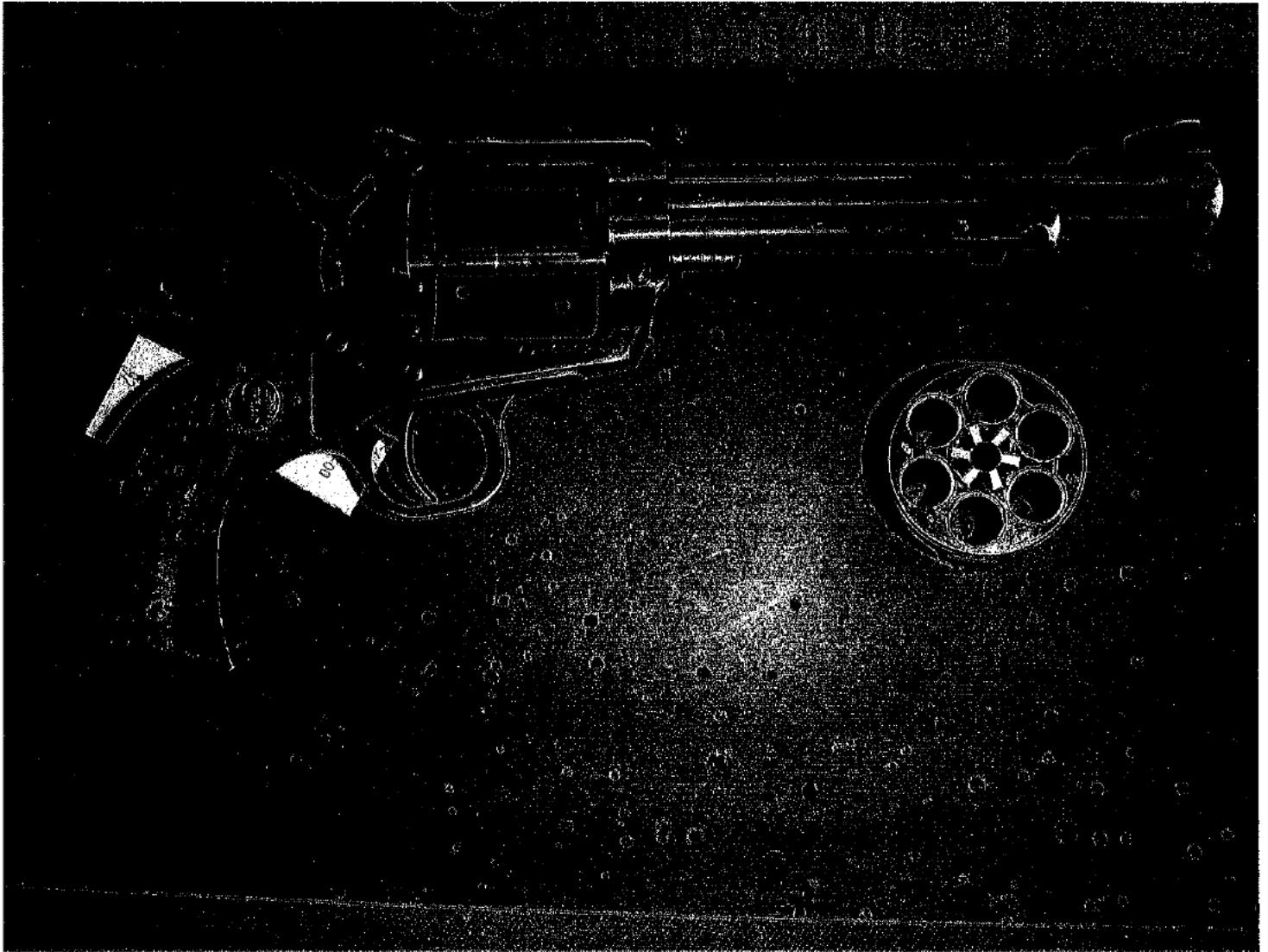


PHOTO 9

SHOWING HANDGUN USED TO SHOOT MOOSE (RUGER BLACK HAWK .41 MAGNUM)

06/06/2013

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Was walking back from Triple Lakes trail towards
 the information Center. Right when we turned the
 corner we saw the moose. I was getting ready to
 take a picture when the moose started walking towards
 us. I then saw the moose start to charge us. I
 grabbed my daughter and ran towards my wife and
 she to get behind a tree. I turned my head and
 saw the moose coming using feet towards all of
 us. Bob then shot the moose thank fully to save
 my kids life.

Mark Diorio
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Your signature below constitutes that the above written statement was voluntarily made by you, you understand your rights and that this statement is the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Making a false statement to a Federal Law Enforcement Officer during the course of an investigation is a violation of Title 18 USC 1001(a).

Signature: NOT SIGNED Date: Time:

Reporting Officer's Name: J. Duckett Badge 1328	Supervisor's Name: John Fishy
Reporting Officer's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Supervisor's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>
Date: 06/04/2013	Date: 6-18-13