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Clay County Man Convicted of Intimidation of Public Officer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Charles Edward Murphy, 64, of Duck in Clay County has been convicted of charges of intimidation of and retaliation against a public officer.

The conviction stems from an incident in Moore Fork on Aug. 6, 2008 between Murphy and West Virginia Division of Forestry officers. The Forestry officers were on the scene to investigate illegal logging.

Murphy was arrested by Clay County Sheriff Randy Holcomb and Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Stuart Simms.

“We need the cooperation of the public to do our job,” said Randy Dye, director of the state Division of Forestry. “It is unfortunate that some choose not to cooperate and we must take more forceful action when the safety of our personnel is at risk.”

Appearing before Magistrate Jeffery Boggs, Murphy was fined \$500 plus court costs of \$159.53. He received a suspended sentence of 90 days in regional jail and unsupervised probation for one year.

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