

## Wildlife officers seek info in Akron-area poaching incident

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking information about a poaching incident in northeastern Colorado. The carcasses of four deer were found dumped in a field west of the town of Akron. The field is located about one and a half miles south of Highway 34 on Washington County Road U.

At least two of the carcasses had trophy parts removed but meat on the carcasses was left to waste. It is a crime in Colorado to harvest a big game animal and not prepare the meat for human consumption.

Officers believe that the carcasses were dumped between Saturday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 17.

Evidence at the scene suggests that the animals had been shot with a rifle. The last plains rifle deer season ended on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The carcasses also were skinned and may have been hung for processing at another location for an undetermined amount of time.

Anyone with information can contact the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office in Brush at 970-842-6300. Operation Game Thief is also offering a \$500 cash reward for information that leads to a citation or arrest in this case. If one has information about this case and would like to remain anonymous, contact Operation Game Thief toll free at 877-265-6648 (877-COLO-OGT).

Because wildlife crimes often occur in remote areas, tips from the public are one of the most important tools in solving poaching.

“Any information can be helpful, even if it seems insignificant or trivial,” said Devon Lane, district wildlife manager for the Akron area.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife manages 42 state parks, more than 300 state wildlife areas, all of Colorado’s wildlife and a variety of outdoor recreation. For more information go to [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)

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