

Man pleads guilty to illegally taking wolf

CANYON CITY (AP) — An Oregon hunter who fatally shot a radio-collared wolf last fall has pleaded guilty to taking a threatened or endangered species.

Harney County District Attorney Tim Colahan says Brennon Witty of Baker City was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay the same amount in restitution to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He also had to forfeit the rifle to the state.

In a plea agreement, prosecutors dropped a charge of hunting with a centerfire rifle with no big-game tag.

Witty was hunting coyotes in Grant County when the shooting occurred. He reported the incident to authorities.

Colahan prosecuted the case because the Grant County district attorney knows Witty’s father.

State spends \$6.6 million on legal fees for Cover Oregon

SALEM (AP) — Oregon has paid more than \$6.6 million on legal fees in ongoing litigation over the failed Cover Oregon health insurance exchange portal.

The Statesman Journal reports that documents released to the newspaper by the Oregon Department of Justice show payments as high as \$960,900 made between May 2014 and December 2015 to attorneys representing the state.

Since 2014 the state and Oracle Inc., the primary tech contractor on Cover Oregon, have been engaged in a lengthy, multi-case legal battle over who is responsible for the project’s failure.

Though the \$6.6 million figure far exceeds the \$2 million the state set aside for the lawsuits, DOJ spokeswoman Kristina Edmunson said Tuesday the agency does not expect to need to ask the Legislature for additional money for the cases.

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