

Deputies kill bear near South Lake Tahoe

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies on the morning of Dec. 2 shot and killed what they called an aggressive bear.

Deputies said a 700- to 800-pound bear in the area of Minniconjou and Susquehana drives on the outskirts of South Lake Tahoe had been disrupting the neighborhood for several weeks by breaking into multiple residences.

Loud noises and less lethal beanbag rounds were unsuccessfully used to shoo the bear away.

Deputies said when the bear moved aggressively toward them that is when they shot it.

In the past year, deputies responded to 177 bear related calls, of which 23 were located in the same neighborhood as Wednesday's incident. All but this one was resolved with the use of non-lethal measures.

Calls have been left with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to find out if this is the same bear that was found in Meyers and taken to Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report