

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by)
Two Dogs Owned by Rachelle Krueger) ORDER NO. 8-2026
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WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a livestock attack at [REDACTED] by a black and tan German Shepherd named “Luna” and tan and red Pit Bull named “Binx”, both owned by Rachelle Krueger; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, Deputy Levi Raethke responded to the report, visited the property where the attack was reported to have occurred and ascertained that the dogs had attacked and critically injured killed four (4) alpacas, requiring all of the alpacas to be humanely killed; and

WHEREAS, while at the property, Deputy Raethke inspected and took photographs of the property, and took statements of the residents of the property where the attack occurred, Richard Hendricks (owner of the alpacas) and Daniel Natale, as well as a statement of neighbor Jeannie Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Raethke ascertained that Binx had been lawfully killed during the course of the livestock attack pursuant to ORS 609.150; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Raethke completed an Informational Report, which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, based on Deputy Raethke’s investigation, on February 24, 2026, Community Animal Officer (“CAO”) Keeanna Stansbury visited Krueger’s property and erroneously impounded a different Pit Bull owned by Krueger named “Brownie”, a dog CAO Stansbury later determined was not involved in the livestock attack; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2026, Krueger brought Luna to the Columbia County Animal Shelter, whereupon CAO Stansbury impounded Luna and released Brownie to Krueger; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 609.156, Krueger was duly provided notice of the opportunity to request a hearing in writing on or before May 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as of May 10, 2026, the County had received no written request for such a hearing from Krueger; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury’s Incident Report is attached hereto as “Exhibit B”; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury’s Officer Recommendations, attached hereto as “Exhibit C”, includes her findings and recommendations to the Board; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that on February 23, 2026, Luna and Binx chased, harmed and caused the deaths of four (4) alpacas at [REDACTED], Oregon owned by Richard Hendricks; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that neither Luna nor Binx had any prior history of chasing or harming livestock; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that both Luna and Binx were licensed at the time of the incident, but that Luna's license has since expired; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that Binx was lawfully killed during course of the livestock attack pursuant to ORS 609.150; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that Luna has been lawfully impounded at the Columbia County Animal Shelter since February 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has determined that the County has not received a written request for a hearing; and

WHEREAS, based on her findings, CAO Stansbury has recommended that the Board of Commissioners impose a civil penalty of \$500.00 under ORS 609.162(1)(c) for the killing of the four (4) alpacas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 609.155(3)(a) CAO Stansbury has recommended requiring payment of a reduced boarding fee of \$1,000 (representing 50 days at \$20.00 per day) in addition to the County's standard \$30.00 impound fee, for a total of \$1,030.00 for holding Luna at the Columbia County Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 609.170, CAO Stansbury has recommended that the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") require \$2,000.00 to be paid to Hendricks for the killing of the four (4) alpacas (\$500.00 per alpaca); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 609.162(1)(c)(B), CAO Stansbury has recommended that the Board require Luna to be permanently removed to a location where, in the opinion of CAO Stansbury, the dog will not present a threat to livestock, or in the alternative be killed in a humane manner in accordance with ORS 609.162(1)(c)(C); and

WHEREAS, CAO Stansbury has recommended that the Board the require Luna to be microchipped pursuant to ORS 609.168; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all of the information contained in Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the evidence presented, including Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C and the other contents of the record compiled for this matter, and the above recitals, the Board of County Commissioners makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C and incorporates them herein by this reference.
2. Rachelle Krueger is the owner of the black and tan German Shepherd dog named "Luna" and was the owner of the now-deceased tan and red Pit Bull dog named "Binx".
3. On February 23, 2026 Luna and Binx attacked four (4) alpacas belonging to Richard Hendricks at his residence located at [REDACTED] causing the deaths of all of the alpacas attacked.
4. Binx was lawfully killed during the livestock attack pursuant to ORS 609.150.
5. There is no evidence in the record for this matter to find that either Luna or Binx has previously killed, wounded, injured or chased livestock. Accordingly, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the neither Luna nor Binx has a history previously killing, wounding, injuring or chasing livestock.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED based on the record before the Board of Commissioners that the dog Luna is authorized to be returned to Krueger, subject to the following:

1. Pursuant to ORS 609.162(1)(c), a civil penalty of \$500.00 is hereby imposed on Rachelle Krueger, owner of Luna and Binx, for the February 23, 2026 livestock attack resulting in the death of four (4) alpacas owned by Richard Hendricks.
2. Luna shall be microchipped in accordance with ORS 609.168 and the chip information shall be registered with Columbia County and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
3. Pursuant to ORS 609.100, Luna's registration shall be renewed and otherwise made current, to allow for the issuance of a valid license for Luna.
4. Rachelle Krueger shall pay to Richard Hendricks \$2,000.00 as restitution for the killing of his four (4) alpacas (\$500.00 per alpaca) by Krueger's dogs Luna and Binx.
5. Pursuant to ORS 609.155(3)(a), an impound fee of \$30.00 and boarding fees of \$1,000.00 (\$1,030.00 total) are hereby imposed and shall be paid for the impound of the dog Luna.
6. Pursuant ORS 609.162(1)(c)(B), Luna shall be permanently removed to a location where, in the opinion of CAO Stansbury, Luna will not present a threat to livestock. If such a location is not identified and Luna is not so removed within 30

days of the date of this Order, Luna shall in the alternative be killed in a humane manner in accordance with ORS 609.162(1)(c)(C).

- 7. The \$500.00 fine, \$2,000.00 restitution, and \$1,030.00 impound and boarding fees imposed by this Order, as well as any other applicable fees that may have accrued, shall be paid prior to Luna’s release from impound to Krueger.
- 8. Unless otherwise specified, all requirements imposed above shall be satisfied within 30 days of the date of this Order.

DATED this _____ day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

**Original signed by
Board of County Commissioners on
this 27th day of May 2026.**

Approved as to form

By: _____
Office of County Counsel



Exhibit A

Columbia County Sheriff's Office

CASE NUMBER
BOOK PAGE 30 2026-8561

GENERAL OFFENSE					
REPORTED DATE/TIME 02/23/2026 1935	OCCURRED DATE/TIME 02/23/2026 1935	REPORTING OFFICER RAETHKE, LEVI D (56123)			
LOCATION OF INCIDENT [REDACTED]					PLACE
COUNTY COLUMBIA	PRECINCT STS	DISTRICT STS	GRID UI		
SEVERITY	FAMILY VIOLENCE No	GANG INVOLVEMENT	SPECIAL STUDY		
RELATED INCIDENT NUMBERS					
TOTAL LOSS	TOTAL RECOVERED	DAMAGED TOTAL	DRUG TOTAL		
INTERNAL STATUS OPEN (UNDER INVESTIGATION) *			APPROVED BY BOSWELL, ANTHONY J (57289)	APPROVED ON 02/26/2026	
OFFENSES [1]					
OFFENSE INFORMATION			STATUTE INFO	PREMISE TYPE Residence/Home	
BIAS NONE (NO BIAS)					

PERSON - RPTG PARTY #1						
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) HUMMEL, STEVEN JAMES			SEX Male	RACE WHITE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]						
[REDACTED]		WORK PHONE		EMAIL ADDRESS		
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POB				

PERSON - SUBJECT #1						
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) NATALE, DANIEL JOSEPH			SEX Male	RACE WHITE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]				HEIGHT [REDACTED]	HAIR COLOR	EYES
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE [REDACTED]	WORK PHONE		EMAIL ADDRESS		
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POB				

PERSON - SUBJECT #2						
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) HENDRICKS, RICHARD SIDNEY			SEX Male	RACE WHITE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]				HEIGHT [REDACTED]	HAIR COLOR	EYES
[REDACTED]		PHONE		EMAIL ADDRESS		
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POB				

PERSON - SUBJECT #3					
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) THOMAS, JEANNIE LORRAINE		SEX Female	RACE WHITE	DOB C [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]			HEIGHT [REDACTED]	WEIGHT [REDACTED]	HAIR COLOR [REDACTED] EYES [REDACTED]
HOME PHONE [REDACTED]	CELL PHONE [REDACTED]	WORK PHONE [REDACTED]	EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]		
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) [REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	POB [REDACTED]			

PERSON - SUBJECT #4					
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) KRUEGER, RACHELLE LYANNE		SEX Female	RACE WHITE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]			HEIGHT [REDACTED]	WEIGHT [REDACTED]	HAIR COLOR [REDACTED] EYES [REDACTED]
HOME PHONE [REDACTED]	CELL PHONE [REDACTED]	WORK PHONE [REDACTED]	EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	POB [REDACTED]			

CASE SUMMARY

AUTHOR RAETHKE, LEVI D (56123)	DATE/TIME 02/24/2026 0431
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SUBJECT CASE SUMMARY

Narrative Text

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Subject CASE SUMMARY
Author 56123 - RAETHKE, LEVI D
Related Date Feb-24-2026 4:31

On 2/23/26, at about 1935 hours, I responded to an incomplete 911 call at [REDACTED], OR.

NARRATIVE

AUTHOR RAETHKE, LEVI D (56123)	DATE/TIME 02/24/2026 0431
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Subject ACTION TAKEN

Author 56123 - RAETHKE, LEVI D

Related Date Feb-24-2026 4:31

On 2/23/26, at about 1935 hours, I responded to an incomplete 911 call at [REDACTED], OR. I arrived on scene at about 2000 hours. I spoke to the reporting party, Steven Hummel. Steven told me he heard several gunshots and yelling about alpacas coming from the neighbor's property.

I responded to the neighbor's property, [REDACTED]. I spoke to Daniel Natale and Richard Hendricks. I learned Richard lives at and owns the property. I learned Daniel is Richard's friend and lives on the property.

The following is a summarized statement provided by Daniel, see body worn camera footage for further details: Daniel stated the neighbors dogs (a brown Pitbull and a black Huskey/German Sheppard) attacked and critically injured 4 of Richard's alpacas. Daniel stated he came across the dogs attacking one of the Alpaca's.

Daniel stated he left to retrieve his shotgun and when he returned, he shot the Pitbull twice, killing it. Once from about 50 feet and once at a much closer range. Daniel stated the dog was trying to get through the fence and leave when he shot it. I would estimate the dog corpse was about 40 yards from the alpaca corpse that Daniel stated the dogs were attacking.

Daniel stated he dispatched the 4 alpacas so they would not suffer as they could not get up, were whining and had their throats bitten into.

Daniel showed me around the property, locating the alpacas' corpses and dog corpse. I took photos for reference, see case file for further details. I took photos of Daniels shotgun ([REDACTED] Bounty Hunter II, 12-gauge side-by-side coach gun, Serial number: [REDACTED]) for reference, see case file for further details.

The following is a summarized statement provided by Richard, see body worn camera footage for further details: Richard stated the neighbors dogs attacked his alpacas. Richard stated he is the landlord to the neighbors. Richard stated their address was [REDACTED], OR. I asked Richard what he would like to have done tonight, and he stated for the dog(s) to be put down. I did not ask Richard the value of the deceased alpacas.

I responded to [REDACTED], OR and spoke with Jeannie Thomas. The following is a summarized statement provided by Jeannie, see body worn camera footage for further details: Jeannie stated the dogs belong to her daughter, Rachele Krueger, who also resides at the residence. Jeannie stated she (Jeannie) went to leave for work at about 1800 hours, and the dogs had gotten out. I learned from Jeannie there were 3 dogs that had gotten out, two brown Pitbull's and a black Huskey/German Sheppard. Jeannie stated she could not get the dogs back inside and was late for work, so she left. Jeannie stated she returned home at about 2000 hours and learned Rachele's dogs attacked Richard's alpacas.

I learned the Huskey/German Sheppard returned and was inside the house. Jeannie stated the Huskey/German Sheppard was not good with strangers. Jeannie brought Huskey/German Sheppard to the

door, and I took photos of it through the window for reference, see case file for further details.

Rachelle was not home, and I did not collect a statement.

I cleared the scene a short time later and informed Richard there was a Pitbull still unaccounted for.

End of report.

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AUTHOR
RAETHKE, LEVI D (56123)

DATE/TIME
02/24/2026 0431

SUBJECT
EVIDENCE

Narrative Text

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Subject EVIDENCE

Author 56123 - RAETHKE, LEVI D

Related Date Feb-24-2026 4:31

Tangible Evidence: n/a

Digital Evidence: BWC & photos

ACTION RECOMMENDED

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RAETHKE, LEVI D (56123)

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Forward to Animal Control and retain for records.

***** END OF HARDCOPY *****



Incident Report

Case# 260008561	Report Date 3/25/2026	Author Keeanna Stansbury	Unit/DPSST 149
Location of Incident [REDACTED]		City Rainier	County Columbia
Offense Harming or chasing livestock		ORS 609.155	Related Cases

Mentioned:

Dog owner: Rachelle Krueger [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Witness: Jeannie Thomas [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Alpaca owner: Richard Hendricks [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Witness: Daniel Natale [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Reporting Party: Steven Humel [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Columbia County Sheriff's Deputy: Levi Raethke 503-369-9913
 901 Port Ave
 St. Helens, Oregon 97051

Summary:

On 2/23/2026, Deputy Raethke responded to an incomplete 911 call at [REDACTED]. On 2/23/2026, Deputy Raethke referred his report from this incident due to the call being a livestock attack.



Incident Report

Narrative:

On 2/23/2026, Deputy Raethke responded to an incomplete 911 call at [REDACTED]. Upon arrival Deputy Raethke determined that this was a livestock attack. See Deputy Raethke's report for further details.

On 2/23/2026, Deputy Raethke referred his report from this incident to me due to the call being a livestock attack.

On 2/24/2026, I went to Krueger's residence to impound one of two dogs that were involved in the livestock attack. At this time, I impounded Brownie a brown and white pit bull under ORS 609.155. Additionally, I observed the deceased dog, Binx. I scanned Binx for a microchip, which was not present, and took photos of the gunshot wounds. I then transported Brownie back to the shelter and placed him in an isolation kennel.

On 2/24/2026, I called Natale and left a voicemail.

On 2/25/2026, Krueger stopped by the shelter to discuss the incident with me. I advised Krueger of the livestock process and that it takes time. Krueger's daughter was with her and asked me if it was legal to corner the dog (Binx) to shoot the dog. I advised that I would be looking into it. Additionally, I advised that the impounded dog will be at the shelter on a hold until the hearing. At this time, Krueger said that she would like to request a hearing.

After further review of Deputy Raethke's report, I realized that Brownie was not apart of the incident. It was reported that Luna a German shepherd also belonging to Krueger was the dog involved in the incident with Binx.

On 2/27/2026, Krueger brought Luna into the shelter and redeemed Brownie.

Included with this report are photos of the impounded dogs as well as the deceased dog. Additionally included is Deputy Raethke's full report and photos.

Restitution expected as I have not been able to get into contact with the alpaca owners.

Action Taken:

Report referred to the County Attorney's office.

Respectfully Submitted

Keeanna Stansbury
Community Animal Officer
Columbia County Animal Control



Incident Report

2/24/2026 4 Photos of deceased dog, Binx. Source: Keeanna Stansbury





Incident Report





Incident Report





Incident Report





Officer Recommendations

Date: 5/10/2026

Dog Owner: Rachelle Krueger
[REDACTED]

Dogs: Binx, tan pit bull male
Luna, black and tan German shepherd, female

The County Animal Control Program through its Community Animal Officer Keeanna Stansbury, in the matter involving the two dogs: described as a black and tan German Shepherd named Luna and a tan/red Pit Bull named Binx.

Make the following recommendations:

1. That the County find that on 2/23/2026, Binx and Luna committed the act of chasing/harming livestock by chasing and harming 4 alpacas at [REDACTED]. Whereas 4 alpacas were dispatched due to injuries sustained by the dogs.
2. That the County find that Binx and Luna had no priors for chasing/harming/killing livestock.
3. That the County find that the investigation determined that Binx and Luna were licensed at the time of the incident, but Luna's license has since expired on 2/28/2026.
4. That during the incident the dog Binx was shot twice and killed by the alpaca owner.
5. That Luna was impounded and held at the shelter since the incident.
6. That the owner Rachelle Krueger was sent notification to request a hearing by the County and as of 5/10/2026, the County has received no response or request for a hearing.
7. That the owner, Rachelle Krueger, moves Luna to a location where, in the opinion of the county, the dog does not present a threat to livestock or it will be humanely euthanized.
8. That the Shelters observations of Luna is that she is placeable and would be a candidate to remove from the property in compliance to ORS 609.162(1)(c) whereas the dog would be placed where she does not present a threat to livestock.
9. That the County order restitution to be paid to Alpaca Owner for the loss of 4 alpacas in the amount of \$2,000 whereas the average price is approximately \$500 per alpaca.

10. That the County order reduced restitution [72 days of boarding reduced to 50 days] be paid to Columbia County Animal Control for an impound fee of \$30 and boarding fees in the amount of \$1,000 whereas the price for boarding is \$20 per dog per day.
11. That the County, under ORS 609.162(1)(c), impose a civil penalty of \$500 for the dog Luna harming/chasing livestock.