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Reward Fund Growing Nationwide For Laniakea's Slain Sea Turtle

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North Shore Neighborhood Board member Warren Scoville hopes to raise at least \$10,000 as the reward for information leading to the killer of the beloved sea turtle Honey Girl.

The fund for the animal, who was found dead July 20 on Laniakea Beach, had \$7,100 on account at press deadline.

When something happens in Scoville's district (Haleiwa Bridge to Waimea Bay), it's up to him to respond, he said. At the board's July 22 meeting, he personally donated \$500 to help find Honey Girl's killer.

"I wanted to get something started," he explained. "Then someone else donated, and it

grew like a forest fire!"

Donations from Kahala to Canada have come in, he said, including one from Stephen Wargel and his fiancée Sherry Mazzotti.

"We're really upset. We're livid," said Wargel, an Indiana resident who has never been to Hawaii. Shortly after talking with Scoville, Wargel built and donated a website to make it easier to collect money and information about the case. He heard about Honey Girl from his fiancée's mom, who scours news sites and shared the incident with her family. Wargel and Mazzotti love animals and support animal causes in their Indiana neighborhoods.

"The website has a guest book people can sign," said Wargel, who is the CEO of

Motion Dynamics LLC, a company that creates websites and sells construction equipment. "We put in Paypal too so people can donate online."

Scoville said he wants the reward to be a deterrent for turtle perpetrators.

"We will have a reward poster up soon — like in the old Wild West," he said. "I want to say thank you to the community for your concern and your contributions."

Checks made payable to Honey Girl Reward Fund can be mailed c/o Warren Scoville, P.O. BOX 859, Waialua, HI 96791. For more information on donating, call 637-3449 or log onto www.honeygirlrewardfund.com.

The NOAA hotline to report information on the case is 1-800-583-1964.