

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

Criminal No. CR-2016-0076

**ORIGINAL
RETURN**

STATE OF WYOMING,)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
NATHAN STRONG,)
Defendant.)

FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT
9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SUBLETTE COUNTY WYOMING

MAR 29 2016

AMY KNOTTS *AK*
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

CRIMINAL SUMMONS

TO: NATHAN STRONG
1610 MILLER WAY
BIG PINEY, WY 83113

You are hereby Summoned to appear before Curt Haws, Circuit Court Judge, Sublette County, Wyoming, in the Courtroom of the Sublette County Justice Building, 40 S. Fremont St., Pinedale, Wyoming, on the 11th day of April 2016, at 11:00 o'clock ~~A~~.M.. to answer to the charge that on or about November 14, 2015, you, the Defendant, NATHAN STRONG:

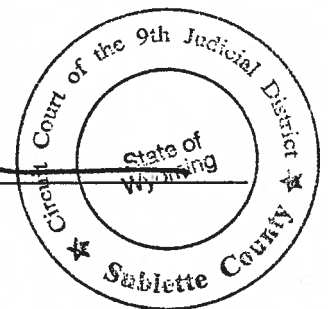
Count I: Did knowingly take an antlered deer without the proper license or during a closed season in violation of WYO. STAT. ANN. § 23-3-102(d), **Taking of an Antlered Deer**, a misdemeanor;

all against the peace and dignity of the State of Wyoming.

A warrant of arrest shall issue if you fail to appear.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2016.

Curt Haws
Curt Haws
Circuit Court Judge



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STATE OF WYOMING)
 : ss
COUNTY OF SUBLETTE)

I, STEPHEN HASKELL, Sheriff in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I received the within **SUMMONS**, and that I served the same upon the within named defendant, NATHAN STRONG, on the 29 day of March 2016.

SHERIFF

By: D. Cooper
Deputy or Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF WYOMING, COUNTY OF SUBLETTE

On the 29 day of March, 2016

Danielle Cooper

personally appeared before me,

who is personally known to me

whose identity I proved on the basis of _____

whose identity I proved on the oath, affirmation of _____, a credible witness to be the signer of the above document, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed it.

9-12-2018
My Commission Expires

Stephanie McMillen
Notary Public



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CRIMINAL INFORMATION

COMES NOW, the State of Wyoming, by and through Carly K. Anderson, Deputy Sublette County and Prosecuting Attorney, and in the name and by authority of the State of Wyoming informs the Court that:

1. Charges

Count I

**TAKING AN ANTLERED DEER WITHOUT LICENSE
OR DURING A CLOSED SEASON**

1. On or about November 14, 2015,
 2. in Sublette County, Wyoming,
 3. the Defendant, NATHAN STRONG,
 4. did knowingly take an antlered deer,
 5. without the proper license or during a closed season,
- in violation of WYO. STAT. ANN. § 23-3-102(d), **Taking of an Antlered Deer**, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or both, as provided by WYO. STAT. ANN. § 23-3-102(d), contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Wyoming.

2. Factual Allegations

In accordance with the Affidavit of Wyoming Game and Fish Investigator Jim Gregory and by this reference incorporated herein.


3. Request for Summons

WHEREFORE, the undersigned prays that a **SUMMONS** issue for the appearance of NATHAN STRONG.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2016.

STATE OF WYOMING

BY:


Carly K. Anderson, #7-5140
Deputy Sublette County and Prosecuting
Attorney
P.O. Box 1010
Pinedale, WY 82941
(307) 367-2300



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SUBLETTE
STATE OF WYOMING

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THE STATE OF WYOMING)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
Nathan Strong)
[REDACTED])
[REDACTED])
Defendant)

AFFIDAVIT

I **Jim Gregory**, being of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon my oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am and was at all times pertinent hereto, employed as a Wildlife Investigator for the Wyoming Game & Fish Dept.
2. That on 02/13/2016 at approximately 1500 hrs. I was contacted by Big Pincy Game Warden Adam Hymas concerning the alleged taking of a large Non Typical Mule Deer Buck during the closed season.
3. And that Warden Hymas had been advised by a complainant that a very large Non Typical Mule Deer was being displayed as a Taxidermy specimen at the 2016 Hunting Expo in Salt Lake City Utah.
4. And that the Non Typical Mule Deer was part of a display of mounted specimens by Monarch Taxidermy of South Jordan Utah.
5. And that the placard at the base of the mount stated:
NATE STRONG
Wyoming
230" Gross Mule Deer
6. And that this Non Typical Mule Deer was so unique that the complainant had pictures of this Non Typical Mule deer alive, after the 2015 Wyoming General Deer Season had closed.
7. And at this time I contacted Utah Conservation Officer Rick Olson who agreed to locate and photograph the Non Typical Mule Deer.

8. And that Conservation Officer Rick Olson has been known to your affiant for thirty years, and is a Certified Peace Officer in the State of Utah and on 02/13/2015 was serving as the Chief Conservation Officer for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.
9. And that at approximately 1600 hrs. Utah Conservation Officer Rick Olson contacted your affiant stating that he located the Non Typical Mule Deer at the Hunting Expo in Salt Lake City Utah.
10. And that Conservation Officer Rick Olson had met with Curtis Wilson who is the owner of Monarch Taxidermy and that Curtis Wilson gave permission to photograph the Non Typical Mule Deer and would voluntarily provide Wyoming Game and Fish Department Officers the work order an affidavit normally required to do business with Monarch Taxidermy.
11. And that Warden Adam Hymas knew through personal contact with the Defendant that the Defendant had taken a large Mule Deer Buck in September 2015 on a Wyoming Resident General License.
12. And that the Defendant had placed pictures of the Buck Mule Deer described in paragraph 11 on "FACEBOOK".
14. And that an examination of the Defendant's FACEBOOK page displays pictures of the Defendant posing with a large Typical Mule Deer. And that this FACEBOOK page was open to public viewing.
15. And based upon a Wyoming Game and Fish Department license database search conducted by Warden Hymas, the Defendant applied for and received a 2015 HA138 Type 3 Deer License [REDACTED]
16. And that the license described in paragraph 15, is for a specific hunt area in Sublette County Wyoming, and species specific, requiring that it is only valid for a White tailed Deer.
17. And that in November 2015 the Defendant had several conversations with Warden Hymas on areas where White tailed Deer may be found and hunted in Sublette County Wyoming.
18. And that in November 2015 the Defendant had commented to Warden Hymas about the vast number of large Mule Deer bucks that the Defendant had been observing while trying to "fill" the White tailed Deer license.
19. And that 02/13/2015 Warden Hymas had a telephone conversation with Curtis Wilson owner of Monarch Taxidermy as described in paragraph 10.

20. That Curtis Wilson advised Warden Hymas that the Defendant had brought the cape and antlers of a Non Typical Mule Deer to Monarch Taxidermy on November 27, 2015.

21. That Curtis Wilson completed work order [REDACTED] And that this work order listed the species as a Mule Deer that required a Mule Deer mannequin for a shoulder mount, the customer was listed as Nate Strong with a telephone number of [REDACTED] And that the Mule Deer was presented with Wyoming Deer License # [REDACTED] And that the total cost for the work would be seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) and that a deposit was accepted of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). And that the deposit was paid by check #2646 and the work order was signed in ink with a signature of Nate Strong.

22. And that Curtis Wilson stated that the person known to him as Nate Strong was to be at the Hunting Expo in Salt Lake City Utah and was to make the final payment on the Taxidermy work and take the mounted Non Typical Mule Deer in to his possession on 02/13/2016 or 02/14/2016.

23. And that on 02/16/2016, your affiant applied for and received a warrant of search and seizure directed to Nathan Strong of Big Piney Wyoming.

24. And that on 02/16/2016 your Affiant and Warden Hymas gave a verbal and written Miranda Warning to Nathan Strong.

25. And that on 02/16/2016 Nathan Strong admitted that he had killed the Non Typical buck and placed his White tailed deer license on that deer.

26. And that 02/24/2016 the mounted Non Typical buck and other evidence items were delivered to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Forensic Laboratory for species and gender identification.

27. And that on 03/18/2016 the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Forensic Laboratory delivered a report indicating that the Non Typical buck deer taken by Nathan Strong was positively identified as a Mule Deer.

Further your Affiant sayeth not.

DATED this 29 day of March, 2016.

Officer James A. [Signature]
WGFD Wildlife Investigator