

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report
October 18 – October 24, 2015

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)

BARTOW COUNTY

On October 18th, Sgt. Derek Dillard and Cpl. Byron Young patrolled western Bartow County. The officers located 2 hunters off Hodges Mine Rd hunting deer over bait. Both hunters were also not wearing the required fluorescent orange. The officers also discovered that a deer was killed over the baited area the previous day. Citations and warnings were issued for several violations.

On October 19th, RFC Zack Hardy responded to Plant Bowen for possible hunting without permission. Once on scene, RFC Hardy located two subjects that were hunting deer on neighboring property without wearing the required fluorescent orange. The hunters had harvested an eight pointer and wounded another small buck. During the investigation, it was found that the smaller buck was shot and wounded while it was standing on CSX railroad tracks. RFC Hardy issued citations and a warning to the hunters for hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange and hunting without permission.

On October 22nd, RFC Zack Hardy worked an investigation of an antlerless deer killed earlier in the day. Either sex days in Bartow County do not begin until Oct. 31. A Cartersville hunter was issued a citation for killing an antlerless deer.

On October 22nd, Wildlife Tech IV Daniel Boone was on patrol on Pine Log WMA and encountered 2 subjects hunting on the area. Pine Log WMA is closed to deer hunting except on special quota hunt dates. Tech Boone called RFC Michael Crawley for assistance, the officers issued citations for hunting on a closed WMA and several license violations. The officers also located a side by side ATV on the area. The operator was charged with illegal use of an ATV on a WMA.

On October 22nd, Sgt. Derek Dillard and Cpl. Byron Young responded to a hunting without permission complaint off CCC Rd. The officers located blood and evidence of a deer being killed and dragged out of the area. After several hours the officers were able to follow evidence to a residence off Stoners Rd. The officers charged 2 hunters with hunting without permission and discovered that an 8 point buck was killed on the private property. The buck was also confiscated

CHEROKEE COUNTY

On October 23rd, RFC Bart Hendrix responded to a complaint off Bells Ferry Rd in Acworth of possible illegal hunting. RFC Hendrix and 2 Cherokee County deputies located a truck nearby and then the owner/hunter. The man said he was looking for a deer that he shot at earlier. He was not wearing the required fluorescent orange for hunting deer. The hunter was issued a citation.

On October 24th, Cpl. Brooks Varnell and RFC Michael Crawley were checking a complaint of hunting over bait near the Bartow/Cherokee County line. Cpl. Varnell located one man hunting over bait. He was issued a citation for the violation.

COBB COUNTY

On October 21st, Cpl. Lee Burns and RFC Zack Hardy responded to a call of possible hunting without permission off Pebblebrook Rd. RFC Hardy was able to locate the bow hunter on the property. As RFC Hardy was discussing the situation with the hunter, Cpl. Burns was able to locate a small pile of corn near the hunter's location. RFC Hardy issued a citation for hunting without permission and a warning for hunting big game over bait.

On October 24th, RFC Bart Hendrix received a complaint from an employee with Acworth Parks and Recreation about a man hunting on Corp of Engineers property near Dallas Landing at Allatoona Lake. RFC Hendrix responded to the location and met with the employee, the hunter, and Acworth Police Department. The hunter said that he had a permit to hunt Corp property. After investigating it was determined that the area where he was hunting was not open to hunting under the Corps guidelines. It was also discovered that the hunter had placed corn in the area as well. The hunter was issued citations for hunting big game over bait and hunting without permission.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

TOWNS COUNTY

On October 19th, RFC David Webb assisted the Towns County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue Team with searching for two missing juveniles. The juveniles walked away from the Towns County Middle School earlier that morning. A third juvenile told authorities that the two missing juveniles had planned to hike up to Bell Mountain and camp for the night and then proceed to Geisky Creek area in North Carolina. GSP Aviation and tracking dogs were brought into search for the juveniles. RFC Webb was asked to take over command at the Incident Command Post. At approximately 4:00 p.m., the two juvenile were located on a back road below Bell Mountain. Neither of them had any supplies for an overnight camping trip. Both juveniles were returned to their parents without any injuries.

JACKSON COUNTY

On October 19th, RFC Eric Isom and his K9 partner located a subject hunting big game over bait, whole corn and crushed chestnuts. In addition, the subject did not have florescent orange with him.

On October 24th, RFC Eric Isom, Ranger Chris Kernahan, and Colt checked five subjects hunting illegally on one hunting club. One of the subjects killed a four-point buck that morning. Another admitted to killing two small buck this year after he was confronted with evidence of the deer kills. Between the five subjects, the infractions were documented as hunting big game over bait, hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange, taking big game over bait, failure to record deer harvest, and hunting bucks after obtaining two-buck limit.

On another property RFC Isom, Ranger Kernahan, and Colt located one subject hunting deer over bait. Another subject was also located hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

On October 24th, RFC Brandon Pierce and Sgt. Stan Elrod patrolled the county for hunting violations. The officers found one subject hunting deer over bait. The subject was issued a citation for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.



On October 25th, Cpl. Craig Fulghum was patrolling affidavit properties in Franklin County when he came upon a vehicle that was parked at a gate. Cpl. Fulghum noticed that the vehicle was out of South Carolina and all the hunting club members were from the local area. Cpl. Fulghum contacted Franklin County Sheriff's Office to send deputies to assist him. When deputies arrived Cpl. Fulghum found two subjects on the property. After an investigation a large amount of illegal drugs were located on the subjects and inside the car belonging to the subjects. Both subjects were arrested for criminal trespass, indecent exposure, and multiple felony drug charges for methamphetamine and heroin possession. A total of 10 charges were made against the two subjects. The vehicle was towed and both subjects were took to the Franklin County Jail for booking procedures.

MADISON COUNTY

On October 24th, RFC Shane Sartor checked a baited deer stand. One subject was located and issued a citation for hunting big game over bait. At 11:50 p.m. RFC Shane Sartor received a call from Madison County 911 in reference to night hunting incident that had occurred. Three deer had been shot during the incident. Four subjects had been found to be involved with the incident and three guns had been used to kill the deer. All four subjects were issued citations for hunting deer at night, hunting from a vehicle, and hunting from a public road.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

OGLETHORPE COUNTY

On October 24, RFC Phillip Nelson worked hunting without permission complaint. One subject was located and violations documented were hunting without permission, hunting big game over bait, hunting w/o fluorescent orange, and hunting w/o a big game license or a hunting license.

RFC Phillip Nelson also conducted a foot patrol of several areas known to have baited stands. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait, hunting without wearing fluorescent orange, hunting without big game license and hunting without hunting license.

WILKES COUNTY

On October 18th CPL. Mark Patterson conducted a foot patrol of an area known to have baited stands. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

ELBERT COUNTY

On October 24, CPL. Wilkins conducted a foot patrol of an area known to have baited stands. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait.

NEWTON COUNTY

On Friday, October 23, RFC Ricky Boles checked a baited deer stand. RFC Boles cited one hunter for hunting big game over bait and not wearing an orange vest while hunting deer.

Ranger Dan Schay investigated an unlawful dump site in Newton County. Ranger Schay followed up on the dump site and issued a citation for the person responsible for dumping the trash.

WALTON COUNTY

On Saturday, October 24, Ranger Jason Harrison and Cpl. David Allen attended the Poppy Seed festival in Good Hope, Ga. The rangers set up the fishing simulator and had approximately 125 participants of various ages including Santa Claus himself.

On Saturday, October 24, Sgt. John Harwell and RFC Ricky Boles checked a without permission complaint on the new Walton County reservoir. The Rangers found no one hunting on the property.

On Saturday, October 24, Ranger Ricky Boles responded to hunting at night complaint in progress. Ranger Boles encountered two individuals on a golf cart shining a field. After further investigation, the hunters were legally hunting coyotes.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

On Saturday, October 24, Sgt. John Harwell, Cpl. David Allen, and Ranger Jason Harrison assisted the Parks Division helping with the Hamburg State Park Fall festival. The Rangers assisted with traffic control and patrolled areas on foot making sure everyone had a good time and were safe as they participated in the activities.

HANCOCK COUNTY

On Sunday October 25, Sgt. John Harwell, Cpl. David Allen, RFC Richard Tanner, and Ranger Jason Harrison worked a road hunting complaint in north Hancock County.

RICHMOND COUNTY

On October 19, Cpl. Payne and RFC Matherly investigated a complaint of hunting over bait and possible convicted felon hunting deer. On the evening before, Cpl. Payne received a complaint that a deer had been shot late in the evening on a piece of property located next to the complainant. Upon investigating earlier in the day, Cpl. Payne located a rifle cartridge and found evidence of a blood in the area next to bait.

Cpl. Payne and RFC Matherly patrolled the area and did not find anyone hunting the stand located earlier in the day, but the officers decided to wait to see if any activity developed. As the two rangers monitored the area two subjects walked down the road by the stand carrying a crossbow and a pistol. The two subjects were then apprehended. They admitted to shooting a deer over bait with a .243 and to putting out the bait. Charges were made for hunting without licenses, hunting deer without fluorescent orange, illegal enticement of game and hunting over bait.

On October 23, Cpl. Adams responded to hunting without permission complaint off of Hwy 25. After arriving on scene it was determined that the complainant was the one trespassing and that the other hunters had permission to hunt the property. Per the land owner the complainant was given a verbal warning not to come back on the property.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

On October 24, Cpl. Adams received a call from a land owner that caught someone coming out of his property hunting. On 10/23/15 the land owner chased the subject all the way to Sandersville before being able to confront the hunter. Sandersville P.D. was called and got the hunters information. The next day Cpl. Adams interviewed the hunter that admitted to being on the wrong property. The hunter was charged with hunting with permission.

On October 24, Cpl. Adams received a call at the Baldwin Wilkerson County line about hunting without permission in progress. As Cpl. Adams was determining if the hunter had permission to hunt the property, he came across two other hunters with a freshly skinned buck. Further investigation revealed that the buck had not been tagged and that one of the hunter's privilege to hunt in the state of Georgia had been suspended. Both hunters received citations.

JOHNSON COUNTY

On the night of October 24, R.F.C. Billips and Cpl. Adams were working night hunting on the east side of the county. At approximately 11:30 hours they observed a truck shining a spotlight into the field. When the Rangers attempted to stop the night hunters they tried to out run the Rangers on the dusty dirt road. After finally coming out on a paved road the violators gave up and pulled over. Two shotguns loaded with buck shot were found in the front seat along with two spotlights. Both subjects were charged with Hunting at night, hunting from a motor vehicle, and hunting from a public road, Open container and Fleeing and attempting to allude. The guns and spot lights were taken as evidence. The vehicle was impounded and the two subjects were transported to the Johnson County Jail to await bond.

BURKE COUNTY

On October 22, Ranger First Class Jeffrey Billips patrolled the managed hunt at Di-Lane Plantation WMA. RFC Billips checked several hunting without permission complaints as well as fishing without permission complaint.

On October 23, Corporal Brian Adams, Wildlife Technician Howard Pope and RFC Billips investigated hunting without permission complaint. The investigation led to charges of hunting without permission and recording requirements for harvest of game animal. RFC Billips and Cpl. Adams responded to a complaint of a hunter on private property adjacent to Di-Lane Plantation WMA. The hunter was found to be hunting directly on the property boundary and was advised to make a more ethical and responsible stand location. RFC Billips and Cpl. Adams responded to a deer-dog hunting complaint in Jenkins and Burke Counties. The violators had fled the area prior to their arrival and the incident remains under investigation.

On October 24, RFC Billips was checking several hunting without permission complaints when he received a complaint of dove hunting on Di-Lane Plantation WMA during the managed deer hunt. RFC Billips located the hunters later in the day at Alexander WMA. RFC Billips received a complaint of hunting without permission and met with the landowner. The complaint was at a location RFC Billips had previously caught poachers and will be monitored. RFC Billips checked hunting without permission complaint in the Sardis area and patrolled Alexander WMA.

LINCOLN COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Ryan Swain apprehended one subject for hunting big game over bait off of Clarks Hill Lake. The subject was cited and released.

On October 25th, Cpl. Ryan Swain and Ranger Michael Madden performed a concentrated patrol of Fishing Creek WMA. One subject was cited and released for hunting from a WMA Road.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Brian Hobbins was working a complaint on Clarks Hill WMA. Cpl. Hobbins apprehended two subjects who were hunting without children on an adult child hunt. The subjects were cited and released.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

HARRIS COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Mitch Oliver received a call from a landowner in regards to having trespassers on his property and they had harvested a deer. The hunters rented a house on the property, but did not have permission to hunt. One of the men had mistakenly shot a small spike buck for a doe. The landowner decided not to prosecute the subjects for hunting without permission and Cpl. Oliver issued them warnings for that violation. The hunter that shot the spike was also issued a warning for the QDM violation and allowed to keep the deer.

OAKY WOODS WMA/OCMULGEE WMA

On October 23rd and 24th, RFCs Ronnie Beard and Jeremy Reese patrolled Oaky Woods, Ocmulgee WMAs and Flat Creek PFA. Numerous hunters and fishermen were checked and no infractions were noted.

PUTNAM COUNTY

On the evening of October 18th, Cpl. Bubba Stanford located a hunter behind a residence hunting deer. The area was baited with whole corn and the hunter was not properly licensed. A citation and warning was issued for the offense.

On the morning of October 24th, Cpl. Bubba Stanford observed a hunter sitting in a deer stand without fluorescent orange. After making contact with the hunter it was discovered that the area was baited with whole corn and citations were issued.

TALBOT COUNTY

On October 22nd, Cpl. Jeremy Bolen was checking deer hunting activity on the Big Lazer WMA check in hunt, when he noticed two subjects riding an ATV out of the woods. After further investigation, Cpl. Bolen discovered that the hunters harvested a buck and drove the ATV into the woods to retrieve the deer. The operator was issued a citation for operating the ATV in an unauthorized area.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

GRADY COUNTY

On October 18th, Ranger Steve Thomas and Sgt. Rick Sellars responded to a complaint of a subject hunting on private property without permission. The complainant observed a hunter entering the property after he was dropped off by another individual on an ATV. The officers located the hunter who was then cited for hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. Both the hunter and his accomplice were cited for hunting without permission.

BAKER COUNTY

On the morning of October 18th, Cpl. Robbie Griner was patrolling for hunting activity when he located a vehicle parked on a power line. While waiting at the hunter's pickup truck, another vehicle arrived, driven by a friend of the hunter. While the Ranger and friend chatted and waited on the hunter, the friend received a call from the hunter requesting help after falling from his tree stand. Cpl. Griner and the friend drove to the hunter's stand and located him with a severe injury to his ankle. The hunter was transported to Phoebe Putney Hospital where it was determined he sustained a broken foot and a compression fracture to a vertebrae.

WORTH COUNTY

On October 19th, Cpl. Greg Wade responded to a shots fired complaint. Prior to arriving at the scene, Worth 911 called Cpl. Wade and informed him the suspects had been spotted and stopped in Sylvester by a Sylvester PD officer. After interviewing the suspects, it was learned they had shot two deer from the roadway and fled the scene. The adult suspect involved was charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting from a public road and hunting without permission.

COLQUITT COUNTY

On October 22nd, Cpl. Greg Wade and Ranger Eric White responded to a hunting incident after a hunter had fallen asleep in a stand and fell. The stand was found to be in poor condition, and no safety harness was used. The hunter received non-life-threatening injuries to his head/neck.

BROOKS COUNTY

On October 24th, RFC Jon Penuel and Sgt. David Ruddell apprehended two subjects hunting on Georgia Department of Transportation property without permission. The subjects were charged with hunting without permission and hunting big game over bait.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

BULLOCH COUNTY

On Tuesday, October 20th, Cpl. Eddie Akins and Sgt. Don Dasher investigated a complaint about an individual who had killed three bucks over the previous weekend. The investigation resulted in two violations being documented. The violations were for taking over the legal limit of antlered deer and failure to record deer harvest.

On Saturday, October 24th, Cpl. Eddie Akins and Sgt. Don Dasher responded to a deer dogging complaint. Investigation of the complaint resulted in one violation for failure to keep deer dogs on permitted property being documented.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

On October 24th, Sergeant Chris Moore and Ranger Jordan Crawford patrolled Effingham County for hunting activity. Several hunters were checked with two violations documented. Violations included hunting without obtaining a deer harvest record and operating a motor vehicle without permit number displayed.

TATTNALL COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Chase Altman and Cpl. Kevin Joyce were patrolling Big Hammock WMA for the either-sex deer hunt taking place. Over 20 hunters were checked, as well as deer and hogs inspected, resulting in one violation of hunting with illegal ammo on a WMA.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Kevin Joyce worked a night hunting detail just west of the Alston area. At approximately 10:00 p.m. Joyce saw a vehicle traveling toward his location. Once the vehicle got closer Joyce determined that the vehicle was shining a roof mounted light into the fields next to the road. Joyce immediately stopped the vehicle and identified the driver. Joyce explained the violations to the driver and issued citations for: hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle.

JENKINS COUNTY

While on patrol in Jenkins County on the evening of October 20th, Corporal Mike Wilcox located a golf cart parked at a gate off of Highway 17. Cpl. Wilcox waited for the hunter to return to the golf cart. A few minutes after dark, two hunters returned to the golf cart with a buck deer in tow. Upon inspection, it was determined that the two hunters were from Florida. One hunter failed to record the deer on the harvest record and did not have on the required orange vest. The other hunter did not have a hunting license. Cpl. Wilcox documented violations for hunting without fluorescent orange vest, failure to report deer harvest, hunting without license on person, nonresident hunting without nonresident license and nonresident hunting big game without a nonresident big game license.

WILCOX COUNTY

On October 18th, Corporal John A. Stokes was patrolling for deer hunting activity in the Pine View area. One individual was encountered while hunting deer without fluorescent orange, hunting without a license, and hunting big game without a big game license.



Tools of the poacher, Coffee County

COFFEE COUNTY

On October 24th, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey and RFC Keith McDonald worked a night hunting detail in Coffee County. At approximately 10:50 pm, RFC McDonald observed a vehicle approach and shine peanut fields with a spot light. RFC McDonald advised Cpl. Daughtrey the vehicle was traveling in his direction. Cpl. Daughtrey got in front of the vehicle and activated his blue lights. RFC McDonald activated his blue lights from behind the vehicle. Citations were issued for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle.

COOK COUNTY

On October 22nd, Corporal Tommy Daughtrey received a complaint from Cook 911 in reference to illegal burning in the city of Lenox. A subject was burning a mobile home that was being torn down. The person responsible for the fire was charged with the illegal burning of egregious litter less than 500 pounds.



Illegal burn site in Cook County

On 10-23-15, while working a complaint, Cpl. Daughtrey heard a gunshot on the adjoining property. Two subjects were located on the property hunting deer and neither subject was wearing any fluorescent orange. The hunters also had no hunting licenses. Another subject was also located on the property, who was also unlicensed and not been wearing orange. The violations were documented.

BERRIEN COUNTY

On the morning of October 24th, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey was travelling on Highway 125 when a truck was seen pulling out of a local hunting club gate. Cpl. Daughtrey was behind the vehicle when trash started to blow out of the rear bed of the truck. A traffic stop was made to address the litter violation. While talking with the driver, it was determined that both subjects in the truck had just come from deer hunting. Neither subject had a hunting license. The litter violation and hunting license violations were documented.

While working a complaint that evening, Cpl. Daughtrey observed two subjects walk across a field from their deer stand without wearing any fluorescent orange. Both subjects were cited for hunting deer w/o wearing fluorescent orange.

ATKINSON COUNTY

On October 26th, Corporal Tim Hutto responded to a call for assistance from the Atkinson County Sheriff's Office to help with serving a warrant on a suspect. The officers arrived at a single wide trailer on Spikes Road, which appeared to be vacant. Moments later Corporal Hutto noticed a foot trail behind the residence that had fresh boot tracks in it leading away from the trailer. Corporal Hutto followed the foot trail to a heavily wooded area approximately two hundred yards from the residence. While searching around in the wooded area, Corporal Hutto observed a male subject get up and run. Corporal Hutto was able to apprehend the suspect without incident and he was turned over to Atkinson Deputies. The subject gave Corporal Hutto a false name and he was actually the subject who was wanted on several warrants.

WARE COUNTY

On October 22nd, Corporal Tim Hutto worked a hunting without permission complaint on Duncan Bridge Road. While working the complaint, Corporal Hutto located a subject in a ground blind hunting deer. The subject was where he was supposed to be, but something didn't seem right about the subject's Georgia hunting license. Corporal Hutto went to the subject's camp, where he located a camper with a Florida tag and a black Ford F-150 with a Florida tag, both which were registered to the hunter. Moments later the hunter arrived at the camp and was questioned by Corporal Hutto. The subject was charged with non-resident hunting with a resident big game license and non-res hunting with a resident license.

CLINCH COUNTY

On October 18th, Corporal Jason Shipes and Ranger Judd Sears patrolled Clinch County for deer-dog hunting activity. Multiple hunting clubs were visited and several hunters were encountered. While patrolling one club, Cpl. Shipes and Ranger Sears encountered a truck with a female standing on a dog box holding a shotgun and male subject standing beside the vehicle. Upon checking for all the license and permit requirements, it was found that the female did not have any licenses. Citations were issued for non-resident hunting without a license, non-resident hunting without big game license, and hunting deer with dogs without deer dog license. Cpl. Shipes and Ranger Sears continued patrolling the rest of this club and two subjects were encountered not wearing the required fluorescent orange while hunting. Citations were issued for hunting without fluorescent orange.

On October 24th, Corporal Mark Pool and Ranger Judd Sears were patrolling for deer hunting activity around the Shiloh area when they encountered two trucks on the side of the highway and two individuals that appeared to be deer-dog hunting. Cpl. Pool and Ranger Sears spoke to both individuals and they confirmed they had dogs running but were not sure where they were. Cpl. Pool and Rangers Sears checked for licenses and permit requirements and it was found these subjects did not have a deer-dogging permit for the property that was being hunted. One other individual was involved in the deer-dog hunt. Cpl. Pool and Ranger Sears located this individual to check his license also. Citations were issued for hunting deer with dogs on un-permitted property, and failure to comply with recording and reporting requirements for game animals.

On October 24th, Corporal Mark Pool and Ranger Judd Sears patrolled deer-dog clubs for hunting activity. Multiple hunters were checked and Cpl. Pool and Ranger Sears encountered a subject standing in the ditch on a club road with a shotgun. Ranger Sears asked the subject for his hunting license and he stated he did not have one. This subject was initially dishonest about his age, but later admitted his correct age. Citations were issued for non-resident hunting without a license, non-resident hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer with dogs without deer-dog license.

On October 24th, Ranger Judd Sears and Corporal Mark Pool responded to a shooter- victim hunting incident on a dog-deer hunting club in the western portion of the county. The victim was struck by several buckshot pellets, but was released from the hospital later that same night. The officers completed all interviews, evidence gathering, and closed the investigation the next day.

WARE COUNTY

On October 23rd, Corporal Mark Pool and Ranger Judd Sears patrolled Dixon Wildlife management Area shooting range. Many shooters were utilizing the range on this day. Cpl. Pool and Ranger Sears were checking for required permits and discovered one subject that was unpermitted. A written warning was issued for entering a designated fee area without a Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass.

PIERCE COUNTY

On October 20th, Corporal Jason Shipes saw a subject with a buck deer in the back of a truck. He spoke with the subject and determined that the deer was harvested in Pierce County. Cpl. Shipes then called Corporal Mark Pool to his location. Cpl. Pool and Cpl. Shipes interviewed the subject and learned the subject had harvested the deer then purchased the proper license. Cpl. Shipes determined that the subject had not purchased a license since 2013. Cpl. Pool issued citations for hunting without a license and hunting big game without a big game license.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On October 24th, Ranger First Class Sam Williams was patrolling for deer hunting activity near the Satilla River when a group of deer-dog hunters were encountered. During a check of hunting licenses, it was discovered that one hunter was hunting without any current licenses. Violations for hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, hunting deer with dogs without a deer-dog license, and hunting without obtaining a deer harvest record were documented.

ECHOLS COUNTY

On October 24th, Sergeant Patrick Dupree, Ranger First Class Sam Williams, and Ranger Daniel North assisted with the third annual wild game supper fund-raiser for Echols Animal Rescue in Statenville. Approximately 100 people were in attendance, including Georgia Senator Ellis Black and his wife. Ranger Williams and Ranger North operated the laser shot shooting simulator for several youngsters at the event.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

GLYNN COUNTY

On October 25, RFC David Brady was working an area for deer dogging and hunting from a public road activity. Brady observed one individual standing in the road with his shotgun waiting for a deer to cross. While making contact with the violator, Brady observed another subject also in the road with his shotgun. It was determined that one of the violators was a juvenile whom was released to his parent at the scene. The other was given a citation for hunting big game from a public road.

On October 30, 26 Rangers from Regions 6 (Metter) and Region 7 (Brunswick) assisted the Glynn County Police Department and Glynn County Sheriff's Office with the annual Georgia-Florida Beach Bash on St. Simons Island. Rangers aided in controlling the crowd of 4000 and provided water security and safety patrol off of East Beach at the Coast Guard Station.

On October 30, RFC David Brady conducted a check at the local fair in Brunswick for compliance with Wild Animal and Wildlife Exhibition Permits. Contact was made with three different exhibitors and one was found to be in violation. One subject was charged with failure to obtain wild animal exhibition license.

BRANTLEY COUNTY

On October 28th, RFC John Evans was working a night hunting complaint when he observed a vehicle pull into the field he was watching. The vehicle swept the field with its headlights twice, while the passenger shined a handheld light. RFC Evans stopped the vehicle which had two occupants and a shotgun loaded with buckshot. Both were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle.