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Bald Eagle Killer Sought By MO Authorities

(AP)--Missouri conservation agents are looking for whoever shot and killed a bald eagle in the south-central part of the state.

The Lebanon Daily Record reports a Laclede County resident found the dead bird over the weekend.

Missouri Department of Conservation agent Jarad Milligan says the bird was a mature eagle that had been shot in the head by a small-caliber weapon.

Milligan says eagles more typically die by electrocution, from sitting on power lines.

Federal law makes it a felony to shoot golden and bald eagles or to disturb their nests. A first offense carries up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

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