

From staff reports Michael Joseph Demaro, 44, of Skiatook was convicted and sentenced Aug.

13 on three counts of larceny of domestic animals, cattle. The convictions are the

result of an investigation by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Special Ranger

Bart Perrier. According to Perrier, from June 21 to June 27, 2018, he received

reports of stolen cattle from three victims near Avant in rural Osage County. Perrier

initiated an investigation in each of the cases and subsequently located some of the

stolen animals at livestock markets across northeastern Oklahoma and southern Kansas. With the assistance

of local law enforcement and special agents with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Perrier

was able to identify additional stolen cattle belonging to the victims. Demaro, along with

accomplice Cody Joseph Porter, 32, of Sperry, were quickly identified as suspects in the

thefts. The two men were subsequently charged with three counts of larceny each. Demaro

entered a guilty plea Aug. 13 before the Osage County District Court and was

sentenced to 20 years in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for

each charge, to run concurrently. He will serve 10 years in prison and another

10 on probation. Restitution will also be required, but the amount has not yet

been determined. His accomplice, Porter, was sentenced in February and is currently serving his

sentence in connection to the thefts. "This case is a perfect example of numerous

agencies across the state working cooperatively to recover stolen livestock and property," said Perrier.

"Through the hard work and dedication of many agencies and individuals across Oklahoma, we

were able to bring those responsible to justice." Perrier and TSCRA would like to

thank the Osage County Sheriff's Office, especially Deputy Daniel Brashear, Deputy Kyle Reese, Investigator

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