

Forestdale man arraigned in hunting shooting

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NANTUCKET - A Forestdale man pleaded not guilty yesterday in a Nantucket court in connection with shooting another man on the first day of shotgun deer season on Nantucket in December.

Mark McDonnell is charged with "causing personal injury with a hunting weapon." A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for July 8.

McDonnell allegedly shot Anthony Sciarrillo, 45, of East Falmouth, in his legs and abdomen Dec. 1 in the first hour of shotgun deer hunting season as he and four friends were looking for deer in woods off Eel Point Road on Nantucket.

McDonnell was not part of Sciarrillo's hunting party. The two men had never met.

Sciarrillo, a self-employed contractor and life-long hunter, underwent three surgeries as a result of the injuries, which included a broken leg, nicked femoral artery, pierced intestines, and shredded nerves and muscle.

There were a total of six hunting incidents statewide in 2008 involving hunters who shot other hunters or hunters who accidentally shot themselves, according to a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

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