



# Wyoming Game and Fish Department

## Law Enforcement Incident Report

Case: 25101/62

Case #: 25101/62  
 Case Date: 8/4/2001 8:30:00AM  
 Type: OBSERVED  
 Status: CLOSED

Case Officer: SAX, CRAIG  
 Coordinator: DeSomber, Tom  
 Creator: SAX, CRAIG  
 Create Date: 08/25/2001

### Case Synopsis

VINCENT B. MEISTER was field checked after he completed fishing a hole on the Northfork of the Shoshone River near 6FU on 8/4/2001 at 830 hours. VINCENT B. MEISTERs 4-wheel drive truck had Utah registration, 883 KMX. In the bed of the truck was a four-wheeler with a Utah recreation sticker. PHILIP E. MEISTER, his brother, was one of the two men who accompanied VINCENT B. MEISTER. Officer Sax inquired into the Utah vehicle registration on the truck. VINCENT B. MEISTER told Officer Sax that the truck belongs to him. Officer Sax asked whos address was shown on the resident fishing license held by VINCENT B. MEISTER. VINCENT B. MEISTER said the address was his moms and dads (1911 Beck Ave). During the discussion of VINCENT B. MEISTERs residency, Officer Sax established that VINCENT B. MEISTER has been employed in Utah by the Salt Lake City district attorneys office starting in 1991 and had been continuously employed in Utah since that time as an attorney. We also discussed the fact that VINCENT B. MEISTER is married and lives with his wife and children in Midvale. VINCENT B. MEISTERs children attend school in Utah and his wife is employed in Utah. Our discussion of the specifics of the circumstances spanned approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Officer Sax advised VINCENT B. MEISTER to not purchase any additional resident hunting and fishing licenses until the question of his claimed residency is completely investigated. VINCENT B. MEISTERs last known Wyoming drivers license expired 1/5/1987. Resident Wyoming hunting and fishing licenses known to have been purchased by VINCENT B. MEISTER since he has lived and worked in Utah (1991) include five (5) fishing licenses, two (2) black bear licenses, eight (8) each deer and elk licenses. PHILIP E. MEISTER had purchased a resident youth fishing license after the day he reached his eighteenth birthday. He should have properly purchased an adult resident fishing license. PHILIP E. MEISTER was told to replace the youth fishing license with an adult license prior to fishing again.

### Suspect(s)

MEISTER, VINCENT B

DOB: [REDACTED]  
 HT: 5:07  
 WT: 180  
 Gender M

Hair: RED  
 Eyes: BLUE  
 Race: Caucasian

Driver's License: [REDACTED]  
 Social Security #: [REDACTED]  
 Email Address:

State Class

Address(es):

Phone Number(s):

Violations:

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-1

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-2

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ANTELOPE, DEER, BLK BEAR, MTN LION LICENSE**

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**Code:** 227    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:** 00RD24777  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-3

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FISHING W/O LICENSE BY A PERSON 14 YRS AND OLDER**

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**Code:** 101    **Statute:** 23-2-202    **License #:**  
**Species** SPORT FISH  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-4

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO PROCURE FISH LICENSE**

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**Code:** 122    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** SPORT FISH  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-5

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-6

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-7

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:** 98RE26862  
**Species** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-8

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species:** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-9

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species:** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-10

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:** 96RD042495  
**Species:** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-11

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species:** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-12

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-13

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ANTELOPE, DEER, BLK BEAR, MTN LION LICENSE**

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**Code:** 227    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-14

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FISHING W/O LICENSE BY A PERSON 14 YRS AND OLDER**

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**Code:** 101    **Statute:** 23-2-202    **License #:**  
**Species** SPORT FISH  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-15

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-16

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00

**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**TAKE DEER WITHOUT LICENSE**

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**Code:** 213    **Statute:** 23-3-102 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-17

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 22E    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** SPORT FISH  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-18

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ANTELOPE, DEER, BLK BEAR, MTN LION LICENSE**

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**Code:** 227    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:** 93RD052841  
**Species** MULE DEER  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-19

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FISHING W/O LICENSE BY A PERSON 14 YRS AND OLDER**

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**Code:** 101    **Statute:** 23-2-202    **License #:**  
**Species**  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-20

**Court Information**  
**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** GUILTY                      **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$30.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

**Type**    **Start:**    **Reinstate:**

**Description**

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**FALSE STATEMENT TO OBTAIN MNT GOAT, SHEEP, OR MOOSE LICENSE**

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**Code:** 228    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** ELK  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-21

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

Type	Start:	Reinstate:
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**FALSE STATEMENT TO PROCURE FISH LICENSE**

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**Code:** 122    **Statute:** 23-3-403 (a)    **License #:**  
**Species** SPORT FISH  
**Region:** CODY                      **Type:** INFO                      **Ticket #:** CR-2004-0000007-22

**Court Information**

**Disposition Date:** 09/08/2004    **Disposition:** DISMISSED    **County:** PARK  
**Fine Amount:** \$0.00                      **Restitution Amount:** \$0.00  
**Notes:**

**Suspension Information**

Type	Start:	Reinstate:
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**Vehicles**

<b>Type:</b> PASSENGER	<b>Owner:</b> MEISTER, VINCENT			
<b>Year:</b>	<b>Make:</b> NISSAN	<b>Model:</b> MAXIMA (87)	<b>Color:</b>	
<b>Plate #:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Registration:</b>		
<b>Type:</b> TRUCK	<b>Owner:</b> MEISTER, VINCENT			
<b>Year:</b>	<b>Make:</b> DODGE	<b>Model:</b> 1998 4X4	<b>Color:</b> BLUE	
<b>Plate #:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Registration:</b>		

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**Supplemental Reports**

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**Creator** SAX, CRAIG                      **Radio #** 51

During the interview of VINCENT B. MEISTER Warden Sax inquired in the specifics of Mr. MEISTER'S domicile and other living arrangements. VINCENT B. MEISTER said he is married and that his children live with he and his wife in Utah. The children attend school in Utah and VINCENT B. MEISTER'S wife works in Utah. Warden Sax asked which state, Wyoming or Utah, Mr. MEISTER held a driver's license. Mr. Meister held a valid Utah driver's license and stated it was a condition of his employment. Warden Sax asked if Mr. MEISTER had any vehicles registered in Wyoming. At first he said he did not and the corrected his statement and indicated he had a horse trailer registered in Wyoming. Vehicle registration records in Park County Wyoming do not show a horse trailer registered in VINCENT B. MEISTER'S name. VINCENT B. MEISTER does not own a place of abode in Wyoming but stays in his mother's and father's home when he returns to Cody periodically. VINCENT B. MEISTER claimed that he believed that domicile was a place a person intended to make his permanent home some day, more of an idea or an intent as opposed to my belief that domicile is a thing. I pointed out the requirement of domicile while using the department's residency brochure, that for residency purposes, a domicile must be considered as a primary domicile as opposed to a secondary domicile or one maintained for a special purpose. VINCENT B. MEISTER continued to defend his position and we agreed to disagree on the interpretation of this point of law. VINCENT B. MEISTER also defended his position based partially on the fact that he says

he has not purchased resident hunting or fishing licenses in Utah since moving to Utah. I asked Mr. MEISTER about his Utah state income tax and whether he claims his Wyoming address and identifies himself as a Wyoming resident when he files his taxes. He indicated he does not identify himself as a Wyoming resident on these forms. Warden Sax contacted the Park County, WY County Clerk's Office for Voter Registration and established that VINCENT B. MEISTER registered to vote in Park County in September of 1978. He cancelled his voter registration in Park County by way of mail request on January 7th, 1984. The request by VINCENT B. MEISTER originated from or his registration was transferred to Urbana, Illinois. The actual date the cancellation was effective was March 1985. Warden Sax contacted Larry Marx, an enforcement officer with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) assigned to the Salt Lake City (SLC) headquarters office. Warden Sax asked Larry Marx to determine if VINCENT B. MEISTER was registered to vote in Salt Lake County. Larry Marx stated that he was acquainted with VINCENT B. MEISTER, Deputy District Attorney, SLC, and would provide me with the requested information. Larry Marx responded via FAX that VINCENT B. MEISTER registered to vote in Salt Lake County, Midvale in 1998 and that I could obtain a court worthy document by sending the Salt Lake County Clerk a request for such a document on official Game and Fish Department letterhead. On September 27th, 2001, I made this request. On October 5th I received a certified copy of VINCENT B. MEISTER's Salt Lake County Election Registration. The registration date is listed as 06/03/1998 On October 5th Larry Marx, UDWR contacted Warden Sax and detailed the following conversations. The Salt Lake District Attorney, Dave Yoakum, went into VINCENT B. MEISTER's office and blew his top over the pending investigation. Larry Marx was contacted by VINCENT B. MEISTER and he and UDWR Officer, Bill Woody went to VINCENT B. MEISTER's office to discuss his residency claims in Wyoming. Larry Marx reported he obtained a copy of the Wyoming Game and Fish residency statutes off the internet and took them with him as he counseled VINCENT B. MEISTER on his claim of residency in Wyoming for over an hour and a half long meeting. Larry Marx told Warden Sax that he is convinced that VINCENT B. MEISTER is not domiciled in Wyoming. Larry Marx verified that VINCENT B. MEISTER is employed in SLC, lives in Midvale, is married and has children who attend schools in Midvale, and that Mrs. VINCENT B. MEISTER is employed in the SLC area. Mr. Marx said he is certain of VINCENT B. MEISTER's domicile being in Utah. In the interest of VINCENT B. MEISTER's claimed defense of his position that he is "domiciled" in Wyoming, VINCENT B. MEISTER stated to Officer Marx that he has never purchased a resident hunting or fishing license in UT or Minnesota, where he own property. VINCENT B. MEISTER also explained that he had purchased a 2001 elk license through the Wyoming limited quota drawing and wanted to know if he could use the license. Warden Sax explained that the license was in this warden's opinion improperly obtained and that by hunting on the license he would be compounding the violation by hunting on an improper license. Warden Sax had explained this same information to VINCENT B. MEISTER at the time of the first field contact with VINCENT B. MEISTER. At that time Warden Sax asked VINCENT B. MEISTER if he had obtained any other licenses in Wyoming in 2001. Mr. Meister said that he had not at which time I pointed out that if he continued to fish on the license he improperly possessed that he would be fishing on an improper license which would be an additional violation of Wyoming law. Officer Larry Marx stated that it was clear to him that VINCENT B. MEISTER has rationalized his claim of residency in his own mind and as other violators of wildlife law do and that he cannot conclude error on his own behalf. Officer Marx also stated that in regards to VINCENT B. MEISTER's record of being registered to vote in Salt Lake County, VINCENT B. MEISTER claimed that he attended a political block meeting in 1998 in Midvale (or another location in Salt Lake County) and that he did not register to vote in Utah. VINCENT B. MEISTER claimed he has consistently voted in Wyoming by way of absentee ballot. Voting via absentee ballot is only permitted if a person is registered to vote and resides in the county where registered. Warden Sax contacted Patricia O. Arp who is collates the voter registrations for all of Wyoming's 23 counties from the Secretary of State's Office and she advises me that VINCENT B. MEISTER is not currently registered to vote in Wyoming. I contacted the Albany County Clerk's office Arlene Skinner, (307) 721-2546 and requested a historical check of the voter registration records for the years of 1985 through 1990 in case VINCENT B. MEISTER attended law school in Laramie. No record of him being registered to vote nor requesting an absentee ballot was found. Warden Sax asked Officer Larry Marx if he completed a report on his contact with VINCENT B. MEISTER and Officer Marx stated that he had not because he was visiting him more as a friend to encourage him to work with the Wyoming Game and Fish on this matter. Larry Marx stated that he did not believe VINCENT B. MEISTER would be contacting the State of Wyoming on these violations. A reexamination of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department records of license purchases by VINCENT B. MEISTER on 1/22/2003 show that Mr. MEISTER purchased or attempted to purchase two additional licenses not previously documented in this



report. One was a year 2000 resident fishing license (count 24) and a 1996 limited quota elk license application (count 25). Each one contains a false statement to procure a resident license. Park County Assessor (4/19/2002) shows no taxable property owned by VINCENT MEISTER. Records at the Assessor's Office list Lawrence Fredrick Meister, 1911 Beck Ave., Cody WY, 82414 as the owner of a 7,000 sq foot lot in Cody and estimated the value of the property at \$90,288.00 fair market value. On 2/2/2004 Hot Springs County Attorney called Warden Sax and informed him that he owed me an apology for neglecting this case and said that he realized that he had set the case aside for eight (8) months. He promised to file the charges immediately. On 6/18/2004 Warden Sax met with the Hot Springs County Attorney and finalized matters, reviewed evidence and discussed potential witnesses and their availability. On 9/8/2004 a change of plea hearing was scheduled in Park County Circuit Court. At the hearing, VINCENT MEISTER presented an eighteen page request for reversal of decision on the motions for dismissal. The judge ruled against the reversal and then heard the change of plea. The defendant pled no contest to 10 counts of taking wildlife on improper licenses. Three of the counts were taking fish on improper licenses and seven of the counts were for taking deer on improper licenses. The judge assessed \$300 in court cost and \$4,000 restitution to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

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**Creator** SAX, CRAIG **Radio #** 51

On July 31st, 2007, Park County Attorney, Brain Skoric confirmed that the VINCENT B. MEISTER appeal to the Wyoming Supreme Court in the April term, A.D. 2006, dated the 22nd day, is dismissed, affirming the lower courts finding on behalf of the State. The Park County Attorney sent me a copy of this Supreme Court order on August 23rd, 2007.

### Signatures

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Case Officer Signature

Date

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CMS Coordinator Signature

Date

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Supervisor Signature

Date