Vigil planned for dead Incline bear

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INCLINE VILLAGE – NDOW has a three-strike policy for what it calls"urban bears" that cause problems in town for people. For a bear that some residents in the area called Charlie, one recent Sunday at the Raley's shopping center was his last offense and Charlie was euthanized.

Madonna Dunbar, Incline Village's General Improvement District Resource Conservationist, points to some bushes. "They tranquilized the bear in the shrubbery and then the bear ran under the culvert and came out in the back of the complex where the tranquilizer took effect and the bear collapsed."

Franny Bryan, an Incline Village resident, is organizing a vigil this Saturday night at 7pm in front of Ace Hardware. She says, "the bear doesn't know it's three strikes, 'oh my gosh, I went to the garbage three times, the next time I'm going to be killed', I mean, they don't know that."

Madonna Dunbar says, "it's not necessarily a bear problem, it's a human problem." Primarily, it's humans not managing their trash and a few people even feeding the bears. Signs everywhere warn against this. "A fed bear is a dead bear."

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