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## FINED \$750 FOR TRESSPASSING WITH FIREARM

**NEWS**

March 11, 2009

A Bancroft area man was convicted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of trespassing while in possession of a firearm.

Ernie (Eugene) Roy, 63, was fined \$750.

The court heard that on November 5, 2008, during the local deer hunt, a Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft District conservation officer received a complaint from a landowner that Roy had trespassed on his property. This property is located off the Old Diamond Lake Road, Herschel Township, in Hastings County.

A thorough investigation was conducted. With the assistance of the landowner, the officer was able to determine that Roy was not only on the complainant's property but also on other adjacent private property.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on March 3, 2009.

The public is reminded that it is not only illegal but unsafe to trespass for the purpose of hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt on or enter onto private property where entry is restricted must obtain permission from the landowner.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).