

Black bear tranquilized in southeast Bend

by Cheryl McDermott

A black bear found under a tree in the yard of a southeast Bend home was tranquilized, transported away from the area, and released on Monday, photos by CSO Canyon Davis police reported.

Officers responded to a call made by Janis Martin of 61336 Mount Vista Drive about 7:20 a.m., September 24, Bend Police Lt. Ken Stenkamp said. They found the bear lying under a tree in the fenced yard of the home in a residential area where lots average about one acre. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) personnel were called in to assist.

The bear, a young adult about 1½ years old weighing an estimated 110 pounds, was shot with a tranquilizer dart, then ran a short distance and sat down. About 15 minutes later, Stenkamp said, the bear was shot with a second dart and ODFW personnel were able to approach it and administer a third dose.

“The bear was muzzled, hobbled and transported to an unknown location away from the area and released,” the lieutenant said.

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