

Massachusetts Environmental Police arrest three on multiple offenses

“The Massachusetts Environmental Police received information regarding the possible illegal killing of deer in the Templeton/Phillipston area.

On the night of Thursday, November 11, 2021, Officers patrolling the region of inquiry observed a vehicle using a spotlight to search area. Upon locating a decoy deer, an individual within the vehicle shot the decoy with a crossbow. Realizing it was a decoy, the vehicle attempted to flee but was subsequently stopped by Officers. Officers then observed deer legs within the truck bed in plain view.

Three individuals in the vehicle, including the operator, were arrested. Through the interview process, it was reported that additional deer had been taken illegally. The crossbow was seized, the vehicle was impounded, and illegally taken deer meat was surrendered.

The individuals were arraigned at Gardner/Winchendon District Court on Monday, November 15, 2021 on charges, to include:

- Discharge of Crossbow w/in 150’ of roadway
- Illegal Hunting w/Crossbow
- Hunting w/Aid of Motor Vehicle
- Hunting w/an Artificial Light
- Hunting After Hours
- Tagging Violation
- Hunting Public Land w/out Permit

Additional charges, including violations from another state, are forthcoming.”