

Big Fines for Night Hunting and Shooting Deer Decoy

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Two Wisconsin hunters have been convicted of charges related to illegal deer hunting.

Dennis Majewski of Goodman, and Sean Meier of Green Bay, were both charged under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and fined \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively for hunting at night. Majewski was also fined \$500 for shooting from a roadway and is prohibited from hunting in Ontario for three years. His firearm was seized and will be returned once his fines are paid. Meier cannot hunt in Ontario for one year.

Court heard that on November 8, 2009, the men were driving on Mafeking Road, north of Dryden, more than hour after the legal hunting time. Meier parked his truck in the middle of the road, using his headlights to illuminate a deer standing in the ditch. Majewski got out and stood in front of the truck, loaded his firearm and shot the buck deer decoy. Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers arrested the hunters at the scene and released them with summons for their violations.

Justice of the Peace Daisy Hoppe heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Dryden, on December 15, 2009.

The public is reminded that it is illegal to shoot from, down or across a road while hunting.

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).