

# Sheriff's Office

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## Shooting - Case 201604226



Reward Raised to \$20,000 for Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of Shawn Eugene Hof Jr., Suspected of Attempting to Shoot a CDFW Wildlife Officer

The California Wildlife Officers Foundation, California Waterfowl Association, The Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust, The Sportfishing Alliance, The Nature Conservancy and private donors have increased the reward for information that leads to the capture, arrest, and conviction of Shawn Eugene Hof, Jr. to up to \$20,000.

On Sunday, August 21, 2016 at around 12:40 a.m., a wildlife officer from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) was patrolling for poachers in Carlotta, Humboldt County. The wildlife officer saw a pickup truck with occupants using spotlights in an attempt to poach deer on Redwood House Road near HWY. 36. The wildlife officer attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on the vehicle when a person who was in the rear of the vehicle began shooting at the wildlife officer. A vehicle pursuit ensued with the suspects crashing the vehicle off the road. The suspects fled on foot into the woods, evading arrest.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Humboldt District Attorney's Office are the lead investigating agencies concerning the shooting incident. Through their investigation, they determined one of the suspects is 24-year-old Shawn Eugene Hof Jr. The Sheriff's Office obtained a \$500,000 Ramey Warrant for Hof's arrest. Shawn Eugene Hof Jr. is described as 5'9' tall, 150 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information in this case (#201604226), particularly the whereabouts of Shawn Eugene Hof, is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

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Previous (08/26/16 by CSO S. Zorrilla-Mendoza):

On Sunday, August 21, 2016 at around 12:40 a.m. a California Fish and Wildlife Warden was on patrol on Redwood House Road in Carlotta, when he observed a vehicle and persons engaged in spotlighting deer. The F&W Warden attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on the vehicle when a person who was in the rear of the vehicle opened fire on the Warden. A vehicle pursuit ensued with the suspects crashing the vehicle off the road. The suspects fled into the woods and disappeared.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office took over the investigation along with the District Attorney's Office. Investigators from the Sheriff's Office and DA's Office learned through their investigation that 24 year old Shawn Eugene Hof Jr. was one of the suspects. The Sheriff's Office has obtained a \$500,000 Ramey Warrant for Hof's arrest.

Shawn Eugene Hof Jr. is described as 5'9' tall, 150 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey  
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