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NOAA seeks information on dead dolphin found off Dupont Point, Alabama
Animal stabbed in head with screwdriver

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and marine mammal experts received a report yesterday afternoon of a bottlenose [dolphin with a screwdriver](#) stuck in its head somewhere around the Florida-Alabama border in Perdido Bay. The animal was last seen alive late Thursday afternoon and reported dead earlier this afternoon just west of Dupont Point, Alabama.

NOAA officials seek information from anyone who may have details of this incident. Please call the NOAA Enforcement Hotline as soon as possible at 1-800-853-1964. Tips may be left anonymously.

Harassing, harming, killing or feeding wild dolphins is prohibited under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Violations can be prosecuted either civilly or criminally and are punishable by up to \$100,000 in fines and up to one year in jail per violation.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources.

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