

Don't Shoot Eagles

.. Eagles can be expensive in "time" and money.

A Petersburg resident was fined a total of \$2,000 and sentenced to 180 days in jail on two counts of shooting two Bald Eagles near Petersburg early last month, a Department of Public Safety spokesman reported.

Magistrate Kristen Billings suspended \$500 and 60 days of each count providing the offender does not violate any laws for the period of one year.

The balance of 30 days on each count were to be served concurrently.

The resident pleaded guilty after an extensive investigation revealed that shell cartridges found on the scene were purchased by the offender a short time before the eagles were shot.

One eagle was shot out of a tree and another was shot after it had been caught in a trap set by a local trapper. The trapper found the eagles and reported the incident to the police.

The Department of Public Safety spokesman said people should be aware that taking or molesting an eagle or possession of any parts of an eagle (including feathers), are both a state and federal offense.