

The picture in question is my work. By me contacting and informing you that it is my work is enough evidence that it is mine. Is it yours? Did you take the picture? Do you have written permission to use the picture? No, it is not yours and you don't have the right to use the picture. Please just remove the picture from your Facebook page.

If you would like more information on Copyrights I have attached a link..."

With the information I emailed her, she had no argument about the ownership of the photos. I felt a victory as she replied, "I will remove it but..."

Then the infamous "BUT" is added... this was my way of knowing she was not happy with having to remove it and a way of adding a little more insult before parting ways. This person informed me that I should stop posting such evil and cruel pictures of murdered animals, especially by children, which is extremely disturbing. She went on to say that people do use these "wildlife serial killing" photos when they find them and that the next time I want to share sadism I should open my own "underground org like serial killers and pedophiles does." I couldn't do anything but chuckle at the foolish thinking of this person and ended the whole communications with "Thank you for your cooperation in this matter."

THE OUTCOME

By being professional and using good information I was able to have this picture removed along with 13 other pictures that were being used, I'm sure without the owners knowledge as well. I felt victorious in my skirmish against one of these anti-hunters.

THE RESOURCES

In this case, I found a good resource to assist me in winning the argument. The U.S. Copyright Office's website has a lot of understandable information in their Frequently Asked Questions section. The basic information that I located was very helpful to show my work is protected the moment I create it and fix it in a tangible form. Copyright covers both published and unpublished works. Work that is created does not have to be registered with the copyright office in order to be protected. However, if you wish to bring a lawsuit for infringement of a U.S. work, it will need to be registered

and the fees are of minimal cost.

For more information about copyright visit the US Copyright Office website at, <http://www.copyright.gov>

I also found out that YouTube has a Copyright Complaint Webform that can be filled out to address copyright issues as well. After it is submitted, notification is sent to the person who has posted the video(s) in question.

FINAL WORDS

When dealing with anti-hunters we need to realize that a lot of these people are not thinking on the same page as we are. At times it may be very difficult to talk with them about hunting, but no matter what we should always choose the professional approach when we are dealing with anti-hunter vs. hunter issues

Simply by watching out for each other and using current laws in our favor, we can be very successful in fighting back when anti-hunters use our own pictures and video against us.

Although I don't feel that my son's photo was a good choice to show a negative impact on hunting, we all should do our part in making sure that the media we are posting should be presentable, so they are not used to against us.

If we choose the professional route there is no doubt that we can be very successful in combating the misrepresentation that the hunting community receives.

Donnie, thanks for sharing your story with the LSBA members and representing the hunting community in a professional and positive manner. As he mentioned, we all need to be aware that pictures and videos which represent pride, respect and success in the field to hunters can be turned around by the anti-hunters to further their agenda. It is important to take tasteful and respectful photos in the field. As you can see by Donnie's son's photo, it is tasteful, but was still used for the exploitation of hunters. With the social networking sites, these photos and videos can be seen by MILLIONS of people. If you have not viewed any of the anti-hunters' websites, you should take a look at their agendas and pictures. You never know when you may recognize someone. If you do, please take time to contact that person and let them know their photos or videos are being used without their permission. I would hate to think my family's photos were being used in this matter without my knowledge. I encourage you to

make yourself aware of the threats to hunting and hunters and not take our hunting privilege for granted.

I wish everyone the best of luck this season and remember let's keep watching out for each other.

May your arrows fly true!

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