

3 men going to jail for selling wild deer meat in El Dorado County

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Three Stockton men have been slapped with jail time and steep fines for poaching and selling wild deer meat in El Dorado County.

The case resulted from an anonymous tip in May 2011 via the California Department of Fish and Game's wildlife enforcement hotline, (888) DFG-CALTIP.

After a three-week investigation, state game wardens arrested Thongseuth Khouchanh, 58; Ti Sila, 51; and Bounleuna Sysenglath, 59; all from Stockton.

The arrest followed extensive surveillance that indicated the suspects were making multiple poaching trips per week, including killing bucks as well as pregnant does. They sold the deer meat to an established network of buyers.

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