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NEWS RELEASE

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Details: Three Men Sentenced for Unlawful Taking of Deer and Elk in Lane County

Two local men were sentenced this week in Lane County Circuit Court for their respective roles in the unlawful taking and possession of deer and elk this week. Their father was sentenced May 17th for his role.

Spencer Levi Traxtle (age 22) of Veneta, plead guilty to six charges, including **Aiding in the Unlawful Hunting and Taking of Buck Deer (x3), Unlawful Hunting on the Land of Another, Unlawful Hunting and Taking of Cow Elk (No Valid Tag), and Unlawful Taking of Deer (Fail to Validate Tag).**

Denver Daren Traxtle (age 26) of Springfield, plead guilty to four charges, including **Unlawful Hunting and Taking of Trophy Deer on Land of Another, Aiding in the Unlawful Hunting and Taking of Buck Deer, Unlawful Hunting on the Land of Another, and Unlawful Possession of Elk Parts.**

Stacy Daren Traxtle (age 48) of Marcola, plead guilty to two charges: **Unlawful Hunting and Taking of Trophy Buck Deer on Land of Another (x2).**

The arrest and prosecution of the three men was conducted by troopers of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, Springfield Patrol Office. The investigation began with the discovery of trail cameras recovered on private property in the Goshen area of southern Lane County. Subsequently, search warrants were executed at three separate locations. Police determined that at least three trophy black-tailed deer bucks had been unlawfully taken by Denver and Stacy Traxtle during the 2016 and 2017 hunting seasons on private property without the owner's permission.

Additionally, the investigation determined a cow elk and another deer were taken illegally by Spencer Traxtle in December 2017 at a separate location near Marcola. Investigators seized two scoped rifles, a compound bow, trail cameras, all remaining meat, and head and antler mounts, all of which the Court ordered forfeit.

All three men were sentenced to three to five years court probation, and each had his hunting privileges suspended for the next three years. The men were required to pay a combined \$7000 restitution to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and an additional \$500 to the Oregon Hunter's Association Turn-in-Poacher (T.I.P.) Program. Additionally, Spencer Traxtle is required to perform 120 hours Community Service work, while Denver Traxtle is required to serve four days jail. All three men are forbidden by court order to participate in any hunting excursions, even as a non-hunter, while on probation.

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