

\$1,000 Fine For Shooting Moose on Closed Road

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A Thunder Bay man must pay \$1,000 for trespassing to hunt on a closed road.

John R. Spack was charged under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and fined \$1,000 for trespassing for the purpose of hunting on a closed road. The moose was forfeited to the Crown. His firearm was also seized and will be returned once the fine is paid.

Court heard that on September 22, 2009, Spack drove his truck behind a posted road closure sign on Toset Creek Road, east of Armstrong, and camped there until he shot a bull moose two days later. Spack then went to look for help to load the moose into his truck. After two parties refused to assist him and advised him that he had illegally trespassed, he turned himself in to the Ontario Provincial Police, Armstrong detachment. A Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer was then alerted. Toset Creek Road is closed under the Public Lands Act.

Justice of the Peace John Guthrie heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Thunder Bay, on November 4, 2009.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).