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Almost \$1.5 million was lost during a robbery of a Caledon taxidermist.

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Restrictions on selling antlers

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But, despite all necessary security and safety precautions, somehow, someone managed to get into the secured area and take off with a pick-up truck, the trailer containing the antlers, and a second trailer with two all terrain vehicles (ATVs) inside.

The ATVs, Galea says, was the only thing that his disabled son was able to use independently.

Galea and McGregor estimate the loss to be about \$1.5 million a figure which has come under much scrutiny since being released.

According to the business owners, given that many of the hunters travel from international locations to northern Canada and Alaska to go on the adventure that eventually ends in a kill - there are a lot of costs incurred before those antlers get to Advanced Taxidermy.

The cost is in the hunt. To go hunt an Alaskan moose or a Yukon moose and fly all the way from Belgium, France or Germany to the United States or Canada, to get to that destination and harvest an animal of that magnitude and that size, to have an outfitter guide you through those mountains to get that animal back to us would be closer to \$30,000 US, said Galea. For me to be able to replace that, I would have to

pay him to recreate that entire experience again. It's like someone telling you to just have your wedding day all over again if the photos go missing. It's just not the same.

The antlers themselves are worth next to nothing because there are steep restrictions when it comes to selling or moving wildlife of any kind.

According to Jolanta Kowalski, Sr. Media Relations Officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, fines for selling such items can be as much as \$100,000 and two years imprisonment as they are commercial offences.

These guys think that they are sitting on a gold mine. If it was that easy to sell them, I'd be selling stuff like that all the time, said Galea. For us to ship a client their elk we have like 20 hours invested in paperwork to be able to transport that across the border or from province to province. It is a huge process. You can't just sell them or take them anywhere.

Galea and McGregor are reaching out to the community to keep an eye out for all of the missing items.

We need people to look in their barns and look in their sheds and look in trailers, look behind the field in the back bush, we need people to look around and see if this trailer turns up. The trailer has not come up. This is our livelihood.



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