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# WANTED

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is seeking information to help identify those responsible for the stabbing of a elephant seal pup on the beach at Neskowin, Oregon on March 16th.



The incident took place in a cove in front of the Proposal Rock Condominiums on Sunday, March 16, between 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The young elephant seal sustained multiple stab wounds, but survived.

**Anyone with information about this incident should call the NOAA Enforcement Hotline at (800) 853-1964. Callers can leave tips anonymously.**

Harassing, harming, killing or feeding wild elephant seals is prohibited by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Violations can be prosecuted civilly or criminally and are punishable by up to \$100,000 in fines and up to 1 year in jail per violation.



A person of interest has been identified and is described as a white male, approximately 5 feet 10 inches, with a standard build, black and white hair, a groomed beard, and large gap between his front teeth.

Investigators are also seeking the owner of a vehicle seen in the parking lot behind the condominiums that may be associated with the person of interest. The vehicle was described as:

- Dark blue 1990s Dodge or Chrysler van
- Rear passenger window on driver's side covered in plastic
- Inside of the vehicle appeared "cluttered"

# Call 1-800-853-1964

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