**WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT FORM**

**Reporting Party**
Name: San Mateo County Sheriffs Department
Address: 616 San Benito St. Half Moon Bay
County: San Mateo

**Date:** 12/1/12  **Time:** 1230

**Species Reported** (check one)
- [ ] Bear
- ✔ Mountain Lion
- [ ] Coyote
- [ ] Deer
- [ ] Exotic Large Carnivore
- [ ] Other (list)

**Species Confirmed** (check one)
- [ ] Bear
- ✔ Mountain Lion
- [ ] Coyote
- [ ] Deer
- [ ] Exotic Large Carnivore
- [ ] Other (list)

**Nature of Report** (check appropriate boxes)
- [x] Sighting (perceived threat by reporting party)
- [ ] Property Damage/Depredation (initiate the depredation permit process: Sections 401 and 402, Title 14, CCR)
- [x] Reporting Party's Concern for Public Safety
  - [ ] Presence in campground
  - [x] Adjacent to home/school
  - [x] Unusual behavior
  - [x] Perceived threat by reporting party
  - [ ] Human contact, injury or death
  - [ ] Other

**Narrative** (attach additional pages as necessary)
The Department was notified by San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, on 11/30, of two mountain lions in a residential neighborhood and in the back yard of a residence located in the 800 block of Correas Avenue, HMB. The Sheriff's Dept had responded and requested to speak with DFG regarding the lions. CenCom Dispatch contacted Lt. A. Roberts via phone and advised him of the request from San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Lt. Roberts contacted the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center and was put in contact with the on scene Deputy. The Deputy advised that the lions were in the back yard of a

**Investigative Actions Taken** (check appropriate boxes)
- [x] phone
- [ ] onsite visit
- ✗ report confirmed
- [ ] report not confirmed
  - Hours expended in investigation: 16

**Summary Action** (check appropriate boxes)
- [ ] See above
- [ ] Educational items provided (specify):
  - [ ] mailed
  - [ ] give directly to person
- [ ] Animal not taken
- ✔ Animal taken (list species): Mountain Lion
  - Location: 616 San Benito St. Half Moon Bay
  - Date: 12/01/2012  Time: 1830
  - Sex:  Age:  adult  [x] sub-adult
  - Ear tag #: __________
- [ ] Released - Location: __________
- [x] Disposition of carcass:
  - [ ] destroyed
  - [x] stored (write location): Yountville
  - [ ] donated (name/phone #): __________
  - [x] necropsy - DFG lab or DFG-approved lab (name): WIL

**Investigator**
Name: Warden A. Ross, Warden W. O'Brien, Lt. A. Roberts
Address: 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Date:** 12/6/2012

**Supervisor** Captain Steven Riske
**Date:** 12/7/12

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residence in the 800 Block of Correas Road. The Deputy related that the lions had been seen coming and going between the residences and an adjacent creek. The Deputy further advised that he was sure that the animals were Mountain Lions and described the animals to Lt. Roberts. Lt. Roberts inquired as to the lion's behavior, proximity to the houses, and if the lions posed any immediate or imminent threat to public safety. The Deputy related that the lions were in and out of the residences back yard and had been observed together on the back deck of one of the homes. He further related that they, the Sheriff's Office, were called by a concerned citizen and wanted DFG to remove the lions from the residence. Further observations of the lions suggested that their behavior was not normal and when confronted by humans, the lions did not show typical behavior of trying to escape or take refuge outside the confines of the residential area. Lt. Roberts asked if the Animal Control or Humane Society could respond and assist with the lions. The Deputy related that the Humane Society would not respond or assist with a Mountain Lion. During the conversation, the Deputy advised that his supervisor was on scene and passed the phone to him. Lt. Roberts spoke with the Sheriff's Sgt regarding his thoughts on the lions and if there was any local agency that could assist until DFG was able to respond. As they were speaking, the Deputies advised that the lions looked like they were headed towards the adjacent creek. Lt. Roberts advised the Deputies to allow the lions to get to the creek in the hope that they would naturally find their way out of the residential homes. Lt. Roberts further advised the Deputies to re contact him or his dispatch center if the lions returned during the night or the next day.

The following day, 12/01/2012, CenCom Dispatch contacted Warden A. Ross and informed him that the lions had returned to the residential neighborhood in Half Moon Bay and were now located in the back yard of 616 San Benito. Ross responded and arrived at approximately 1400 hours. Upon arrival he was met by Sheriff's Deputies who advised him that the lions had been observed clawing at the back screen door, and were now under the back deck. The Deputies related that the lions showed no fear of humans or the presence of barking dogs. The Sheriff's Deputies left the property. Ross contacted the home owner who expressed her concern for safety by stating that she wanted the lions removed from the property. The home owner is an elderly lady that lives with a small labrador mix dog. The lady left the property stating that she did not want the mountain lions there when she returned. Ross contacted Lt. Roberts and requested additional DFG personnel to assist with the lions. Lt. Roberts notified CenCom Dispatch and Capt. S. Riske and advised them of the confirmation of the lions at the residence. Lt. Roberts requested through CenCom dispatch, any available Wildlife Management Personnel and if there was any USDA Trapper available to respond with a tranquilizer or other capture methods. Roberts additionally attempted to contact R3 WM but was unable to make contact. Peninsula Humane Society was contacted but stated they did not have training to assist with a Mountain Lion. When asked, they offered to loan us a tranquilizer gun but would not provide the necessary drugs needed for the gun. Warden W. O'Brien responded to the scene and attempted to locate a jab stick or tranquilizer gun, but was unable to secure either. Wardens Ross and O'Brien remained on scene to observe the lions. The sheriff's deputies left the scene. During this entire event, it was continuously raining and the lions were located under a wooden deck at the back door of the residence. At approximately 1600 hours, Lt. Roberts responded to the call and arrived on scene after dark. During this time, the Wardens had kept Lt. Roberts updated with the status of the lions. The lions had not moved or retreated from their position under the back deck. The Wardens could only see the heads and faces of the lions as they were crouched under the deck.

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During this period of observation, the Wardens in discussions with Lt. Roberts had determined that the lions were not displaying normal behavior and had no fear of humans or domestic animals. The Wardens had attempted hazing the lions with flashlights and walking on the deck directly above the lions. The lions would not leave the confines of the area below the deck.

Lt. Roberts arrived at the location at approximately 1800 hours. By this time, it was dark and still raining. Warden O'Brien met Roberts at the end of the street, that was a long, narrow driveway that ended at the residence's front yard. O'Brien advised Roberts that at the end of the street was a church and day care facility. Lt. Roberts entered the yard and met with Ross and O'Brien. Upon arrival, Roberts observed two Mountain Lions that were crouched under the deck. The Wardens advised Roberts that the lions had not moved from their current location and had displayed abnormal behavior the entire time. The lions had not been fazed by the officers lights or strobes and that the barking dogs, and other environmental conditions did not bother the animals. The only view of the lions was head on, face to face. There was no way to determine the size or sex of the animals in their current location. Due to the confined space, and having two animals in close proximity together, there was no safe way to remove the lions without risking one of the two getting into an adjacent yard or escaping to an unknown location in the dark.

The Wardens discussed the limited options available to them for removal of the lions and made one last hazing attempt to get them to leave the property. Lt. Roberts utilized his strobe light and went to the opposite side of the deck. During this time, the Wardens did not observe any attempt by the lions to move or flee the area. The lions continued to stand their ground, not being fazed by the lights or movement. The idea of using a tranquilizer gun did not appear to be a viable option based on where the lions were located under the deck, the time of day, and the weather conditions.

After exhausting all resources available to them at the time, and in discussion with each other, the officers determined that due to the prevailing weather and darkness, the abnormal behavior of the lions, coupled with the close proximity to other homes and a day care facility, that the lions posed an imminent threat to public safety.

Lt. Roberts notified CenCom Dispatch of the public safety status of the lions and both lions were shot and removed from the residence at 1835 hours. Wardens secured and cleared the residence.

The lions were transported to a DFG facility awaiting necropsy by the WIL.

Notification made to Captain at 1838 hours

Notification made to AC, Regional Manager, Wildlife Management Coordinator at 2043 hours