

\$4,000 in Fines for Illegal Camping

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Four individuals from the North Bay area have been fined a total of \$4,000 for offences under the Public Lands Act.

James Liscombe and Leon Danis of North Bay, James Hamel of Callander, and Julie-Anne Liscombe of Powassan were each fined \$1,000 after pleading guilty to camping at one location on Crown land for more than 21 days.

Court heard that during the summer of 2017, a conservation officer conducted an investigation into complaints of people camping for extended periods of time at a popular Crown land camping area.

The four defendants were camping at the access point to Cassells Lake on Lowell Lake Road near Temagami. A large sign was in place to advise users of the 21-day rule. Despite the warning sign, the officer determined that the four campers had remained at the same site from June 27 to August 8.

Justice of the Peace Theodore Hodgins heard the cases on September 7, 2017, in the Ontario Court of Justice, Haileybury.

The public is reminded that camping on Crown land is restricted to 21 days per year at one location to allow equal access to popular camping spots and to reduce environmental impacts.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).