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## Failing to Tag Deer Proves Costly for Simcoe Area Residents

**NEWS**

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Three Simcoe area residents have been fined a total of \$4,650 for hunting offences.

Keith West, Larry Benz and Janis Benz, were convicted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act for offences including failure to immediately affix a game seal and unlawful transport of wildlife. Larry Benz was charged under the Off-Road Vehicles Act for failing to wear a proper helmet. In addition, two white-tailed deer and valid game seals were forfeited to the Crown.

Court heard that on November 1, 2010, Keith West and Janis Benz were party hunting deer in Norfolk County when Keith harvested two adult white-tailed deer. Larry Benz was called in to assist them retrieve the animals with an all-terrain vehicle. The two deer were field dressed and strapped to the vehicle. When the trio was stopped by a conservation officer, there were no game seals attached to the deer.

Justice of the Peace Norman Mulloy heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Simcoe, on January 27, 2011.

The ministry reminds hunters that when deer hunting with a party, you must securely attach the game seal to the animal immediately after the kill and before transporting it. The day, time and month of the kill must be notched on the game seal.

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