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**International Wildlife Crimestoppers Announces Acceptance of Wildlife
Decoy Grant Applications**

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Blairsville, Georgia, December 1, 2019 – International Wildlife Crimestoppers, announced this week that the organization is accepting grant applications from current active member agencies for the purchase of wildlife decoy(s) in conservation law enforcement.

“The use of decoys is a tremendous tool for conservation law enforcement officers. By using decoys, officers can target hard-core poachers who commit not just wildlife violations, but firearm related crimes. The use of decoys in high complaint areas aids in the apprehension of those who hunt before or after the legal shooting hours, hunt with an artificial light, shoot across or from a public roadway, shoot from a motor vehicle, or hunt without permission on private property and other lands closed to hunting”, said IWC President Lee Ellis of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

The grant application acceptance period will begin December 1, 2019 through January 27, 2020. The program grant provides current IWC members up to \$2,000 for the purchase of a wildlife enforcement decoy(s). The application form and guidelines can be found at www.wildlifecrimestoppers.org. Grant awards will be announced by March 1, 2020.

IWC mission statement: As a non-profit organization created by wildlife resources officers, we are dedicated in our efforts to stop poaching of North America’s fish and wildlife resources through a comprehensive conservation law enforcement approach and the exchange of information with anti-poaching organizations. We promote public education on the differences between sustainable use and poaching, with a special emphasis on youth education therefore creating a force multiplier for law enforcement charged with protecting these valuable resources.

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