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**OWNER OF PADUCAH SHOOTERS SUPPLY
TO PAY \$5,000 FINE FOR AIDING AND ABETTING
HUNTERS TO COMMIT WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS**

PADUCAH, KY – Lynn McCutchen, owner of Paducah Shooters Supply, was sentenced on October 13, 2010, in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for a misdemeanor violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (Title 16, United States Code, Sections 703 and 707a and 18 USC Section 2), for aiding and abetting the taking of migratory birds, that is, ducks and geese, in a manner not permitted by regulations, by knowingly altering a shotgun so as to render it capable of holding more than three shells in violation of Federal migratory bird hunting regulations, U.S. Attorney David J. Hale of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

United States Magistrate Judge W. David King in U.S. District Court in Paducah, Kentucky ordered that McCutchen pay a \$15,000 fine, \$10,000 of which will be probated upon the completion of special conditions set forth in the plea agreement. In addition to the fine, McCutchen agreed to recall Benelli Super Black Eagle shotguns modified by Paducah Shooters Supply and to restore the modified bolts to a condition which prevents the shotgun from being capable of “floating” a fourth shell. The recall will be free of charge to customers who have had Benelli shotguns previously modified at Paducah Shooters Supply. This recall will be advertised in the Outdoors Section of the Paducah Sun on 4 occasions, and will also be prominently posted at Paducah Shooter’s Supply. The Plea Agreement also calls for either articles or paid advertisements to be placed in Ducks Unlimited Magazine, Wildfowl Magazine, and Shooting

Sports Retailer detailing the illegality of modifying the bolt of Benelli Super Black Eagle shotguns to enable the shotgun to “float” a 4th shell for the purpose of hunting waterfowl and other migratory birds.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream, and it was investigated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, and the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

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