

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Charged with Unlawful Taking of Deer

On January 3, 2026, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Indiana Conservation Officers responded to a home in Fishers to interview Aaron Mauk regarding his involvement in an illegal deer harvesting investigation.

On January 12, 2026, conservation officers made contact with Mauk again as part of the ongoing investigation. During that interview, Mauk admitted to harvesting three deer in Steuben County in 2025 without the required license.

On March 3, 2026, the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office filed charges against Mauk for Unlawful Taking of a Deer, a Class B misdemeanor, and Providing False Information to a Check Station, a Class C misdemeanor. A summons was issued and mailed to Mauk.

On March 18, 2026, upon learning of the charges, Chief Terry immediately placed Mauk on administrative duty pending a thorough review of the facts. At this time, he no longer has police powers.

Once it was confirmed that the individual involved was an off-duty IMPD officer, detectives with the department's Investigations Division were notified and initiated a parallel review.

Mauk has been with IMPD for 10 years and was most recently assigned to the Southeast District.

IMPD Internal Affairs has opened an administrative investigation, and the findings will be submitted to Chief Terry for review.

As with any individual charged with a crime, Mauk is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.