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FOUR SCOTLAND COUNTY MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGES ARISING OUT OF FEDERAL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

St. Louis, MO: The United States Attorney's Office announced today that four Scotland County men have pleaded guilty to multiple federal wildlife violations, including illegally shooting a Bald Eagle and illegally trapping and shooting a Great Horned Owl and trapping a Yellow Shafted Flicker.

According to court documents, between March 1, 2009 and April 10, 2009 Douglas Byrn trapped and Logan Byrn shot a Great Horned Owl in Scotland County. During that same time period, Douglas Byrn also trapped a Yellow Shafted Flicker. On February 28, 2009, in Adair County, Logan Byrn assisted Jerad Fuller in shooting and killing a Bald Eagle. James Fuller, the father of Jerad Fuller, also pleaded guilty to intending to influence a witness in the case by picketing at a residence occupied by a witness on April 13, 2009 in Scotland County.

Douglas Lecen Byrn, 55, Memphis, MO, pleaded guilty to two violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; Logan Douglas Byrn, 19, Downing, MO, pleaded guilty to one violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and one count of aiding and abetting the violation of the Bald Eagle Act; Jerad Michael Fuller, 19, Memphis, MO pleaded guilty to one violation of the Bald Eagle Act; and James Faree Fuller, 49 of Memphis, MO, pleaded guilty to one count of intending to influence a witness in the case by picketing at a residence occupied by a witness. All defendants appeared before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry Thursday afternoon in St. Louis. Sentencings have been set for October 18, 2010 and October 22, 2010 at 12:30 PM.

Violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act carries a penalty of up to six months prison and/or fines up to \$15,000; aiding and abetting the violation of the Bald Eagle Act carries a penalty up to one year in prison and/or fines up to \$100,000; violation of the Bald Eagle Act carries a penalty up to one year in prison and/or fines up to \$100,000; and intending to influence a witness carries a penalty up to 1 year in prison and/or fines up to \$100,000.

This case was investigated by Missouri Department of Conservation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife.