

POWELL POLICE
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An anonymous e-mail tip received through the Powell Police CrimeTips Line has led to the conviction of a Montana man on poaching charges. On November 13, 2008 the Powell Police received an anonymous e-mail tip reporting that on or around October 23-25, 2008 Quintin W. Mahkuk had poached a bobcat in the Missoula Montana area and had hidden the animal in a freezer waiting for the season to open. The information was passed on to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for further investigation. On July 14, 2009 the Powell Police were notified by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks that subsequent to their investigation that Mahkuk, 26, of Pablo Mt had entered guilty pleas to one count of unlawfully taking a game animal and one count of hunting or trapping a furbearing animal during a closed season. He was sentenced to 6 months jail, suspended, a \$300 fine, and surcharge on each count, and forfeited all hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for 24 months and paid \$100 restitution.