



## State of New Jersey

New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife  
Bureau of Law Enforcement

### Violation Statement Concerning Petition for Early Restoration of:

Last: **Petteruti**

First: **Richard**

The above-named person has applied for restoration of his hunting and fishing license privileges. The following statement concerns the violations listed below:

Summons No.	Date Apprehend	Date Convicted	NJSA	NJAC	CO
129392	6/6/2022	9/5/2023	23:4-1	7:25-5.6	Lieutenant Holmes
129393	6/6/2022	9/5/2023	23:4-1	7:25-5.6(A)4	Lieutenant Holmes
129407	6/6/2022	9/5/2023	23:4-16(d)	n/a	Lieutenant Holmes
126597	2/21/2022	5/8/2023	23:4-13.1	n/a	Lieutenant Holmes

On Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, I received a trespassing complaint from a farmer who leases farmland in Mansfield Township, Warren County. The farmer informed me that two (2) individuals were hunting his leased property without permission. I arrived and observed two (2) individuals rabbit hunting, near a building on the property. I approached the first hunter, who was still loaded within the safety zone of the building. I secured his firearm and approached the second hunter, who was unloaded when I contacted him. The second hunter, later identified as Richard Petteruti, was only wearing an orange vest that was very faded and difficult to see. I asked the two hunters if they had written permission from the property owner or farmer to hunt the property and they said, "No, not written permission." I informed them of the trespassing complaint and that the farmer may be signing a complaint at the Mansfield Township Municipal Court for the trespass issue. I issued Richard Petteruti summons DFW 126597 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-13.1, "Did hunt with a firearm without wearing required/adequate fluorescent hunter orange."

Officers: return this statement to Lieutenant Joseph Soell (scan & email) no later than 11/3/2023.

CO Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date



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On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I received a complaint of an illegally shot black bear in Mansfield Township, Warren County. I met Mansfield Township Police where the black bear came to rest on a neighboring property and determined it came from Richard Petteruti's residence. Patrolman Hill and I arrived at Petteruti's residence and asked him if he had shot anything on his property that evening. Petteruti first stated that he shot a deer on his depredation permit and later informed me that he shot a black bear. Petteruti signed a consent to search form and invited Patrolman Hill and I into his residence. Petteruti took us down to a bedroom in the basement and turned over the firearm he used to shoot the black bear, which was a 6 mm rifle. I asked Petteruti if he had a black bear depredation permit and he provided me with an unsigned completed permit application. Petteruti indicated that it was not signed because damage had not been done yet to his fruit trees. I asked Petteruti what the bear was doing before he shot it. Petteruti stated that his grandson was playing outside but the black bear did not approach his grandson or attempt to enter his residence. I asked Petteruti where he shot the black bear from, and he took me to his sliding back door. I asked Petteruti if he had written permission from his neighbors to hunt within 450 feet of their homes and he said they have given him verbal consent in the past. CPO Merritt and I returned the following day and measured the distances to the three (3) neighboring residences. Three (3) of the homes were within the 450 foot safety zone from his sliding back door and two (2) of the homeowners indicated that they did not give Petteruti permission to have a loaded firearm within their safety zone. As a result of the investigation, Petteruti was issued five (5) summonses for the violations and plead guilty in court.

DFW 129392 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6(a), "Did hunt/take black bear during closed season."

DFW 129393 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.6(a)(4), "Possess/use illegal missile while hunting black bear."

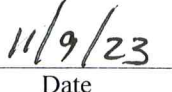
DFW 129394 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-12, "Did hunt bear in a manner other than prescribed by code (ie. Rifle)."

DFW 129407 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-16(d), "Did possess a loaded firearm within 450 feet of an occupied building."

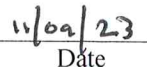
DFW 129408 for violation of N.J.S.A. 23:4-16(d), "Did possess a loaded firearm within 450 feet of an occupied building."

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