

# Northwest Iowa man sentenced for shooting crop-dusting plane

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EMMETSBURG, Iowa (AP) — A northwest Iowa man has been sentenced to five year in prison for shooting at a crop-dusting plane in Palo Alto County last year.



Crop Duster Plane courtesy of ThinkStock

Sioux City television station KTIV reports that 55-year-old John Metzger of Whittemore was sentenced Friday in Palo Alto District Court.

Metzger was found guilty in November by a jury of going armed with intent. He was not found guilty of other charges, including terrorism, stalking with a weapon and intimidation with a dangerous weapon.

The Palo Alto County Sheriff's Office says Metzger fired a gun that hit the wing flap of a plane while spraying a field in Fairfield Township on July 31st. The plane was landed safely at Steier's landing strip in Whittemore. The pilot wasn't injured.

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