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HUDSON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SHOOTING BALD EAGLE

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton today announced that Jesse Tyrone Barresse (age 32, of Hudson) has pleaded guilty to shooting and killing a bald eagle. The maximum penalty Barresse faces is one year in federal prison and a \$100,000 fine.

According to the plea agreement, on January 13, 2008, Barresse was duck hunting near a pond in Ruskin, Florida with two friends and a minor child. While the others were looking for ducks on the pond, Barresse saw a bald eagle fly over the pond, close enough for him to identify the bird's distinctive white tail and head. Although he knew that it was illegal to shoot a bald eagle, Barresse shot and killed the bird. Afterwards Barresse bragged about killing the eagle to several individuals.

This case was investigated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cherie L. Krigsman.