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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF WYOMING
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JONATHAN LEE COX,

and

STANLEY EVAN COX,

Defendants.

No.

23-cr-133-J

Ct 1: 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(1), (a)(4)
and 3373(d)(1)(B)

(Attempted Unlawful
Transportation and Sale of
Illegally Possessed Wildlife)

Ct 2: 16 U.S.C. § 3372(a)(2)(A) and
3373(d)(1)(B)

(Attempted Unlawful
Transportation and Sale of
Illegally Possessed Wildlife)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

From on or about April 18, 2023, through and including on or about May 7, 2023, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendants, **JONATHAN LEE COX** and **STANLEY EVAN COX**, did knowingly and unlawfully attempt to transport and sell wildlife, to wit, 148 elk antlers and 2 intact bull elk skulls having a market value in excess of \$350, which they knew, and which in the exercise of due care they should have known, had been possessed and transported in violation of the laws and regulations of the United States, to wit 50 CFR § 27.61 (unauthorized removal of natural objects from any national wildlife refuge) and 36 CFR § 261.58(s) and Bridger-Teton National Forest Special Temporary Order #04-03-509 (prohibiting collecting shed antlers in Bridger-Teton National Forest prior to May 1, 2023).

In violation of 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(1), (a)(4) and 3373(d)(1)(B).

COUNT TWO

From on or about April 18, 2023, through and including on or about May 7, 2023, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendants, **JONATHAN LEE COX** and **STANLEY EVAN COX**, did knowingly and unlawfully attempt to transport and sell in interstate commerce wildlife, to wit, 765 pounds of elk sheds and skulls having a market value in excess of \$350, which they knew, and which in the exercise of due care they should have known, had been possessed and transported in violation of the laws and regulations of the State of Wyoming, to wit, Wy. Stat. Ann. § 23-3-106 (prohibiting transportation of wildlife parts without being properly tagged with Wy. Interstate Game Tag), and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulations, Ch. 61 (prohibiting the collection of shed antlers West of the Continental Divide in Wyoming prior to May 1 of every year).

In violation of 16 U.S.C. §§ 3372(a)(2)(A), (a)(4) and 3373(d)(1)(B).

A TRUE BILL:

Ink Signature on File with Clerk's Office

FOREPERSON



NICHOLAS VASSALLO

United States Attorney

PENALTY SUMMARY

DEFENDANT NAME: JONATHAN LEE COX and STANLEY EVAN COX

DATE: September 19, 2023

INTERPRETER NEEDED: No

VICTIM(S): No

OFFENSE/PENALTIES:

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0–5 YEARS’ IMPRISONMENT
UP TO \$20,000 FINE
3 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE
\$100.00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

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0–5 YEARS’ IMPRISONMENT
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3 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE
\$100.00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

TOTALS: 0–10 YEARS’ IMPRISONMENT
UP TO \$40,000 FINE
3 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE
\$200.00 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

AGENT: Daniel Huckle, USFS

AUSA: Michael J. Elmore, Assistant United States Attorney

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL: 1 to 5 days

**WILL THE GOVERNMENT
SEEK DETENTION IN THIS
CASE:** No

**ARE THERE DETAINERS
FROM OTHER
JURISDICTIONS:** No