

Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report
November 23-29, 2014

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 November 28th, Sgt. Mike Barr checked in with a hunting club off Olive Vine Church Road near Pine Log. A young hunter, Mariah Castro, had harvested her first buck. Mariah, age 13, is from Smyrna and attends Campbell Middle School. She and her Mom have hunted on the club the past couple of years. Congratulations to Mariah!



On November 28th, Cpl. Byron Young and RFC Bart Hendrix responded to a hunting-without-permission call off Joe Stella Rd. A landowner encountered a subject hunting on his property at approximately 9:30 A.M. The landowner recognized the hunter as a male he encountered during bow season hunting on his land. During bow season the trespasser was asked to leave and not return, this time the landowner called DNR LE and had the hunter prosecuted. Cpl. Young and RFC Hendrix located the hunter at his residence and issued him a citation for hunting without permission.

COBB COUNTY

On Thanksgiving morning, RFC Brooks Varnell checked a location that was baited, he located a twelve year old sitting in a deer stand with a 30/30 rifle. The child stated his grandfather brought him and then went to look for deer. The grandfather was not found in the immediate area and had to be contacted by phone. The grandfather returned to RFC Varnell and the young hunter's location without a firearm. RFC Varnell searched the area and located a .35 caliber rifle hidden behind a tree. The adult was charged with hunting over bait, hunting without permission, hunting with a rifle in an archery only county and allowing a minor to hunt unsupervised without taking Hunter Education.

GORDON COUNTY

On November 23rd, Cpl. Shawn Elmore checked the Hwy 225 boat ramp at the Coosawattee River for waterfowl hunters. While at the ramp, Cpl. Elmore checked 5 boats and 10 waterfowl hunters. One citation was issued for operating a vessel without personal flotation devices and several warnings were issued for failure to sign waterfowl stamp.

On November 27th, Cpl. Shawn Elmore checked a property located on Moore's Ferry Rd where he has had problems with hunting without permission in the past. Cpl. Elmore located a vehicle parked on the property and then located two Calhoun teenagers hunting illegally on the property. Each was issued a citation for hunting deer without fluorescent orange and warned for hunting without permission, and hunting without licenses.

On November 29th, Cpl. Shawn Elmore located a vehicle parked on a property on Covington Bridge Rd. Cpl. Elmore checked the Georgia license plate and knew the owner of the truck did not have permission to hunt on this property. Cpl. Elmore, RFC Brooks Varnell, K9 Rock and Gordon County Deputy Scott Shaw located the man and his grandson hunting on the property. The Chatsworth man was issued a citation for hunting without permission.

FLOYD COUNTY

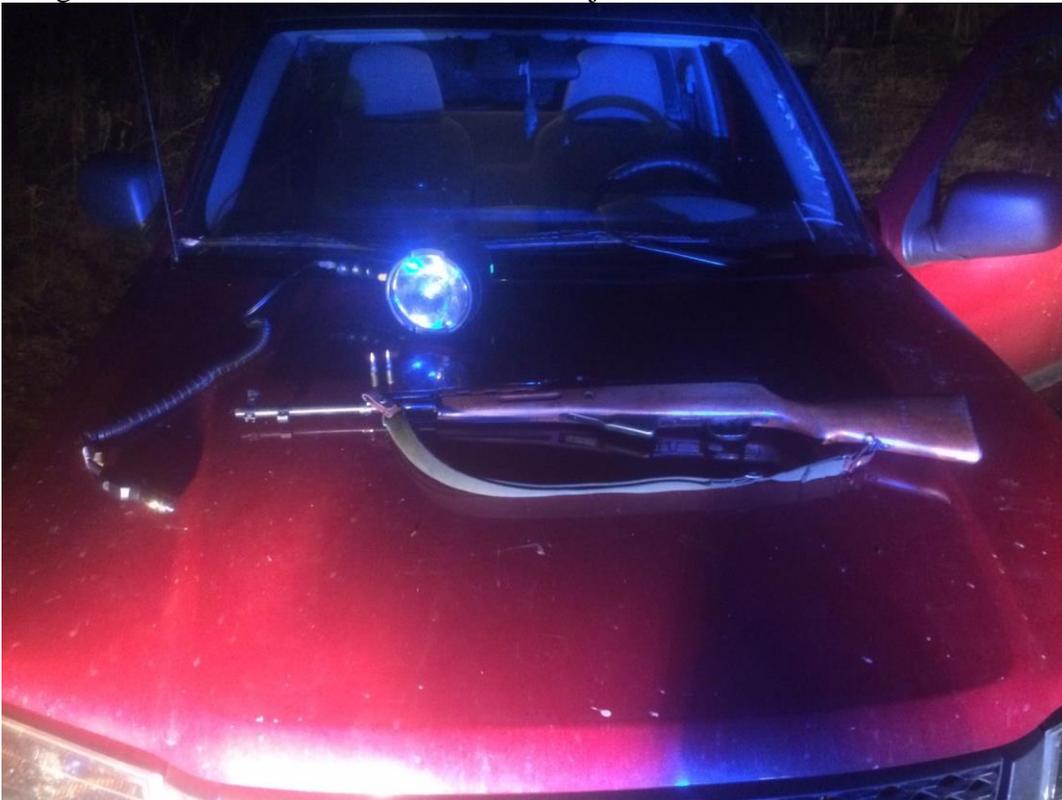
On November the 28th, RFC Ben Cunningham was checking a baited deer stand on property located on Pleasant Valley Road. RFC Cunningham found a subject in the deer stand and he was charged for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without fluorescent orange.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY

On November 25th, RFC Ben Cunningham responded to a possible hunting waterfowl without permission complaint off Little Egypt Road. RFC Cunningham found three subjects and charged them with hunting without permission and hunting waterfowl after hours. Six Wood Ducks were confiscated.

POLK COUNTY

On November 28th, Cpl. Shawn Elmore, RFC Brooks Varnell and K9 Rock were patrolling in Polk County when they received a call from DNR Aviation about a vehicle shining a field off Elder Rd. Cpl. Elmore and RFC Varnell went to the area and located the vehicle in question. The driver was found to be in possession of marijuana. The Cedartown man and Dawsonville man were arrested and transported to the Polk County jail. Both were charged with hunting deer at night and hunting from a motor vehicle. The Cedartown man was also charged with VGCSA: Less than 1 oz. of marijuana.



HARALSON COUNTY

November 24th, RFC Daniel Gray was conducting a foot patrol in Haralson County when he encountered a hunter hunting deer in a tree stand. The hunter was cited for hunting deer w/o fluorescent orange. RFC Gray also received a call at 1030 pm in reference to illegal hunting. After locating 5 subjects hunting on a power line, three of the subjects were issued citations for hunting w/o license and several verbal warnings were given.

November 27th, RFC Daniel Gray was patrolling in Haralson County and spotted a vehicle parked in an unusual place. Upon a brief investigation one hunter was located and charged for deer hunting w/o a license, w/o a big game license and hunting w/o hunter education course.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

On November 27th, Cpl. Eric Brown responded to a possible hunting without permission complaint on the south side of Douglas County. Upon arrival Douglas County Deputies had four subjects detained with a doe deer. After investigating the incident, it was determined that the 2 of the subjects had permission. However, one was cited for failure to record a deer harvest, 2 were cited for hunting without orange, 2 were cited for hunting without a big game license, 1 was cited for hunting without a hunting license. There were also verbal warnings for hunting without permission to 2 subjects.

CARROLL COUNTY

On November 27th, Cpl. Eric Brown was patrolling Carroll County for deer hunting activity. One subject was located and cited for hunting big game over bait. Later that morning, another subject was cited for hunting without orange and without a deer harvest record.

On November 28th, Cpl. Eric Brown was patrolling north Carroll County and found an adult and juvenile hunting. The adult was cited for hunting without a license and hunting without a big game license. The 16 year old juvenile was verbally warned for the same offenses.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

JACKSON COUNTY

On November 23rd, RFC Eric Isom stopped to check a hunter at his vehicle near Talmo. After talking to the hunter, RFC Isom discovered that he came back to the property that morning to search for a buck. He had shot it the previous evening and lost the blood trail. RFC Isom deployed Colt to search for the buck. Colt located the buck approximately 200 yards from the hunter's stand. Coyotes had eaten 80% of the buck leaving only the head and front leg.



On November 28th, RFC Isom and Colt check a complainant's property for hunting without permission near Commerce. Colt tracked up two suspects, during the track RFC Isom found deer hair and dried blood leading to the first subject's stand. He was hunting over bait and without orange. The second subject was located a short distance in a pop-up blind. When asked to unload his gun the second subject stated that he did not have a weapon. He also was not wearing orange and had bait in the immediate area of the blind. RFC Isom informed the subject that Colt would locate the weapon and it possibly would not be in the same shape after he picked it up. Before RFC Isom could deploy Colt for a search, the suspect admitted that he hid the weapon. After he retrieving the shotgun, the subjects received citations and warnings for hunting big game over bait, hunting without permission, hunting without orange, hunting without a license, and hunting without a big game license. The first subject was question on the deer killed at the stand. He admitted to killing a 7-point buck 3 days earlier. He received additional warnings for hunting over bait and failure to record deer harvest for his hunting activities on 11/25/2014. The buck rack was confiscated. He was allowed to keep the processed deer for consumption.

On November 29th, RFC Isom utilized Colt to track a deer hunter hunting without a license. He received a citation and warning for hunting without a license and hunting without a big game license.

BANKS COUNTY

On November 28th-29th, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk along with Nails Creek Baptist Church Men's Ministry hosted the annual Banks County Youth Deer Hunt. A total of 28 kids hunted and harvested 25 deer.

HALL COUNTY

On November 27th, Corporal Jason Roberson caught a subject hunting without permission and without orange on property owned by the city of Gainesville. He was issued citations and warnings for the violations.

On November 27th, Corporal Jason Roberson and Ranger Kevin Goss caught two subjects hunting deer over bait. One of the men was also not wearing orange. Citations and warnings were issued to the hunters.

On November 29th, Corporal Jason Roberson caught three subjects hunting deer over bait. Two of them were also not wearing orange. Citations and warnings were issued to the men.

HART COUNTY

On November 26th, RFC Brandon Pierce and RFC Tim Vickery responded to a complaint of possible illegal hunting. Upon arriving at the scene three subjects were located hunting waterfowl in a private pond. After interviewing the subjects it was determined that they were hunting waterfowl without permission. A total of six citations and one warning were issued. The violations consisted of hunting without permission, hunting waterfowl after hours, and hunting waterfowl without a waterfowl license. Two geese were confiscated and donated to a family in need.



On November 27th, RFC Brandon Pierce patrolled the Hart WMA for any hunting activity. Several duck hunting licenses and equipment were checked. As a result, two citations were issued. The violations consisted of hunting without a license.

On November 29th, Corporal Craig Fulghum was patrolling the Lake Hartwell area for waterfowl violations. During Cpl. Fulghum waterfowl enforcement patrol he documented 8 violations. The violations consisted of Hunting without a license, hunting without a waterfowl license, failure to sign federal duck stamp, operating a vessel without life jackets, and operating a vessel without registration.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

On November 28th, Corporal Josh Chambers and RFC Tim Vickery were conducting enforcement efforts concerning night deer hunting violations in Eastern Franklin County. Just before midnight, a vehicle came by Cpl. Chamber's location shining a light out of the vehicle across fields along the side of the road. Cpl. Chambers stopped the vehicle to investigate. Cpl. Chambers and R.F.C. Vickery arrested the two occupants of the vehicle. Upon further investigation the officers located three different types of controlled substances, drug related objects, a light, and a large caliber rifle. Both occupants of the vehicle were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting big game from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle. One of the occupants was charged with Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act "misdemeanor", Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act "Felony Schedule II", Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act "Felony schedule III", and Possession of drug related objects. The individuals were arrested and booked in at the Franklin County Detention Center.

On November 27th, Ranger First Class Tim Vickery and Sergeant Stan Elrod were checking an area baited for deer when they located a subject hunting over the bait. The subject was not wearing fluorescent orange. After talking to the subject the Rangers found that he did not have any hunting licenses either. The subject was cited for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. He was written warnings for hunting without a license and hunting without a big game license.

On November 29th, Ranger First Class Tim Vickery and Corporal Josh Chambers were working spotlighting complaints in Franklin County when RFC Vickery observed a vehicle stop in the road in front of him and shine a light out of both the drivers and passenger's side. As the vehicle slowly continued down the road, RFC Vickery pulled in behind them and stopped the vehicle. There were three adults and a toddler in the vehicle. There was also a scoped .22 rifle in the vehicle with a round in the chamber and several rounds in the magazine. When asked what they were doing, the three adult subjects stated that they were looking for deer. The three subjects were arrested and taken to the Franklin County Detention Center and the child's mother was called to come pick him up. The three subjects were each charged with hunting from a public road, hunting from a vehicle and hunting deer at night.

UNION COUNTY

On November 27th, Sgt. Steve Seitz and RFC Kevin Dyer responded to a complaint that someone had shot a deer from a public road near a house. Union County Deputies Sgt. Rick Landress and Gary Hooper had stopped the suspect at a gas station in the Gumlog area of the County. The officers looked at the scene, interviewed the suspect and witnesses and obtained a confession from the suspect. The suspect was charged with hunting from a public road, hunting from a motor vehicle, and hunting without permission, and the deer was given to the landowner.

On November 29th, Union County Dispatch received a complaint in reference to hunting waterfowl after hours. Union County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Glass met the complainant. The complainant stated he observed muzzle blast from a shotgun after dark and people were calling geese. D/S Glass observed flashlights moving from the lake shore to a house on the opposite side of Nottely Lake. RFC Kevin Dyer was guided to the resident by Deputy Sheriff Glass. RFC Dyer interviewed the two subjects and they stated that they had been Goose hunting in the area and had shot after sunset. Sunset was 1734 and the last shots were fired at 1810. RFC Dyer issued two citations for hunting waterfowl after hours.

HABERSHAM COUNTY

On November 29th, RFC Chad Chambers contacted two subjects hunting over bait that he had located earlier in the week. Of the two subjects, one was not wearing his fluorescent orange and the other was a non-resident did not possess a hunting license. RFC Chambers charged the first subject who was the property owner with hunting over bait and gave him a warning for hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. RFC Chambers charged the second subject with Non-resident hunting without a license and gave him warnings for Nonresident hunting without a big game license and hunting over bait.

RABUN COUNTY

On November the 27th, Cpl Derek Dillard and RFC Kevin Dyer were working a night deer hunting detail. At around 10:14 pm, Corporal Dillard observed a pickup truck shine a light into a field while it was slowly traveling down the road two different times. RFC Dyer and Corporal Dillard stopped the truck. It was occupied by 2 males. Inside the truck, the Rangers located a .17 caliber rifle and an LED light. The occupants stated that they were looking at deer. Both subjects were cited for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a motor vehicle.

On November the 28th, Corporal Derek Dillard and Captain Thomas Barnard assisted the Rabun County Search and Rescue Team with the search for a missing man and his family's dog in the area of Patterson Gap Road. During the search, the Region 2 DNR LED's K-9 handler Eric Isom was also on scene to track the missing person if needed. With the aid of the GSP helicopter and its FLIR unit, the missing person was located in the area of Ridge Pole Creek and Coleman River. It took well into the night for the Search and Rescue team to make their way through the dense brush to get to where the man and his dog were at. They led the man and his dog out to the head of Coleman River Road where they were drove down to meet with their family.

WHITE COUNTY

On November 25th, RFC Anne Britt was checking a baited deer stand she had previously located and located a hunter in the stand. RFC Britt cited the non-resident adult male for hunting big game over bait and hunting without wearing fluorescent orange.

On November 29th, Sgt. Steve Seitz and RFC Anne Britt patrolled Chattahoochee WMA for hunting and fishing activity. The officers encountered two adult males fishing in the closed stream section of the Chattahoochee River off Poplar Stump Rd. Both males were issued warnings for fishing in a closed stream and given a fishing regulation so they could continue fishing in trout streams that were open to fishing.

On November 30th, RFC Anne Britt was checking a baited deer stand she had previously located and located a hunter in the stand. RFC Britt cited one adult male for hunting big game over bait, hunting without a license and warned him for not having a big game license and deer harvest record.

TOWNS COUNTY

On November 28th, RFC David Webb answered a complaint on Loving Road in Union County of hunting without permission. Two Union County deputies had arrived before RFC Webb and had a subject detained. The landowner did not want the hunter prosecuted this time. After further investigation, it was found that the hunter had also killed an eight point buck on the property while he was hunting. The hunter was issued written warnings for hunting without permission and possession of illegally taken wildlife. The eight point buck was given to the landowner at her request.

On November 28th, RFC David Webb and RFC Kevin Dyer assisted Towns and Union Counties with searching for a missing hunter. The family of the hunter had not had any contact with him since the morning of November 27. RFC Webb and RFC Dyer checked a property that the hunter was known to hunt and did not locate him. Approximately two hours after the search began, the hunter contacted his mother and told her that he was almost home.

On November 29th, RFC David Webb worked a baited deer stand for morning hunting activity in Towns County. The hunter was found to be hunting the stand and was issued a citation for hunting big game over bait.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

RICHMOND COUNTY

On November 24, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Cpl. Ben Payne received a complaint of hunting without permission in Hephzibah. After receiving information from Deputy Wes Stallings, Cpl. Payne responded to McCombs Road to assist. Once on scene, Cpl. Payne learned that the landowner had stopped by the location to check his deer camera and feeder and noticed two people dressed in camouflage. The landowner called 911 and Deputy Stallings responded to arrest the two suspects. They were in the process of trying to steal the feeder and camera when the landowner approached them. After interviews with the suspects it was determined that they had no permission to hunt the property. The landowner wanted to prosecute for hunting without permission and theft, therefore warrants were taken. The subjects were arrested for convicted felon in possession of a firearm, theft, hunting without permission, hunting without hunter safety certification, hunting without license, hunting without big game license and hunting deer without fluorescent orange. It was also determined that the two smoked methamphetamine before hunting.

BURKE COUNTY

Corporal Michael Crawley and K9 Storm responded to several calls for assistance during the Thanksgiving weekend to include hunting from a public road call in Burke County. After arriving on scene Corporal Crawley was advised that 3 black males had shot from the road with a 9mm pistol. When stopped by deputies the subjects threw the handgun off the side of the road. The driver of the vehicle discarded a bag of green leafy substance thought to be marijuana out the driver's window. The bag was recovered by deputies but the gun was not. Corporal Crawley deployed K9 Storm in to the woods to search for the 9mm pistol. After a short period K9 Storm recovered the pistol, which was later found to be stolen in a burglary from May 2014. All 3 subjects were arrested and several charges were made on all 3.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Over the Thanksgiving Weekend, RFC Matherly patrolled Burke, Jefferson, and Glascock Counties checking Duck Hunters. RFC Matherly checked 10 hunters who were in compliance with all laws and regulations. RFC Matherly also checked four without permission complaints in Burke, Jefferson, and Glascock County. No contact was made on any of the complaints.

CLARKE COUNTY

On November 28th RFC Tim Butler issued a deer hunter a citation for hunting without permission and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

OCONEE COUNTY

On November 28th RFC Tim Butler and CPL Derrell Worth issued two subjects citations for hunting deer at night, hunting big game from a public road, and hunting from a vehicle.

WALTON COUNTY

On November 28, RFC Ricky Boles cited one deer hunter for hunting without fluorescent orange, hunting without a license and hunting without big game license. Another hunter was cited for hunting without fluorescent orange.

On November 29th RFC Tim Butler issued two warnings for hunting ducks without a Georgia waterfowl license.

WILKES COUNTY

On the morning of November 27th Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Mark Patterson checked a number of hunters. Violations addressed during the patrol were hunting without a license and failure to record deer harvest.

During the remainder of the Thanksgiving holiday period Cpl. Patterson documented violations of hunting big game over bait, hunting deer without fluorescent orange, hunting without a license, hunting waterfowl without a federal waterfowl stamp, hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license, failure to record deer harvest, and unlawful dumping.

OGLETHORPE COUNTY

During the Thanksgiving weekend RFC Phillip Nelson addressed violations of hunting big game over bait, hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license, and hunting waterfowl without a federal waterfowl stamp.

ELBERT COUNTY

On November 27th Cpl. Julian Wilkins issued citations for non-resident hunting without a license and hunting deer without fluorescent orange.

LINCOLN COUNTY

On November 27th, Cpl. Ryan Swain conducted a concentrated waterfowl patrol for waterfowl violations on Clarks Hill Lake. Twelve citations and warnings were issued for a variety of license violations ranging from no WMA License to Federal Waterfowl Stamp requirements.

MCDUFFIE COUNTY

On November 26th, Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Brain Adams apprehended two subjects hunting waterfowl after legal hours. The subjects were cited and released.

WARREN COUNTY

On November 29th, Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Robert Timmerman responded to an area off of Hwy 16 to an in progress hunting without permission complaint. Upon arrival at the scene, the Rangers apprehended three subjects for hunting over bait and license violations. The subjects were cited and released. The Rangers returned the following day and issued several more citations to the subjects for Hunting without Permission after their investigation was completed.

GLASCOCK COUNTY

On November 28th, RFC Brian Adams apprehended one subject for hunting deer at night. The subject was observed spotlighting several fields in a farming area and was stopped. The subject possessed a loaded high powered rifle in the front seat of the vehicle. The subject was also cited for hunting from a vehicle and a public road.

NEWTON COUNTY

On November 27, RFC Ricky Boles was patrolling dirt roads when he noticed a pack of beagles in the road. Ranger Boles proceeded to check the five rabbit hunters when two of the hunters took off running. One hunter dropped his shotgun before he ran. Two other hunters were cited for hunting without a license and the shotgun was confiscated. Incident is still under investigation.

HANCOCK COUNTY

Cpl. Derrell Worth, Sgt. John Harwell, and Cpl. David Allen cited 5 subjects for hunting deer over bait and 2 subjects for hunting without their fluorescent orange.

GREENE COUNTY

Cpl. Derrell Worth cited one subject for hunting without a license, one subject without big game license, one subject hunting deer over bait, one subject hunting ducks with an unplugged shotgun, one subject for hunting ducks without federal duck stamp, and one subject for hunting with illegal ammo.

On November 25 at 1636 hours, Cpl. Derrell Worth received a call from Greene County dispatch center in reference to a lost/missing hunter on Redland's WMA. Greene County dispatch advised the suspect's vehicle was located in the area of Skull Shoals. Upon arrival to the above area, Cpl. Worth located the subject's vehicle and the subject was located at 1707 hours by Old Salem Fire Department's personnel. The subject was seventy (70) years of age and was accompanied by his fifteen (15) years of age grandson. Both subjects were without injuries and personal complaints.

On November 24 at 1938 hours, Cpl. Derrell Worth received a call from Kevin Von Seggern in reference to a lost hunter on Redland's WMA. Cpl. Worth contacted the father to the lost hunter, which informed him he was parked off of US Forest Service Road 1234. As Cpl. Worth spoke to the father, he advised it had been hours since he had contact with his son due to poor cellular service. Cpl. Worth began to sound his siren multiple times for approximately 10 minutes and then saw a light coming in his direction. The lost hunter, twenty-nine (29) years of age, appeared only to be slightly dehydrated with no other complaints or complications.

On November 27 at 1949 hours, Cpl. Derrell Worth received a call from Greene County dispatch center in reference to lost/missing hunter on Redland's WMA. Greene County dispatch advised the suspect's vehicle was located in the area of Cold Springs Road. Upon arrival to the above area, Cpl. Worth located the subject's vehicle just south of Arrowhead Road. After a brief search of the area the subjects were located at 2028 hours. The subjects were hunting together (husband and wife). Both subjects were without injuries and personal complaints.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

BUTTS COUNTY

On November 25th, Sgt. Tim Kendrick, RFC Keith Page, K9 Drake, and RFC Freddie Hayes responded to a hunting-without-permission complaint. The rangers located two men that were hunting deer without permission, over bait, without licenses and without wearing orange vests. Citations were issued for hunting big game over bait, hunting without license, hunting without big game license and hunting without fluorescent orange clothing. They were given written warnings for hunting without permission at the request of the landowner.

On the evening of November 25th, RFC Keith Page, Sgt. Tim Kendrick and RFC Freddie Hayes checked several duck hunters on the Towaliga River. One duck hunter was given a citation for hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license. The same hunter was a man that RFC Page had received a complaint on for killing a deer over bait the previous evening. When asked, the man admitted to killing the deer over corn. He was also issued a citation for hunting big game over bait.

FAYETTE COUNTY

On Friday, November 27th, Cpl. Travis Sweat was checking a complaint of hunting over bait. He issued a citation for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without fluorescent orange. He also issued a written warning to a second person for accompanying a person hunting deer without wearing a fluorescent orange vest.

HARRIS COUNTY

On November 28th, Cpl. Mitch Oliver was patrolling for deer hunting activity when he located 2 vehicles parked along a power line. Cpl. Oliver observed a hunter approaching the trucks from about 100 yards away and the hunter was not wearing a required fluorescent orange vest. Cpl. Oliver checked the hunter's license when he made it to the trucks and learned that he was missing a big game license. The hunter was charged with hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange and issued a warning for hunting without a big game license.

On November 29th, Cpl. Mitch Oliver located 2 vehicles while patrolling for hunting activity. After a quick check of the truck owner's information, it was determined that the owner did not possess any valid hunting license. Cpl. Jeremy Bolen and his K-9, Ruger, were in the area and Cpl. Oliver called them to the area for assistance. The officers located 4 hunters in the small block of woods and 2 of the hunters did not have hunting license and 1 did not have any fluorescent orange. The first hunter was charged with hunting without a license and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. He was issued a warning for hunting without a big game license. The second hunter was charged with hunting without a license and given a warning for hunting without a big game license.

HENRY COUNTY

On Friday, November 28th, RFC Kevin Godbee checked an area in Henry County and located several hunters. He issued one citation for hunting without a license and one warning for hunting without a big game license.

On November 24th, Cpl. Keith Waddell was called to a piece of property owned by the Henry County Water Authority in reference to hunting without permission. He located our hunters and conducted an investigation. He issued several warnings to the hunters for hunting without a signed duck stamp and hunting without permission.

JASPER COUNTY

On Friday, November 28th, RFC Freddie Hays and Sgt. Tim Kendrick were checking a hunting club in Jasper County, where they located two subjects hunting deer over corn and protein pellets. One of the hunters was not wearing any fluorescent orange. Both hunters were issued citations for hunting big game over bait and a written warning was issued for hunting without fluorescent orange clothing.

MERIWETHER COUNTY

Throughout the weekend of Thanksgiving, Cpl. Keith Waddell patrolled Joe Kurz WMA for waterfowl and small game violations. He issued multiple citations and warnings for violations ranging from operating a vessel without PFD's, improper registration on a vessel, unplugged shotguns, failure to check in on WMA, possession of lead shot while hunting waterfowl, and hunting license violations.

MONROE COUNTY

On Saturday evening, November 22nd, Cpl. Tony Wynne received a call in reference to a hunting-without-permission complaint. When Wynne arrived, the landowner explained that he heard rifle shots and went to investigate. He saw a man dragging a deer off of his property and onto the adjacent property. The landowner did not want the hunter prosecuted, but he did want the hunter warned against coming back on his property. By the time Wynne arrived, the hunter had already left the scene, so that evening Cpl. Wynne knocked on doors in the area in order to find out the identity of the hunter. Wynne discovered that the owner of one of the residences gave the hunter permission to hunt his property. The residence owner said he only knew the name of the hunter and not how to make contact with him, nor where the hunter lived. He did know the type of vehicle the hunter drove. The next day, using only the name of the hunter, Cpl. Wynne was able to use online investigative tools to find where he lived. When Wynne talked to the hunter, he confessed to crossing the property line to retrieve a deer that he had shot. When Wynne checked the hunter's license, he saw the hunter had not recorded his deer harvest. Wynne issued the hunter a written warning for hunting without permission and a citation for failure to record his deer harvest.

SPALDING COUNTY

On Saturday, November 29th, Cpl. Travis Sweat and Cpl. Keith Waddell checked a dove field in western Spalding County. They issued one citation for non-resident hunting without a license and a warning for a resident hunting without a license.

TALBOT COUNTY

On November 28th, Cpl. Jeremy Bolen was notified about an in progress hunting without permission complaint. Cpl. Bolen arrived at the scene and utilized K-9 Ruger to assist in locating the hunters. A freshly killed spike buck was located on the property. Ruger located the area where the deer had been shot, as well as field dressed. Two hunters were located on the property. One hunter received a citation for taking an illegal antlered deer in a QDM County, a written warning for failure to record deer harvest, and both hunters were given verbal guidance on hunting without permission per the landowner. The deer was confiscated and donated to a food bank.

UPSON COUNTY

On the morning of November 28th, RFC Keith Page and Sgt. Tim Kendrick located a man who was deer hunting. The man was hunting over bait and hunting without wearing an orange vest. He was issued citations for hunting big game over bait and hunting without fluorescent orange clothing.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY

On November 29th, Ranger Quinn Fogle responded to a hunting-without-permission complaint. Ranger Fogle charged two subjects for hunting without permission and hunting without fluorescent orange. In addition, one of the subjects was also charged with hunting without license and hunting without a big game license.

CRISP COUNTY

On November 26th, Cpl. Bob Holley observed a vehicle travelling down a county road and hunting the fields on both sides of the roadway. A traffic stop was conducted and the occupants of the vehicle were found to be in possession of a .243 caliber rifle and a re-chargeable spot light. Both individuals were cited for hunting deer at night, hunting from a motor vehicle and hunting big game from a public road.

MACON COUNTY

On November 27th, Ranger Jesse Harrison observed a vehicle driving through a field using his headlights to search for wildlife and feral hogs. The vehicle then stopped and a passenger fired two shots at a group of hogs. A traffic stop was conducted and both occupants of the vehicle were charged with hunting hogs from a motor vehicle.

SUMTER COUNTY

On November 24th, Cpl. Bob Holley and Cpl. Clint Martin responded to a possible hunting without permission complainant. Upon arrival they located a truck with a large amount of Native American artifacts in the bed, stuck on the property. The owner of the truck was located and after a brief investigation was charged with collecting artifacts without landowner permission. The artifacts were returned to the landowner.

On November 29th, Ranger Jesse Harrison observed a vehicle stop in the roadway as the passenger fired at a deer in an adjacent field. The driver and passenger were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a motor vehicle, and hunting big game from a public road. The passenger was also charged with discharging a firearm from a public road.

MARION COUNTY

On November 28th, Cpl. Bob Holley and Cpl. Clint Martin encountered an individual coming out of the woods wearing camouflage, but was not carrying a weapon. After a brief investigation it was revealed that the subject was attempting to recover a 7 point buck that he had killed earlier in the morning. The investigation also revealed that the subject did not possess the required licenses to hunt deer. The hunter was cited for non-resident hunting without a license and non-resident hunting without a big game license. The deer was subsequently recovered and confiscated.

On Nov 30th, Ranger Jesse Harrison completed a two week investigation resulting in a subject being charged with hunting big game from a public road and failure to record deer harvest. An 11 point buck was confiscated.



TURNER COUNTY

On November 28th, RFC Randy James located and cited two individuals for hunting without fluorescent orange and hunting without the required licenses.

LEE COUNTY

On November 30th, RFC Randy James located and cited a subject for hunting hogs without wearing the required fluorescent orange vest and hunting without a hunting license.

LAKE SEMINOLE

On November 24th, Ranger Steve Thomas and Sgt. Rick Sellars responded to a complaint of subjects hunting waterfowl from a vessel under power. The vessel operator was cited for the violation.

On November 25th, RFC Tony Cox conducted a vessel patrol and cited two hunters for over limit violations, two for hunting from a vessel under power, and one for hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

On November 26th, RFC Tony Cox conducted a vessel patrol and cited four hunters for taking over the limit of waterfowl.

On November 27th, RFC Tony Cox cited one non-resident hunter for hunting with a resident license and one operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's. He also checked and cited three commercial fishermen for taking game fish with commercial gear. Two of the three were also cited for failure to allow inspection.

On November 29th, RFC Tony Cox and Ranger Steve Thomas responded to a call of a sunken vessel on Lake Seminole. The incident occurred when two duck hunters hit a stump, which caused their vessel to take on water. The two subjects were rescued and returned to the boat landing.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

LAURENS COUNTY

On November 27th, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger First Class Allen Mills patrolled the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Three individuals were checked for license and regulation compliance. Two citations were issued to two hunters for hunting without a WMA license and transporting a loaded firearm in a vehicle on a WMA.

On November 28th, Corporal Dan Stiles was patrolling for waterfowl hunting activity. Three hunters were located hunting geese. Two violations were documented for hunting without Federal waterfowl stamp and hunting waterfowl without a GA waterfowl license.

On November 28th, Sergeant James McLaughlin, Corporal Dan Stiles, Ranger First Class Allen Mills, and Ranger First Class Rodney Horne conducted a concentrated patrol for waterfowl hunting violations. Five individuals were caught hunting waterfowl after legal hours. Numerous license violations were also documented on two of the individuals in the group.

On November 28th, Corporal Dan Stiles conducted a night patrol at the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area. A traffic stop was made on a vehicle and the driver had warrants from a city in north central Georgia. The agency that issued the warrant refused to extradite the subject and he was released at the scene.

TELFAIR COUNTY

On November 29th, Corporal Dan Stiles, Ranger First Class Allen Mills, and Ranger First Class Rodney Horne conducted an ATV patrol in Telfair County. Three deer hunters were checked and three violations were documented for hunting without permission, hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange, and allowing an underage person to hunt without hunter safety certification.

BULLOCH COUNTY

On the morning of November 27th, Cpl. Eddie Akins responded to a complaint of deer dog hunters parking in the road and hunting from the road off DeLoach Church Road. Investigation of the incident resulted in two violations being documented. The violations were for hunting deer from a public road and failure to have permit numbers displayed on vehicle.

On the morning of November 28th, Cpl. Eddie Akins and RGR. Jordan Crawford worked a complaint on the lower Ogeechee River in the Coon Keys area for hunting without permission. Their efforts resulted in three boats and four hunters being checked. Four violations were documented. There was one violation for hunting without a federal duck stamp documented and three violations of hunting without license on person.

On the Morning of November 29th, Cpl. Eddie Akins checked Williams Landing and Oliver Bridge Landing for duck hunting activity on the Ogeechee River. His efforts resulted in seven licenses and three boats being checked. Three violations were also documented. The violations were for hunting without a license, hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license and hunting without a federal duck stamp.

JENKINS COUNTY

On November 26th, Cpl. Mike Wilcox and Sgt. Don Dasher were patrolling Jenkins County for hunting activity. The officers located a truck parked just off the road way just a few minutes before dark. While the officers were investigating the truck they heard gun-shots nearby. The officers backed out and waited for the hunter to return to the truck. The hunter returned to the truck and went to retrieve a deer. The officers waited for the truck to come back to the road way. Upon inspection of the hunter's license, the officers documented a violation for failure to record deer harvest.

On November 27th, Cpl. Mike Wilcox and Sgt. Don Dasher were patrolling Jenkins County for duck hunting activity. The officers located a boat and trailer at the river landing. When the hunters returned to the landing, the officers inspected hunting license guns, and shot gun shells. The officers also inspected the vessels safety equipment. One violation for operating a vessel with unserviceable PFD was documented

SCREVEN COUNTY

On November 27th, Cpl. Mike Wilcox was going to meet Cpl. McNeely to look for hunting activity in Screven County. Cpl. Wilcox observed a vehicle driving recklessly. Cpl. Wilcox observed the vehicle cross the yellow and white lines several times. Cpl. Wilcox conducted a vehicle stop and Cpl. McNeely responded to assist. Cpl. Wilcox asked the driver if he had been drinking. The driver said he had been. After a few short sobriety tests, Cpl. Wilcox called for a state trooper. The driver of the truck was arrested by the Georgia State Patrol for DUI

On November 27th, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely was working morning waterfowl hunting activity south of Sylvania. A total of seven hunters were checked. Cpl. McNeely issued seven citations for hunting w/o a license, failure to sign federal duck stamp, operating vessel without registration, violation of horse power restriction in Ogeechee River, and failure to participate in migratory bird HIP.

On November 28th, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely was at his residence when he heard two gunshots come from just up the road. Cpl. McNeely observed a vehicle coming from where the shots were fired pass his residence. When the vehicle got past Cpl. McNeely's residence it turned around and went back to where the shots were fired. Cpl. McNeely responded to this location and found two subjects outside of the vehicle looking for the deer they had shot. The two men were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting big game from a public road, hunting from a vehicle, and hunting without permission.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

On November 19th while working night hunting complaints, Ranger Jordan Crawford heard a call from 911 dispatchers to Effingham County SO regarding a deranged man with a gun threatening to kill his family. Being only a mile from the address of the complaint, Ranger Crawford responded to the area along with several Effingham County Sheriff's Deputies. Ranger Crawford and the deputies made contact with the armed man and after a brief standoff the man was taken into custody without incident.

On November 23rd, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely responded to a deer dogging complaint on Riverside Drive. The complainant reported being "covered up" with deer dogs on Saturday and had caught two dogs on his property on this date. Cpl. McNeely located the dog owners and confirmed the dogs had gone missing from a hunting club across the river in Bulloch County on Saturday. Citations were issued to both dog owners for failure to keep hunting dogs on permitted property

On November 27th Ranger Jordan Crawford patrolled Effingham County for waterfowl hunting activity. Ten hunters were checked with one violation documented for hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

COFFEE COUNTY

On the November 27th, RFC Hilton was on patrol for dove and duck shoots. While on this patrol, RFC Hilton made contact with several hunters shooting doves. RFC Hilton performed licensed checks on the hunters and while doing so, RFC Hilton noticed wheat on the ground in the roadway. RFC Hilton met with the landowner and citations were issued for unlawful enticement and failure to participate in the HIP Program.

On November 28th, RFC Hilton was on patrol for hunting activity and encountered an individual hunting deer. RFC Hilton issued a citation for hunting deer without fluorescent orange.

On November 29th, RFC Hilton was on patrol for hunting activity. RFC Hilton encountered several individuals hunting deer. RFC Hilton issued citations for hunting without fluorescent orange. Also on the 29th, RFC Hilton investigated a hunting-without-permission complaint. The investigation resulted in two individuals being issued citations for hunting without permission, hunting deer without fluorescent orange, hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

LOWNDES COUNTY

On November 27th, RFC Keith McDonald checked three subjects hunting ducks. Two of the subjects were issued citations for hunting without a license and hunting w/o a federal duck stamp.

LANIER COUNTY

On November 30, 2014, RFC Keith McDonald checked an individual hunting deer. Violations of hunting w/o a license and hunting deer w/o wearing fluorescent orange were documented.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Sgt. Morty Wood and RFC Keith McDonald were patrolling for after- hours waterfowl activity on November 30, 2014. Both officers heard gun shots after sunset and located two individuals hunting ducks. Citations were issued for hunting waterfowl after hours and warnings were written for hunting without Georgia waterfowl license.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On November 24th, Ranger Sam Williams was patrolling near Folkston when he observed burning debris from the demolition of a house trailer. Ranger Williams stopped at the location and encountered two subjects that stated they were in the process of cleaning up the property. Ranger Williams advised the two men what types of materials could legally be burned. Most of the materials on fire were illegal to burn. One of the subjects stated that there was no running water at the location so the fire could not be extinguished. As a result, a fire truck was dispatched to the location to put out the fire and the subjects were provided with the information on how to contact someone with the county to assist in removal of the building material to the landfill. The violation of unlawful burning of egregious litter was documented.

On November 27th, Ranger Sam Williams was patrolling for early morning dove & duck hunting activity in the Winokur area. Within minutes of sunrise, Ranger Williams heard what sounded like a dove shoot and began to travel in that direction, eventually locating the shoot behind a residence. Two hunters were checked at the dove shoot resulting in one citation being issued for hunting with an unplugged gun.

On November 28th, Sgt. Patrick Dupree, Cpl. Jason Shipes, RFC Mark Pool, Ranger Daniel North, and Ranger Sam Williams conducted a high visibility patrol of several large deer-dog hunting clubs due to recent complaints from neighboring hunters and landowners. During the patrol, numerous hunters were encountered on the approximately 38,000 acres that the three clubs encompass with a total of eight violations being documented. The violations consisted of hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange, failure to obtain a deer harvest record, and operating a motor vehicle without deer-dog permit numbers displayed.

ECHOLS COUNTY

On November 23rd, Sgt. Patrick Dupree and Ranger Daniel North were patrolling for deer dogging activity when a group of deer dog hunters were seen parked on the side of a county road where they had just released their hounds. Several hunters' licenses and permits were checked and most were in compliance. However, violations of operating a vehicle without permit number displayed and hunting deer with dogs without a deer-dog license was documented on one individual.

On November 23rd, Ranger Daniel North received information that a deer had been shot while standing in a public road. Ranger North began the investigation by meeting with the complainant and gathering more information about the incident. Blood was found on the roadway where the deer had been shot. Several individuals were interviewed concerning the incident. Later that evening, the violator's truck was found behind a barn with the tag removed and the rifle was retrieved from a family member's home. The butchered deer carcass was found near where the truck had been hidden and the deer meat was found in the possession of the suspect. Violations of hunting from public road, hunting without a license and hunting without a big game license were documented. The deer meat was confiscated and given to a needy family.



Blood evidence in Echols County road where deer was illegally killed.

WARE COUNTY

On November 23rd, Sgt. Patrick Dupree and Ranger Daniel North conducted an area check of Stephen C. Foster State Park and surrounding Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge. While checking for activity at the Suwannee River Sill, an individual was observed fishing. Upon speaking with the individual it was discovered that his fishing license was expired. A violation of fishing without license was documented.

On November 27th, Cpl. Jason Shipes and Ranger Daniel North responded to a complaint of hunters running deer with dogs on property that was not permitted for deer dogging activity. While checking the area, the officers encountered several subjects on the property in question. Upon checking for the required licenses, officers found two subjects who had failed to purchase any type of valid license needed to hunt. In addition to the license violations, officers found other violations specifically related to deer dogging activity. Citations were issued for operating a vehicle without permit displayed and failure to keep dogs on permitted property in additions to the license violations.

EVANS COUNTY

On November 27th, RFC Debbie Brannen and Sgt. Jon Barnard worked a complaint area for night deer hunting activity. A vehicle approached their position shining a spotlight from the public road. The officers immediately initiated a traffic stop and located two adults and three juveniles in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The adults were charged for hunting deer at night, hunting from a motor vehicle and hunting from a public road.

On November 29th, RFC Debbie Brannen patrolled the Evans County Public Fishing Area. Several licenses were checked. One citation was issued for fishing without a WMA license on a PFA.

On November 29th, RFC Debbie Brannen patrolled for possible after hours waterfowl hunting activity. One hunter was located and one violation was documented for hunting waterfowl after hours.

TATTNALL COUNTY

On November 29th, RFC Debbie Brannen patrolled Big Hammock WMA during the adult/child hunt. Several hunters were checked resulting in violations written for hunting on a closed WMA, hunting without a WMA license, hunting with an unplugged gun and entering a designated fee area without GORP.

WHEELER COUNTY

On November 27th, Cpl. Kevin Joyce checked the boat ramp at Hwy 46 and Oconee River for possible waterfowl hunting activity. Several boats were checked and one violation was documented for operating vessel with insufficient PFD's.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.