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KILLING OF MAPLETON ELK

“Not guilty of anything”

Attorney: Ex-cop was trying to protect citizens



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Sam Carter, left, and his defense attorney Marc Colin listen to Fred Johnson's opening statement Wednesday in Carter's trial for the shooting of a trophy elk on Mapleton Hill in Boulder.

Boulder DA tells jury Sam Carter 'had an illegal and selfish plan'

By Mitchell Byars
Camera Staff Writer

Attorneys in court Wednesday agreed on one thing: On Jan. 1, 2013, former Boulder officer Sam Carter — while on duty and in uniform — shot and killed an elk on Mapleton Hill.

But as attorneys laid out, the question is whether it was a plot to kill a beloved trophy elk and cover it up or an officer euthanizing an aggressive and injured animal.

A Boulder County jury will

spend the next two weeks hearing evidence for both arguments after attorneys made their opening statements in the case Wednesday in Boulder District Court.

Deputy District Attorney Fred Johnson said Carter developed a “fascination” with the elk and had a plan to use his position as a police officer to get away with killing it and claiming it as a trophy.

“That night, Sam Carter had an illegal and selfish plan in mind,”

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Defense attorney Marc Colin questions potential jurors during jury selection Wednesday in ex-Boulder police officer Sam Carter's trial. For more photos from the trial, go to dailycamera.com.

Longs Peak

Stranded climber flown to safety

28 rescuers worked against active rock and ice fall

By Sarah Kuta
Camera Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Canadian man stranded overnight roughly 13,000 feet up Longs Peak was flown to safety and rushed to the hospital shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday, after a 28-person crew spent the day attempting a “major rescue.”

Samuel Frappier initially became separated from a friend Tuesday while ascending the mountain from the western side of Chasm Lake via Lambs Slide.

Rescuers contacted him about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, and less than an hour later Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson reported Frappier had been flown to safety at the park's Upper Beaver Meadows, and then taken by ambulance to Estes Park Medical Center.

Search and rescue personnel, meanwhile, were being flown out, daylight and weather permitting, after Frappier's rescue.

Just after 3:30 p.m., a Teton Interagency helicopter from Jackson, Wyo., arrived to do reconnaissance, assisting with the rescue. Crews had already been using a Trans Aero helicopter during the rescue, but park officials announced that the Teton helicopter was brought in because it is able to transport people suspended beneath it and does not need a

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Weather

High: 88 | Low: 54

A thunderstorm possible.

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Josh Montague grabs the \$40 in cash that he found as part of a Twitter search Wednesday afternoon in Boulder. For a video interview with Montague, go to dailycamera.com.

Twitter-driven 'hidden cash' phenomenon comes to Boulder

Anonymous group hopes to promote happiness through scavenger hunt

By Sarah Kuta
Camera Staff Writer

The “hidden cash” phenomenon that's been causing a social media frenzy in the San Francisco Bay Area has spread to Boulder,

where an anonymous group started hiding money around town and tweeting out clues via the @HiddenCashCO account Wednesday afternoon.

The group hid the first batch of money behind the St. Julien Hotel & Spa downtown inside the basket of a Boulder B-cycle bike.

The first clue that was tweeted: “It's our very first clue! See our town in red, white, and blue. Two wheels will make you wise. In the bottom of a basket, find the prize.”

The group tweeted increasingly revealing clues about the location of the money.

That cash was found by accident by Marni Ratzel, who rode off on the B-cycle bike and found the money when she arrived at her destination. Matt de Caussin walked up to the B-cycle station minutes too late, peered into the baskets of two remaining bikes, shrugged his shoulders and walked away.

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