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## **Padre Island National Seashore News Release**

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### **Four Endangered Pelicans Found Shot at Padre Island National Seashore**

(Corpus Christi, Texas)-Superintendent Colin Campbell announced today that on March 22, four brown pelicans were killed in the North Beach section of Padre Island National Seashore. The National Seashore is seeking the public's assistance in apprehending the responsible party, who has not yet been identified.

"This is a malicious and senseless act," said Superintendent Campbell.

The pelicans were killed in the afternoon of March 22, when an unidentified individual was observed stepping out of a car and firing a shotgun at the birds.

Brown pelicans are listed as a federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act. Endangered is defined as meaning that a species is in danger of becoming extinct in all or a significant part of its range. Poaching brown pelicans is punishable under both state and federal law.

The National Park Service is coordinating with both the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife in solving this crime. However, Padre Island National Seashore also needs your help in solving this poaching incident. Persons having information concerning this incident should call the park, at (361) 949-8173 extension 237, US Fish and Wildlife Service at (361) 289-5037. A reward may be available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects committing the offense.

The assistance of the public has been critical in solving previous poaching cases. Tips from the public led to the arrest of a man who poached a deer in the park on January 15 of this year.

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