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## **Anderson Man Pleads Guilty to Stealing Wood from Sierra Pacific Industries**

Anderson, CA – Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) today announced that an Anderson man has pled guilty to felony grand theft in Trinity County Superior Court for stealing firewood from SPI for commercial use.

In March, 2008, Trinity County District Attorney Michael Harper charged Arthur Koon and co-defendant Jeffery Hursey of Anderson with grand theft, receiving stolen property, trespassing, and trespassing to remove timber. A third defendant – Michael Howard of Redding – pleaded no contest to lesser charges and has already served time in jail.

Koon's plea agreement includes 30 days of incarceration, three years of felony probation, and a requirement to pay restitution to SPI. Charges were dismissed against Hursey.

"We consider this to be an exceptionally aggravated situation because it occurred in an established tree plantation damaging or killing numerous trees," said SPI spokesman Mark Pawlicki. He went on to say "SPI does not allow firewood cutting on its lands due to liability, potential for fire, and resource loss or damage that can occur." "We are pleased that the District Attorney brought these charges and believe it sends a message to others that they, too, will be prosecuted if they steal or damage our property," Pawlicki said.

Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. The firm owns and manages nearly 1.9 million acres of timberland in California and Washington, and is the second largest lumber producer in the U.S. Sierra Pacific is committed to managing its lands in a responsible and sustainable manner to protect the environment while providing quality wood products for consumers.

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