

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division of Enforcement**

**ORI Number:** MNDNR0700  
**ICR Number:** N08000483

### INITIAL COMPLAINT REPORT

NATURE OF INCIDENT	TYPE OF REPORT
Small Game Violation	Incident

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE OCCURRENCE

☐ Aircraft Used

Date(mm/dd/yy)	Time	Co No	City/Township or Other Location	Reg	Dist	Stat No	How Received
12/04-1/05		69	T.56 N - R.20 W	2	7	7256	DNR Employee

#### INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS Codes: A=Arrested, B=Booked, C=Complainant, CI=Citation Issued, CM=Citation Mailed, FC=Formal Complaint

Pending, H=Held for another Agency, J=Juvenile, M=Mentioned, S=Suspect, W=Witness, WA=Warrant Arrest, WI=Warning Issued, V=Victim **X= Protect Identity**

PSN	Codes	Name (First, Middle, Last) Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Drivers License No DOB	Phone No
1	C	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6)	
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#### INFORMATION ABOUT VIOLATIONS

PSN	Ticket Type	Ticket No	Vio Code	Act Code	Stat/Rule No & Description

#### INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICERS

Name of Officers Involved Codes: A=Arresting, B=Assisting, C=Primary	Agency	Badge #	Stat No
A Gary Lefebvre	DNR-Enforcement	295	7256

#### EVIDENCE or PROPERTY INVOLVED Codes: S=Seized, F=Found, E=Evidence, C=Contraband **X= Centralized Inventory Tracked Item**

PSN	Codes	Description	Serial No/Property Tag No	Disposition/Custodian
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#### REPORT STATUS

Report Prepared By	Gary Lefebvre	Badge No	295	Date	7/24/08
Report Reviewed By		Badge No		Date	
Report Disposition				Date	

#### OFFICER (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reports:

This report is a follow up to a complaint received of a lynx being illegally taken in St. Louis County.

On July 15, 2008 I, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Conservation Officer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, was contacted by my supervisor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Lt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) asked me to check into a report of a lynx being illegally taken in St. Louis County and gave me a contact name of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a former biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Officer (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also sent me emails that had been written regarding this matter.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT**  
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On July 22, 2008 at approximately 10:00 a.m. I called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). He advised that he had been out of state and just returned. I explained that I was following up on the illegal lynx taking that he reported. He stated that in early June of this year he had received photos of a lynx kitten that had been caught in a snare sometime between December 2004 and January 2005. He did not know who took the photos and would not disclose who showed him the pictures. He reportedly visited the trapping site on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The site is located in T.56 N- R.20 W. south of the city of Hibbing. He said the site appeared to be the same location as shown in the pictures. He reported there were deer bones in the area and snare wires attached to trees. He would not reveal who took him out to the trapping site.

He further stated that he did not know who the trapper was and never saw the actual animal caught in the snare. He also reported that he did not know what happened to the cat. I asked if he could find the site again and he said he could. I asked if he would take me out to the site and he agreed to next time that he was in Hibbing, which would be sometime in August. It should be noted that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has friends and relatives that live in the Hibbing area. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Phil Delphy, a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service was interested in visiting the site and could maybe pick him up in Duluth and bring him to Hibbing. I got Mr. Delphi's phone number and told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that I would be in contact with him.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. I called Mr. Delphy and asked him about the case. He stated that he had worked previously with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). He said that (b) (6) had emailed him some pictures of a cat in a snare and sent a letter regarding the matter. I asked if he could tell if it was a lynx and he said he thought so, but couldn't be certain without seeing the actual animal.

He further stated that approximately 1 and ½ years ago he received the same photos from Steve Loch a former DNR wildlife employee. Mr. Delphy stated that he forwarded the photos and information to the Law Enforcement Division of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (He couldn't remember the name of the agent). I asked him what became of the case and he stated that they did not have enough information to verify the violation and make a case against anyone.

He said he was interested in examining the site where the cat was trapped and could possibly make a trip to the Hibbing area in August. I gave him my phone number and asked him to call me when he makes plans to visit the site.