

“Off”-Sprey Raptor Deterrent

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PHILADELPHIA, TENN., June 21, 2017 – The “OFF”-Sprey Raptor Deterrent was granted the Patent Number 9,668,468 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Michael L. Nichols Sr., inventor of the “Off”-Sprey applied for the patent on October 1, 2013 and was approved on June 6, 2017.

The background on the device listed with the patent office states, “Many people enjoy the presence of birds on their property as evidence by the abundance of bird feeders and birdbaths that can be seen in yards throughout the country. But even bird lovers must admit that when birds roost near and on utility poles, disaster is often the end result. Due to the close proximity to energized electrical components, nests often make contact with the components leading to short circuits. This causes blackouts to possibly wide areas of homes and businesses, resulting in financial loss, and perhaps physical damage. Even if power failures do not occur, large birds such as eagles and ospreys can be severely injured, or even killed should they themselves come in contact with live electrical components. Accordingly, there exists a need for a means by which large birds can be prevented from roosting and a nesting on or near utility poles. The development of the present invention fulfills this need.”

Necessity is the mother of invention has never been a truer statement.

“The need for a device to protect both personal, public, and utility property and the wellbeing of raptor populations is the main reason for the design and development of the “OFF”-Sprey Raptor Deterrent,” Mike Nichols, said. “As humans have encroached on the natural habitat of the raptors, the birds have been exposed to hazards that do not exist in nature. Many attempts to protect property and raptors by other means often fell well short of the needed results.”

The “OFF”-Sprey Raptor Deterrent offers an inexpensive, relatively easy and most importantly simple solution to solve the problems created with human and raptor conflicts.

“The future success of these raptor populations and the continued reliability of utility services and the protection of personal property are achieved with the use of this protective device,” Nichols said.

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