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SHELDON MAN SENTENCED TO 6 MONTHS
FOR FALSE STATEMENT REGARDING
WILDLIFE TRANSPORTED FROM NEBRASKA TO WISCONSIN

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Richard Kochevar, 49, of Sheldon, Wis., was sentenced on Friday, April 8, to six months in jail for submitting a false statement regarding deer shot in Nebraska and transported to Wisconsin. Kochevar pleaded guilty to this charge on February 9, 2010.

In the fall of 2009, Kochevar and his son went deer hunting in Nebraska; neither the defendant nor his son had a hunting license. The son shot a deer and the defendant transported it back to Wisconsin untagged. Once here, the defendant contacted a friend and had that friend tag the deer with an unused deer tag belonging to the friend.

In sentencing Kochevar to jail, U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker specifically noted that Kochevar had 35 prior criminal violations, which included ten separate Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource wildlife violations.

United States Attorney Vaudreuil stated that the Kochevar sentencing was the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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