

Moose poachers pay the price

On September 1st, 2015, Colton Kenneth Zentner (19) and a 17-year-old youth, both from Glendon, Alberta, pleaded guilty to charges around the unlawful shooting and wastage of a moose.

Zentner, the shooter, received a fine of \$6,081 with a 48-month recreational hunting licence suspension. He pleaded guilty to the following offences under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*:

- Hunt without a licence
- Unauthorized hunt on occupied land
- Use prohibited items as specified to hunt wildlife: a calibre less than .23
- Allow flesh of big game to become unfit for human consumption
- Willfully give false and misleading information

The 17-year-old youth received a fine of \$1,062.00 with a 24-month recreational hunting licence suspension as party to the offence. The youth pleaded guilty to the following offences under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*:

- Unauthorized hunt on occupied land
- Allow flesh of big game to become unfit for human consumption
- Willfully give false and misleading information

The seized firearm used in the commission of the offence was ordered forfeited to the Crown.



On October 3rd, 2014, Alberta Fish and Wildlife officers received a Report a Poacher call of a shot and left moose northwest of Glendon, Alberta. The investigation revealed that an antlerless (cow) moose was shot using a .17 calibre rifle. The moose was not salvaged and the meat had wasted.

Interviews revealed that the offence occurred on October 2, 2014. The moose was shot on occupied land where the two accused had not obtained permission to hunt. The two accused made no attempt to salvage any of the meat. Also, the shooter did not possess the proper hunting licence.

Any suspicious hunting or fishing activity can be called in to the 24-hour Report A Poacher line at 1-800-642-3800. Special thanks to those who called in with information.