

Massachusetts man pleads guilty to hunting under the influence, wanton waste of deer, corn baiting

"In 2022, in the last hour of the last day of primitive firearms deer season, MEP officers walked in on a known baited tree stand in Clarksburg and encountered a man hunting deer over corn bait with insufficient blaze orange on. After making contact with the hunter, it was discovered he was also hunting under the influence of alcohol.

Further investigation determined that the tree stand was permanently erected over 3 years ago and he also shot an antlerless deer on Christmas Eve over the bait. He was unable to recover the deer, even though it was later found only 150' from the tree stand, scavenged by coyotes.

He was charged criminally for second offense hunting under the influence, hunting over bait, insufficient blaze orange, use of a permanent tree stand and wanton waste of a deer.

This past month, in Northern Berkshire District Court, the defendant plead guilty to all 5 charges and lost his hunting license for 3 years. This suspension should be recognized by the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact in almost all of the United States."-Massachusetts Environmental Police.



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