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Hunter Sentenced to Probation for Shooting Ultralight Pilot

Frank Urban of Byers on Tuesday pleaded guilty to illegal discharge of a firearm and was sentenced to two years' probation for shooting at an ultralight pilot last September.

Since he now is convicted of a felony, Urban cannot possess firearms. Adams County District Judge Francis Wasserman also ordered Urban to perform 50 hours of community service as well as to complete anger management counseling and courses in cognitive thinking and victim empathy.

James Johnson, 50, was flying over his cornfield near East 64th Avenue and Calhoun Byers Road on September 1 in his ultralight aircraft when he was hit by shotgun pellets. He was treated at the scene and released. Urban was hunting on private land in the area.

Urban (DOB 10/03/65) pleaded guilty to the added charge of illegal discharge of a firearm (F5) as part of a plea agreement. Charges of second-degree assault (F4) and felony menacing with a weapon (F5) were dismissed as part of the agreement.

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