

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report
June 30 – July 6, 2013

This report is a broad sampling of events that have taken place in the past week, but does not include all actions taken by the Law Enforcement Division.



Region I- Calhoun (Northwest)

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

HART COUNTY

On July 4th, Cpl. Craig Fulghum received a call from Hart 911 about a boat accident that occurred on Lake Hartwell near I-85 Bridge. RFC Tim Vickery and Cpl. Fulghum both responded to Cobb Memorial Hospital to investigate. The incident involved two pwc's that hit resulting in two injuries. Both victims were released from the Hospital the same day.

On July 6th, Sgt. Stan Elrod, RFC Shane Sarter and Cpl. Craig Fulghum were patrolling Lake Hartwell in Payne's Creek. They witnessed a subject operating a pwc that was spraying a subject in the water within 100 foot of that person. After stopping the vessel the subject failed a field sobriety test and was arrested for BUI and transported to Hart County Jail. In addition to the BUI charge the subject also was cited for operating his pwc above idle speed within 100 foot of an object in the water and for an unserviceable fire extinguisher.

HARTWELL LAKE

On July 5th, RFC Brandon Pierce and RFC Shane Sartor, along with a college intern, patrolled Hartwell Lake for any boating safety/fishing activity. Being a holiday weekend numerous boats were checked for proper safety equipment and several fishing licenses were checked as well. As a result, six citations and warnings were issued. The violations consisted of failure to obey regulatory marker, operating a vessel without CGA PFD's, operating vessel without registration, non-resident fishing without a license, and fishing without a license.

On July 6th, RFC Brandon Pierce and RFC Tim Vickery patrolled Hartwell Lake for any boating safety/fishing activity over the holiday weekend. Throughout the day a total of ten boats were checked for proper safety equipment and six fishing licenses were also inspected. As a result, six citations and warnings were issued. The violations consisted of fishing without a license, operating vessel with improper registration, operating a vessel without CGA PFD's, towing skier with PWC without an observer on board, and operating vessel without a fire extinguisher.

On July 5th, RFC Tim Vickery and Cpl. Bill Bunch worked a vessel patrol on the north end of Lake Hartwell in Stephens and Franklin Counties. Several boats were checked and citations and warning were issued for towing skier on PWC without observer, operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's and fishing without a license.

FRANKLIN

On July 6th, RFC Brandon Pierce, Sgt. Stan Elrod, Cpl. Craig Fulghum, RFC Tim Vickery, and RFC Shane Sartor conducted a HIN inspection at the Tugaloo State Park Mega Ramp for boats with issues in getting registered. Numerous boats were inspected and all problems were solved with boat registration.

HALL COUNTY

On June 30th, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk and Cpl. Jason Roberson patrolled Lake Lanier for boating violations. During the patrol the officers worked one boating accident, assisted Hall County Fire Dept. with a drug overdose, and arrested two subjects for boating under the influence of alcohol.

DAWSON COUNTY

On July 2nd, Sgt. Lee Brown and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled Dawson Forest WMA. The rangers checked several fishermen, campers and others using the area. Written warnings were issued for entering an area without a GORP pass and unlawful consumption of alcohol on a WMA.

On July 6th, RFC Mitchell Crump and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. Verbal Guidance and written warnings were issued for registration violations, allowing an underage person to operate a PWC, fishing without a license, operating a vessel with improper lights.

FORSYTH COUNTY

On June 30th, Cpl. Eric Sanders and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. Verbal guidance, written warnings and citations were issued for registration violations, operating a vessel with improper lights, towing skier on a PWC without an observer and insufficient PFD's.

On July 2nd, Cpl. Eric Sanders and RFC David Webb patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. Written warnings and citations were issued for towing a skier without an observer, skiing without wearing a PFD, operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's and fishing without a license.

On July 6th, Sgt. Lee Brown and RFC Barry Britt patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. Verbal Guidance, written warnings and citations were issued for non-resident fishing without a license, operating a vessel with improper lights, allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD, operating a vessel without registration, operating a vessel without lights, operating a vessel without a Type IV PFD and Boating under the Influence.

HALL COUNTY

On June 30th, RFC Mitchell Crump and a Hall County Deputy patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing violations. Written warnings and citations were issued for allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD, failure to obey a regulatory marker and fishing without license.

LUMPKIN COUNTY

On July 5th, RFC Mitchell Crump and Ranger Shane Brown patrolled Lumpkin Park on Lake Lanier. The rangers issued three written warnings for fishing without a license.

ROCKDALE COUNTY

On July 6th, Cpl. Eric Sanders patrolled Randy Poynter Lake for boating and fishing violations. Written warnings and citations were issued for registration violations and fishing without a license.

RABUN COUNTY

On July 4th, RFC Chad Chambers responded to a boating accident involving two personal water craft on Lake Burton. An 18 year old girl received lacerations to her ankle and knee and a dislocated elbow. She was treated and released at Mountain Lakes Medical Center. Cause of the incident was determined to be violation of the 100' rule. Charges are forthcoming on the operator of the second PWC. Heavy rain was also a contributing factor to the operator's inability to see the second PWC. It is highly recommended that during reduced visibility to maintain a speed slow enough to avoid a collision if necessary.

On July 6th, the body of Thomas Hill was recovered from Lake Tugalo after numerous days of being entangled on the Chattooga River resulting from a rafting incident. Mr. Hill, an employee of Sherman Williams Paint Company was ejected from a raft during a company outing. Numerous agencies including the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division spent countless hours trying to recover the body of Mr. Hill which was thwarted by raging waters from the large amount of rain that we have received over the past few days.

During the 4th of July Holiday Weekend a large amount of rain dumped on the North Georgia Mountains. Numerous boat houses on Lake Burton, Seed and Rabun were found to be under water. One boat house in particular was the Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division boathouse on Lake Seed. RFC Chad Chambers (Photo Below) donned his waders and entered the Lake Seed DNR boathouse to get the DNR boat out before it was rendered unusable due to the flood waters. Notice the water level to the door knob.



UNION COUNTY

On June 30th, RFC Dyer and Union County Deputy Kaylor patrolled Nottely Lake for boating safety violations. Citations were issued for operating a vessel without PFD; operating a PWC without a PFD, violation of the 100' law and fishing without license. While patrolling on the lake the officers saw a large amount of black smoke in the area of Jewell Mason Road. The officers drove to the area and located an Illegal Burn. A citation was issued to the subject that was burning carpet, vinyl and other illegal materials.

On July 2nd, RFC Dyer conducted an Information and Education Program for the Nottely Lake Improvement Association. The program consisted of a power point presentation that covered the new DNR Law Enforcement Division, new boating laws, DNR's sonar device that is used to scan the bottom of the lake to recover accident victims, followed by questions and concerns that involve Nottely Lake. The Nottely Lake Improvement Association presented RFC Dyer with 100 Tee Shirts to give to children that are caught wearing their life jacket by DNR Rangers.

On July 4th, RFC Dyer was patrolling Lake Winfield Scott where he issued citation for fishing without a license and a warning for fishing without a trout license.

On July 5th, RFC Dyer answered a complaint on Mulky Gap Road in reference to a fishing without permission complaint that occurred on July 1, 2013. RFC Dyer obtained a written statement from the witness and provided the landowner with a landowner/lessee affidavit. RFC Dyer met RFC David Webb and the officers went to a residence believed to be that of the suspects to investigate the fishing without permission complaint. No one was available at the residence at the time. On July 6th, RFC Dyer and RFC Anne Alexander went back to the residence of the suspects where they interviewed two subjects in suspected of being involved in the fishing without permission complaint. After completing the interview RFC Dyer issued four citations to the subjects and closed the case.

WHITE COUNTY

On July 4th, RFC Anne Alexander, Capt. Thomas Barnard and Sgt. Steve Seitz were patrolling state land property on Unicoi State Park. The officers found a fisherman who appeared to have passed out on a picnic table at Smith Creek. Concerned for the welfare of the individual, the officers attempted to wake the subject who was later found to be noticeably intoxicated. His actions and demeanor was suspicious enough that the officers arrested him for being under the influence of an intoxicant on the State Park and he was transported to the White County Detention Center by White County Sheriffs Deputies.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

BURKE COUNTY

On July 6, 2013, SGT Max Boswell and RFC Jeff Billips patrolled on creeks and without permission property checking fishing activity. One (1) citation was issued for fishing without a license and one citation for fishing without permission.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

On Thursday July 4th Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Bobby Timmerman conducted a boating safety patrol on Clarks Hill Lake. Officers issued citations and warnings for various boating violations.

CLARKE COUNTY

On Sunday June 30, RFC Tim Butler charged four subjects for fishing without permission in a pond.

ELBERT COUNTY

On Friday July 05, Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Julian Wilkins patrolled Lake Russell. They encountered the following violations; one jet skier towing a skier without an observer on board and one vessel operating at night without lights.

On Friday July 05, Cpl. Mark Patterson and RFC Phillip Nelson patrolled Clarks Hill Lake. They assisted a disabled vessel by towing it back in during the severe weather.

LINCOLN COUNTY

On Thursday July 4th Cpl. Ryan Swain and RFC Brian Adams conducted a boating safety patrol on Clarks Hill Lake. Officers issued citations and warnings for various boating violations.

On Saturday July 6th Cpl. Ryan Swain and RFC Leroy Ficklin worked boating safety at the fireworks show near Elijah Clark State Park on Clarks Hill. One subject was arrested for BUI. Various other citations and warnings were issued for a variety of boating violations.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY

On Thursday July 4th Cpl. Brian Hobbins and RFC Leroy Ficklin conducted a boating safety patrol on Clarks Hill Lake. Officers issued citations and warnings for insufficient PFD's and violation of hundred foot rule

On Saturday July 6th Capt. Mark Padgett, Cpl. Brian Hobbins, Cpl. Michael Crawley, and RFC Brian Adams worked boating safety at the fireworks show at Amity Park on Clarks Hill. One subject was arrested for BUI. Various other citations and warnings were issued for a variety of boating violations.

RICHMOND COUNTY

On July 4, 2013, SGT Max Boswell's section patrolled the Savannah River and worked fireworks show on the River downtown Augusta.

On July 5, 2013, CPL Ben Payne and RFC Grant Matherly checked fishing licenses in Lock and Dam Park.

In an attempt to arrest a suspect with warrants, RFC Grant Matherly was involved in a physical confrontation with the subject who fled on foot. Felony warrants were issued for obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer.

On July 6, 2013, SGT Max Boswell and CPL Ben Payne checked fishing licenses in the Augusta area. One (1) citation was issued for fishing without license along with possible of marijuana and felony possession of oxycodone.

LAKE OCONEE

During July 3-7, 2013, SGT John Harwell, CPL Derrell Worth, CPL David Allen, RFC Richard Tanner,

RFC Ricky Boles, and RFC Niki Spencer patrolled Lake Oconee. Numerous citations and warnings were issued for violation of 100' rule, vessel towing a skier without an observer, riding a PWC after sunset, allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD, and operating a vessel with insufficient number of PFD's.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

BUTTS COUNTY

On Saturday, July 6th, Sergeant Tim Kendrick and Corporal Tony Wynne were on routine boat patrol on Lake Jackson. As they patrolled Tussahaw Creek upstream from Barnett's Bridge, Sergeant Kendrick observed a man operating a pontoon boat that was pulling two females on a tube. Kendrick saw no observer on board the boat so he and Wynne turned around and approached closer to the boat to see if there was a mirror being used by the operator. There was no mirror. The Rangers turned on their blue lights to stop the pontoon boat. Once the boat stopped, and Kendrick and Wynne got close to the boat, Kendrick recognized the operator as a man that he and RFC Keith Page arrested two weeks prior for operating a vessel under the influence. Kendrick made contact with RFC

Page and verified that the man was not supposed to be operating a boat since it was fourteen days since he had been issued his suspension notice. Kendrick placed the man under arrest for violating his suspension. The man was charged with operating a vessel while privileges are suspended; towing a skier/tuber without a mirror or observer; and operating a vessel with the registration not properly displayed.

COWETA COUNTY

On July 4th, Sergeant Brent Railey patrolled Chattahoochee Bend State Park and the Hwy 16 boat ramp.

On July 5 Sergeant Brent Railey and Corporal Travis Sweat patrolled Chattahoochee Bend State Park and Hwy 16 Bridge Boat ramp. They also made a traffic stop in Newnan which resulted in verbal guidance for running a red light.

MERIWETHER COUNTY



On Sunday, June 30th, at about 1500 hours Corporal Keith Waddell and Sergeant Brent Railey patrolled the Flint River in Meriwether County around the highway 18 bridge. They came in contact with two men under age 21 in a boat fishing. One of the men had an open can of Coors beer under his feet and a cooler with four more cans on ice behind him. He was 20 years old. Corporal Waddell charged him with possession of alcohol by a person under age 21. The other man who was the boat operator was not charged as he had not been drinking.

On July 6th, Sergeant Brent Railey, Corporal Travis Sweat and Corporal Keith Waddell patrolled Pigeon Creek WMA on the Flint River for ATV and alcohol violations. No contacts were made.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY



On July 1st, Corporal Jeremy Bolen, and Sergeant Jim Bradfield attended the media event Operation Zero Tolerance at the Columbus airport. Colonel Henderson from DNR, Colonel McDonough from GSP, and Director Blackwood from Governor's Office Highway Safety (GOHS) were the guest speakers. The event was to promote safe driving on waters and roads over the holiday weekend.

TROUP COUNTY

On July 4th, Sergeant Brent Railey drove up on a one vehicle traffic accident in LaGrange. The accident was turned over to LaGrange Police and Georgia State Patrol. A female driver had hit a rock in the yard of a restaurant and done moderate damage to the vehicle. A male with her had attempted to move the vehicle after the accident. The male driver was arrested for DUI and the female was arrested for driving without a license.

On the afternoon of July 5th, Ranger Russell Epps and Ranger First Class Kevin Godbee were on vessel patrol at West Point Lake when they observed an individual deploying a cast net from a nearby dock. Upon investigation, Ranger Epps discovered a five gallon bucket with a large amount of game fish in it. The individual admitted to catching the game fish with the cast net, and was charged with taking game fish by illegal method and given a warning for not having a valid fishing license.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

DOUGHERTY COUNTY

On July 6th, Sgt. David Ruddell witnessed a wildlife buy/sell violation at the Cromartie public boat ramp. A subject having just motored up to the ramp in his boat exchanged two large Channel catfish from his boat for cash from another subject who was waiting at the ramp. After witnessing the transaction, the officer approached the suspects and questioned them. Both subjects were charged for the violation.



Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

On Thursday July 4th, RFC Jamey O'Brien, Sgt. Don Dasher and Cpl. Eddie Akins patrolled areas of the Savannah River in Effingham. Several vessels were checked with no violations detected. Later that evening, the officers assisted the Chatham County conservation rangers with working the Savannah River near the Effingham/Chatham County line monitoring vessel traffic to and from the fireworks display at Riverstreet. Several vessels were checked, one violation was documented for Operating Vessel with Improper Lights.

On Friday July 5th, RFC Jamey O'Brien patrolled and checked several boat landings for boating and fishing activity, no activity was found. Later in the day, CPL Eddie Akins and RFC Jamey O'Brien checked and monitored Tuckasee King Landing for boating and fishing activity, two vessels were checked with no violations being detected.

APPLING COUNTY

On July 5th, 2013 RFC Clint Jarriel and RFC Debbie Brannen patrolled the Altamaha River near Lanes Bridge and wrote two citations, one for fishing w/o a license and one for operating a vessel w/o a registration.

TATNALL COUNTY

On July 5th, 2013 RFC Clint Jarriel and RFC Debbie Brannen patrolled the Altamaha River in the lower part of the county to check boaters and fisherman. One citation was written for operating a vessel w/o a registration.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On July 3rd, Sgt. Patrick Dupree, Cpl. Josh Chambers, and Ranger Daniel North assisted Charlton County Sheriff's Department with a Governor's Office of Highway Safety multi-agency road check at US Hwy 1 & GA Hwy 121. Several violations were discovered including possession of a large amount of crack cocaine.



RGR North checking motorist at road check.

On July 5th, Sgt. Patrick Dupree, RFC Mark Pool, and Ranger Sam Williams were patrolling for boating activity at Burnt Fort landing on the Satilla River. At dark, a vessel was observed approaching the boat landing without any navigation lights. A boating safety inspection was performed on the vessel and one citation was issued for operating vessel without lights during hours of darkness.

On July 6th, Cpl. Josh Chambers responded to a boating incident that occurred on the St. Mary's River near Camp Pinckney landing. Two of the three occupants of the capsized vessel were transported to Charlton Memorial Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries. After interviewing all available witnesses the investigation was completed.

CLINCH COUNTY

On July 6th, Sgt. Patrick Dupree, Cpl. Josh Chambers, RFC Mark Pool, and Ranger Daniel North responded to a request for assistance at a drowning near Argyle. The male victim reportedly could not swim and was in a private pond with friends. He slipped into deeper water and drowned. After an unsuccessful attempt by a diver to locate the victim, Cpl. Chambers & RFC Pool was able to recover the victim using their boat and retrieval equipment.



Cpl. Chambers & RFC Pool conducting body recovery efforts.

DODGE COUNTY

On July 6th, RFC Allen Mills and Captain Scott Klingel patrolled boat landings along the Ocmulgee River from NW Dodge County to SE Telfair County. The two officers also conducted area checks at the Dodge county PFA, Horse creek WMA, and Little Ocmulgee State Park. No violations were documented.

TELFAIR COUNTY

On July 4th, Sgt. James McLaughlin, Sgt. Damon Winters, Sgt. David Reckley, Cpl. John Stokes and RFC Allen Mills responded to the Ocmulgee River in Jacksonville to assist Telfair Co. Sheriff's Office with a report of a body floating in the river found by a local fisherman. The body was pulled from the river by DNR Rangers, GBI Agents and Officers from Telfair SO. It was determined that the female had been murdered and her body dumped in the river. The case was turned over to the GBI for further investigation.

On July 6th, Cpl. John A. Stokes and Sgt. David Reckley conducted a vessel patrol on the Ocmulgee River at Lumber City for boating safety violation. Two violations were documented for operating a vessel w/o registration and operating a vessel above idle speed within 100ft of object

BERRIEN COUNTY

On the morning of July 6th, RFC Tim Hutto and K9 Gauge patrolled Paradise PFA for boating and fishing related violations. Four citations were issued for littering and illegal consumption of alcohol on a PFA. Around sunset RFC Hutto checked the area again and issued four citations for fishing without a license and fishing without a WMA license on a PFA.

On July 6th, RFC Tim Hutto checked boating and fishing activity on the Alapaha River at the highway 135 bridge. One subject was arrested and charged with boating under the influence.

On July 4th, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey patrolled Paradise PFA. Violations of fishing w/o a license and fishing on a PFA w/o a WMA license were documented.

ATKINSON COUNTY

On July 7th, RFC Tim Hutto checked boating and fishing activity along the Alapaha River on highway 135. One subject was charged with towing a skier without life jackets and operating a vessel without life jackets.

On July 7th, RFC Tim Hutto responded to a complaint of hunting alligators out of season. One subject was questioned and charged with hunting alligators out of season and given a warning for possession of illegally taken wildlife. A two foot alligator was seized as evidence.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

BRYAN COUNTY

On June 30th, Ranger Jason Miller and Cpl. Jay Morgan patrolled the Ft. McAllister area of the Ogeechee River. Numerous boats were checked and one boater was cited for not having enough life jackets on board when it was found that he had 13 persons on board but only 10 life jackets. Later that afternoon, Cpl. Morgan checked the King's Ferry boat ramp and cited one person for failure to obey regulatory markers (Idle Speed).

On July 1st, Ranger Miller and Cpl. Morgan patrolled the Ogeechee River and Grove River areas, checking several commercial crab boats.

On July 4th, Cpl. Phillip Scott and Ranger Miller patrolled the Ogeechee River in the Ft. McAllister area. One person was cited for operating a PWC during hours of darkness. On the early evening of July 4th, RFC Jack Thain and Cpl. Jay Morgan patrolled the Medway River and Belfast River areas. One boater was cited for allowing two underage children to ride in a moving vessel without wearing life jackets.

On July 5th, Ranger Jason Miller and RFC Jack Thain found that a man had driven his truck over a barrier and around a sign on a closed road on the Tivoli tract of the Richmond Hill WMA. The driver was cited for driving in an unauthorized area on a WMA. The subject's truck was towed.

On July 6th, Ranger Miller, RFC Thain, and Cpl. Phillip Scott patrolled the Redbird Creek and Intercoastal Waterway area. One boater was cited for towing a skier without having an observer or on board.

CAMDEN COUNTY

On July 6th RFC John Evans, Ranger Colt Shaske, and Sgt. Chris Hodge were answering a complaint reference violation of 100' Law on the St. Marys River around the Browntown area. Upon arrival they witnessed two vessels operating in an unsafe manner. Upon further investigation it was determined that the operator of one of the vessels was intoxicated. He was arrested and taken to the Camden County Jail.

On July 4th Cpl. Craig Smith received a call reference someone killing an Alligator off Dover Bluff Road. Upon arrival Cpl. Smith talked to the suspect and determined that the suspect did kill the alligator and was in possession of the Alligator Meat. The subject was cited for Hunting out of Season and the Alligator Meat was seized.

CHATHAM COUNTY

On June 30, Cpl Chris Moore, RFC Kiel Toney, and Ranger Jordan Crawford responded to a boating incident involving a vessel striking a dredge line in the Savannah River. Two people were sent to the hospital. The incident is still under investigation.

On July 3, Major Walter Rabon and Sgt. Cindy Miller patrolled the Wilmington River for the fireworks at the Savannah Yacht Club. The Rangers checked several vessels through the evening. Seven individuals were cited for various boating violations. These include operating a vessel without enough life jackets and not having stern lights.

On July 4, Cpl Chris Moore, Ranger Jordan Crawford, and Major Walter Rabon patrolled Chatham County waterways. Several citations were issued for various boating violations. One arrest was made for boating under the influence.

On July 4, Ranger Kiel Toney and Cpl. Bill Bryson were on night patrol in South Channel when a vessel was spotted without a stern light. The vessel was stopped and the owner was issued a citation for operating a vessel with improper lights.

On July 7, Cpl. Bill Bryson was checking boats at Kings Ferry Landing when a personal watercraft was observed on plane in an idle speed zone. The operator was issued a citation for Failure to obey Regulatory Marker.

LIBERTY COUNTY

On July 3rd, Cpl. Phillip Scott and RFC Jack Thain conducted an Information & Education program by being interviewed for scenes for an upcoming hunting show to be aired on the local CW channel this September.

On July 4th, Cpl. Jay Morgan and RFC Jack Thain patrolled the Medway and St. Catherine's Sound area. Three fishermen in one boat were all cited for fishing without a license.

MCINTOSH COUNTY

On 7/4 and 7/5, Sgt. Wayne Hubbard and Rng. Kate Hargrove patrolled Altamaha River. On 7/5 Cpl. Chris Ridley assisted Sgt. Hubbard and Rng. Hargrove with a Maritime Search and Rescue in Altamaha Sound. The disabled vessel was located and towed back to Champney Boat Ramp with 2 persons on board.

On 7/6, RFC Randy Aspinwall and Rng. Kate Hargrove patrolled Altamaha River. Several vessels were cited for insufficient PFDs and careless operation.

On 7/7, Ranger Kate Hargrove responded to call about injured Bald Eagle. Rng Hargrove arrived on scene to find a Red Tailed Hawk with a broken wing, severely emaciated. Rng. Hargrove captured the hawk and transported to veterinarian on St. Simons Island for immediate veterinary care.



WAYNE COUNTY

On July 5th Cpl Bobby White and Ranger Jay Bright were on vessel patrol on the Altamaha River and stopped a boat to check fishing license. The operator had no life jackets, no boat registration and no fishing license on person. As soon as they finished up with the boater they noticed a jet ski operator riding without a life jacket.

On July 7th while on vessel patrol Cpl Bobby White checked a boat and could tell the operator had a few alcoholic beverages to drink, informed him of the BUI law and suggested him letting his girlfriend drive the boat if he was going to continue to drink. Around 3 hours later Cpl White stopped the same boat again, completed field sobriety made one arrest for Boating Under the Influence.