

# Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

Weekly Report  
October 19-25, 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 October 19<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Byron Young patrolled Allatoona WMA in the area of Wilderness Camp Rd. Cpl. Young checked a young hunter, Levi Griswell, that had taken his first deer a spike buck.



On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Byron Young checked a complaint of hunting without permission near Boss Rd. During the 2013 hunting season a landowner had problems with hunters on his property. DNR officers checked the area several times, but did not locate any hunters. This season the landowner called with the same problems. In the evening, Cpl. Young located a hunter on the property. The hunter was hunting over whole corn and was not wearing hunter orange. The hunter was issued citations for hunting big game over bait, hunting without orange and a warning for hunting without permission.

### **CHEROKEE COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Bart Hendrix and Intern Matt Agee foot patrolled in the area of Batesville Rd near Sugar Pike. RFC Hendrix located a hunter hunting over whole corn and Buck Juice. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting big game over bait.

### **POLK COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Chad Cox and Sgt. Ricky Dempsey was checking several baited location sites in Polk County and located a subject hunting over a fresh pile of whole corn. The subject was charged with hunting big game over bait.

### **HARALSON COUNTY**

October 26<sup>th</sup>, RFC Daniel Gray checked an area on a hunting club where deer bait had been located. One subject was cited for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer w/o wearing fluorescent orange.

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

October 19<sup>th</sup>, RFC Daniel Gray was conducting a routine patrol along the Carroll/Haralson County line. After conducting a foot patrol on a hunting club two individuals were cited for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer w/o wearing fluorescent orange.

## **Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)**

### **WHITE COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Anne Britt received a complaint on the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area on Martin Branch Rd. Some campers complained of loud noises the night before above their campsite. RFC Britt checked the area and located three vehicles parked near a food plot. RFC Britt walked into the food plot and found two more vehicles parked next to some tents along with a group of male subjects wearing fatigues sitting around a campfire that was constructed on the food plot. RFC Britt wrote warnings to two male individuals for illegal camping and driving on an unimproved road on WMA. The group cleaned up the area and changed their camping location to an approved site and were informed of the quiet hours between 10pm until 7am. Later that afternoon, RFC Britt and Sgt. Steve Seitz patrolled the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management area for small game hunting and fishing activity. During the patrol several fishing and hunting licenses were checked. RFC Britt came in contact with one Tennessee male fisherman who possessed a Georgia resident fishing license and trout license. RFC Britt inquired about how he received the license and found the individual also had a Colorado five day fishing license with the subjects Tennessee address on it. RFC Britt charged the fisherman for non-resident fishing with resident trout license and warned him for the trout license.

### **HALL COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Kevin Goss and Cpl. Adam Loudermilk checked a baited area, off Cool Springs Road. The two Rangers found the bait but couldn't locate the hunters. After searching the area two hunters were found within 200 yard of the bait and both were not wearing orange. After checking licenses and explaining the laws, warnings were issued for baiting and for not wearing florescent orange.

### **JACKSON COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Eric Isom with his K9 partner Colt checked a landowner's property in reference to a hunting without permission complaint. RFC Isom and Colt located a subject hunting on the property. He received a citation and a warning for hunting without permission and hunting big game over bait.

## **Region III- Thomson (East Central)**

### **NEWTON COUNTY**

On October 27, RFC Ricky Boles cited a subject for hunting raccoons out of season. The hunter had shot two raccoons with his bow while deer hunting on October 5. The subject then posted the pictures on Instagram.

### **WALTON COUNTY**

On October 25, RFC Ricky Boles encountered a subject hunting deer over corn and two salt blocks. The hunter was cited for hunting big game over bait and not wearing fluorescent orange.

On October 26, RFC Ricky Boles received a complaint from a landowner concerning possible poachers hunting his property. Ranger Boles caught two subjects hunting without permission on the property after finding three separate deer stands. One hunter was not wearing fluorescent orange and the other was cited for hunting without a license.

### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

On October 25, Corporals David Allen and Derrell Worth investigated a complaint that was received through the Ranger Tip Hot Line in Hancock County. After investigating the complaint, 14 citations were issued for non-resident hunting without a license, non-resident hunting without big game license, hunting big game over bait, and hunting without fluorescent orange safety vest.

Cpl. Derrell Worth cited two subjects for hunting big game over bait and one subject for hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

#### **GREENE COUNTY**

Cpl. Derrell Worth cited two subjects for hunting without hunter education, one subject for hunting without a WMA license, one subject for failure to record deer harvest, and two subjects for criminal trespass (due to not being engaged in hunting).

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Ryan Swain apprehended two subjects hunting deer over bait. One subject also was in violation of the orange clothing requirement for hunting big game. Both subjects were cited and released.

#### **WARREN COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Doyte Chaffin and RFC Brian Adams apprehended one subject hunting deer over bait. The subject was cited and released.

#### **OCONEE COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> RFC Tim Butler issued deer hunter citations for hunting big game over bait, hunting without a big game license, and hunting without a hunting license. A warning was issued for hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

#### **WALTON COUNTY**

On October 26<sup>th</sup> RFC Tim Butler issued deer hunter citations for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. A warning was issued for hunting without a big game license.

#### **WILKES COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> Cpl. Mark Patterson checked an area known to have baited stands. Four adults and a juvenile were found hunting deer over corn. The four adults were charged with hunting big game over bait and a deer that had been shot by one of the adults was confiscated.

### **Region IV- Macon (West Central)**

#### **BALDWIN COUNTY**

On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jeremy Reese responded to a hunting without permission complaint that involved three subjects that were driving around on someone else's property and had just killed a deer from the vehicle. RFC Reese charged all three individuals with hunting without permission, and hunting from a vehicle. The deer that was killed was confiscated and given to the land owner.

On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Matt Johnson issued written warnings for fishing without permission to two subjects that were fishing in a pond on Baldwin County property, where there is no fishing allowed.

#### **CEDAR CREEK WMA**

On Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Sgt. Bo Kelly, RFC Reese and Ranger Matt Johnson responded to a call about a hunter who had not gotten in touch with his family in several days and he was last known to be hunting Cedar Creek WMA. Rangers began searching for the missing hunter's vehicle. Jones County 911 Center was able to locate a signal from the man's cell phone and it showed he was at Redlands WMA in Greene County. Rangers were able to locate the man at a campsite in Greene County and he was ok. He had decided to go hunt Redlands WMA and had not notified his family because he had poor cell phone service.

## **FAYETTE COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, at about 1100 hours Cpl. Keith Waddell and Sgt. Brent Railey were notified of potentially illegally killed deer in western Fayette County. They responded and after an investigation determined that three deer were killed illegally. Several citations were issued to the violators including hunting big game over bait, non-resident hunting without a hunting license and failure to record deer harvest. Pictured is Cpl. Keith Waddell taking pictures of the area and of evidence at the scene.



## **HARRIS COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Mitch Oliver and Cpl. Jeremy Bolen were checking a hunting complaint. While patrolling the property, the rangers heard a gunshot in the area. K-9 Ruger was utilized to track the hunter from his vehicle to a ground blind. After a search of the area, Ruger located a freshly killed spike approximately 50 yards in front of the blind. The hunter was issued a citation for taking an illegal antlered deer in a QDM county. The deer was confiscated and donated to a local food bank.

## **HENRY COUNTY**

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, RFC Kevin Godbee received a complaint of hunting without permission in Locust Grove. Upon arrival at the location, RFC Godbee and Cpl. Travis Sweat entered the woods began searching for the suspect, who was eventually located along with his juvenile son sitting in the wood line about a half mile away. When the suspect saw RFC Godbee and Cpl. Sweat, he put the juvenile over his shoulder and jumped a fence and ran into the woods. RFC Godbee and Cpl. Sweat were able to apprehend the suspect in the woods. The violator was charged with hunting without permission, hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting without fluorescent orange.

## **JONES COUNTY**

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jeremy Reese issued one citation for hunting over bait to a subject that was found to be hunting deer in close proximity to corn.

On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jeremy Reese encountered two subjects that were hunting deer over bait and they also were not wearing any fluorescent orange. Citations were issued to both subjects for hunting big game over bait and failure to wear fluorescent orange while hunting deer.

## **MERIWETHER COUNTY**

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Keith Waddell responded to a complaint of hunting without permission. When the hunter was located, he did not have on an orange vest and was a non-resident that did not possess a hunting license. He was also hunting over bait. The man was charged with hunting without a big game license (non-resident), hunting without a license (non-resident) and hunting without a fluorescent orange vest.

## **PIKE COUNTY**

On Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Keith Waddell responded to a possible hunting without permission complaint. It was determined that the hunter did have permission, but he was hunting deer over bait and without wearing his fluorescent orange vest. He was issued citations for these offenses.

## **Region V- Albany (Southwest)**

### **WEBSTER COUNTY**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ranger Quinn Fogle received a complaint of an illegal dumpsite near Weston. Ranger Fogle began an investigation, and after interviewing several persons he was able to identify the violator, whom was charged with dumping egregious litter over 500lbs.



*Illegal roadside dump site located in Webster County*

### **DECATUR COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, RFC Tony Cox conducted a patrol on Silver Lake WMA and cited one subject for hunting deer on a closed WMA. The area is only open for small game hunting at this time.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, RFC Cox conducted another patrol on Silver Lake WMA and cited two more subjects for hunting deer on a closed WMA.

### **MILLER/SEMINOLE COUNTIES**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, RFC Tony Cox and Ranger Steve Thomas completed an extensive investigation of seven suspects involved in the unlawful killing of two alligators. Thirteen warrants were taken in Miller and Seminole Counties for hunting alligators out of season, and possession of alligator parts.

## **TERRELL COUNTY**

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Scott Carroll received information of an illegally killed deer. Cpl. Carroll followed up on the information and cited the hunter for hunting without a big game license and failure to record harvest. The deer was confiscated and donated to charity.



*Confiscated Terrell County Deer*

## **CRISP COUNTY**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Bob Holley was patrolling Crisp County when he was contacted by a local landowner and advised that two subjects were fishing in his pond without permission. The complainant stated that he had recently re-stocked the pond and no one had permission to fish. Cpl. Holley responded to the location and found two individuals fishing. A brief investigation revealed that the two subjects had hidden their vehicle across the highway in a cotton field and walked approximately ½ mile to the pond. Both subjects were cited for fishing without permission, the fish in their possession were released back into the pond.

## **DOOLY COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Bob Holley and Cpl. Clint Martin responded to an in progress hunting without permission complaint. The complainant stated that he had been involved in a heated argument with a subject that he had found hunting on his property. The subject was located a short time later and was identified by the complainant and other club members. The investigation revealed that he had been deer hunting on the property and had also placed bait on the property without permission. He was cited for hunting without permission, hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license and hunting big game over bait. The altercation between the two individuals is currently under investigation by the Dooly County Sheriff's Office.

## **MACON COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Jesse Harrison observed two subjects hunting from a public road. The driver and passenger were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, hunting from a motor vehicle and hunting with an illegal weapon/ammo.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Ranger Jesse Harrison completed a two week investigation which resulted in a subject being charged with three counts of unlawful dumping of egregious litter less than 500 lbs.

## **Region VI- Metter (Southeast)**

### **LAURENS**

On Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 p.m. Corporal Dan Stiles was dispatched to assist the Dublin Police Department in Laurens County. Two deer had become disoriented in the downtown area of Dublin and jumped through a large window into the historic First National Bank building. Cpl. Stiles and a Dublin P.D. officer located the two deer in the basement of the abandoned building after they had fallen approximately 18' down an access shaft. The mature doe deer was deceased and the fawn was apparently uninjured. Cpl. Stiles and Laurens County Animal Control Officer Stan Shepard were able to capture the fawn and carry it up a ladder to be released back into the wild. The deceased deer was also removed and donated to a local citizen to be processed.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, RFC Allen Mills presented the Law Enforcement Division's power point to the Laurens County Chamber of commerce's leadership council. Twenty seven participants were in attendance.

On Saturday, October 18, RFC Rodney Horne was patrolling Turkey Creek for hunting and fishing activity. RFC Rodney Horne checked 3 people fishing and documented 2 violations for fishing without a license

### **WILCOX**

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class Allen Mills received a complaint from Sergeant James Mclaughlin in reference to a hunting without permission complaint. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, RFC Mills and Sgt. Mclaughlin met with the complainant. He stated that someone had come onto his property and killed an alligator in his pond. Over the next few days, the officers gathered vital information such as adjacent landowners, persons who hunted nearby, persons with permits to hunt alligators, etc. On October the 18<sup>th</sup>, RFC Rodney Horne, RFC Allen Mills, and Sergeant James Mclaughlin began interviewing adjacent land owners, and persons known to hunt in the area. RFC Mills agreed to meet with two hunters later that evening. During the interview, the hunters admitted to crossing the property line to retrieve hog hunting dogs. While there, one dog was eaten by a large alligator. When the two individuals entered the water to retrieve the remaining dog, a large alligator emerged within five feet of them. The suspect shot the alligator. After taking all evidence into account, two violations for hunting without permission were documented.

On October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM, Ranger First Class Allen Mills was contacted by the Georgia State Patrol in reference to a night hunting complaint in Wilcox County. RFC Mills contacted Wilcox 911 for all the information and arrived on scene fifteen minutes later. After interviewing the witnesses, RFC Mills and an Abbeville PD officer contacted the three suspects and began to interview each one. A dead button buck was located in the woods next to their residence. The three suspects admitted to shooting the deer at approximately 10:15 PM in their front yard using a spot light and a .243 caliber rifle. Three violations for hunting deer at night were documented. The deer was confiscated and donated to a local processor to be used for needy families.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cpl. John Stokes responded to a hunting without permission complaint. Cpl. Stokes located the hunter on the property in question. Violations were documented for hunting without permission.

### **TELFAIR**

On Saturday, October 24, RFC Rodney Horne was patrolling for deer hunting violations in Telfair County. Officer Horne checked an adult and juvenile hunting deer and documented violations on the adult for hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer without wearing a fluorescent orange vest.

On Friday, October 24, RFC Rodney Horne investigated a night hunting complaint from the previous night. Upon conclusion of the investigation, RFC Rodney Horne charged a resident and a non-resident hunter with hunting deer at night and hunting from a vehicle.



## **EVANS COUNTY**

On October 24, RFC Debbie Brannen was working a complaint area for night deer hunters. A vehicle was observed traveling very slowly and shining a light out of the vehicle. Ranger Brannen initiated a vehicle stop that resulted in one individual being charged for hunting raccoons from a motor vehicle, hunting from a public road and hunting without a license. The suspect was turned over to Georgia State Patrol Trooper Miller. The suspect was taken to the Evans County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving without a license, open container, DUI 3rd offense.

On October 25, RFC Debbie Brannen was working another complaint area when a vehicle stopped and the occupants exited the vehicle and began shining the trees in a pecan orchard. After leaving the orchard Ranger Brannen stopped the vehicle. The two suspects were charged with hunting raccoons without a license and hunting without permission. The driver did not have a driving license and was turned over to Trooper Miller of the Georgia State Patrol. The suspect was taken to the Evans County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving with a suspended license.

## **JEFF DAVIS COUNTY**

On the night of October 24, Cpl. Chase Altman was working a night deer hunting complaint on the Jeff Davis/Apppling County line. At around 11:00 p.m. Cpl. Altman witness a vehicle traveling down the public road while shining a light out of the window. Cpl. Altman immediately initiated a stop of vehicle and located two individuals inside. Upon further investigations Cpl. Altman also located two loaded rifles and a light. Both subjects were charged with: hunting from a vehicle, hunting from a public road, and hunting deer at night.

## **TATTNALL COUNTY**

On October 19, RFC Clint Jarriel was patrolling Cox Rd. for possible hunting activity. During the patrol RFC Jarriel located one deer hunter. The hunter was issued citations for: hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting without fluorescent orange.

## **EMANUEL COUNTY**

On October 24, Corporal Mike Wilcox was called about a hunting incident that occurred on a hunting lease near Twin City. There were two men from Savannah hunting on their lease. They made plans to hunt until around 10:00 a.m. One of the men got down from his deer stand and went to check his trail camera and deer feeder. On his way back to the road to meet his partner, the individual decided he would shoot a few rounds from his .22lr pistol. The man removed the gun from the holster and placed it under his left arm. The gun slipped from under his arm and hit the ground. When the gun hit the ground, it fired and sent a bullet into the man's leg just below his knee. The guy was able to walk back to the road and call his hunting partner to come and get him. The man was transported to Savannah by ambulance. He is expected to be fine. Corporal Eddie Akins, Corporal Kevin Joyce, and K-9 Briar helped in investigating the incident.

## **JENKINS COUNTY**

On October 25, Corporal Mike Wilcox heard a call over the radio for a deputy to be in route to Magnolia Springs State Park to help with an unruly visitor. Cpl. Wilcox responded to the park to assist. The unruly guest had been using LSD and was hallucinating. The subject was transported to the hospital to be monitored and was later taken to the Jenkins County jail. Bulloch County

## **BULLOCH COUNTY**

On the morning of Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at about 3:15am, Cpl. Eddie Akins was contacted by a deputy from the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office. The deputy informed Cpl. Akins that he had just stopped some night hunters on Highway 80 near Brooklet as a result of an in-progress call from 911. Cpl. Akins met with the deputy and learned that a resident off Black Creek Church Road heard a shot in the field across the road from his residence and was able to get the description of the vehicle, a partial tag number and direction of travel of the violators. The above mentioned deputy was in the area and was able to overtake the violators near Brooklet. The vehicle contained four male and two female occupants. Questioning revealed that the driver was the owner of the vehicle, owner of the firearm and the one who shot the deer. Violations for hunting deer at night and hunting from a motor vehicle were documented against the driver.

On the afternoon of October 19<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Eddie Akins and Sgt. Don Dasher checked Oliver Bridge Wildlife Management Area for hunting activity. Their efforts resulted in twelve hunters being checked and four violations being documented. The violations were for hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license and two violations for hunting without a WMA stamp.

On the morning of October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Eddie Akins patrolled areas off the Leefield-Stilson highway and the Oliver Bridge WMA. His efforts resulted in eight licenses being checked and one violation being documented. The violation was for hunting without fluorescent orange.

## **EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

On the night of October the 19th, Ranger Jordan Crawford and CPL. Eddie Akins responded to call of two missing boaters lost on the Savannah River near Abercorn Landing. Upon arriving at the scene Ranger Crawford and CPL. Akins were met by members the Rincon Fire Department Search and Rescue, Effingham County Sheriff's Office, and US Fish and Wildlife. After conducting a search of the area using both boats and air support provided by Savannah Metropolitan Police Department, both men were found and safely returned to Abercorn Landing.

## **SCREVEN COUNTY**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely Sgt. Don Dasher and Ranger Jordan Crawford were working night hunting in North Screven County. At approximately 11:00pm Ranger Crawford observed the occupants of a truck passing his position on Harmony Rd. shining a light in a peanut field. While catching up with the truck to conduct a stop, Ranger Crawford observed the occupants shining lights out of both sides of the truck. Ranger Crawford stopped the vehicle and Cpl. McNeely and Sgt. Dasher responded to the scene. The occupants of the violators' vehicle were two white males from White Oak GA. Inside the truck officers located eight large rechargeable flashlights multiple spare battery packs and a spot light. There were two twelve gauge shot guns loaded with 00 buckshot in the front seat. Both men were transported to the Screven County Jail and charged with Hunting deer at night, Hunting Big Game from a public rd., Hunting from a vehicle, and Hunting without permission.



On October 25, Cpl. Shaymus McNeely responded to a domestic disturbance call at a residence located on Hunting Trail at the request of the Screven County Sheriffs' Department. The domestic dispute was over an uncle accusing his nephew of hunting without permission. An investigation into the incident revealed that the nephew did have permission to hunt but, had failed to call before he went. The uncle was advised that he could take away the permission to hunt but the nephew legally had permission at the time of the incident. Both parties agreed to stay away from each other. A citation was issued for failure to record deer harvest.

### **CLINCH COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Jason Shipes responded to an active deer dogging complaint in southern Clinch County. During this patrol, Cpl. Shipes observed one subject parked in the county roadway taking a stand while hounds were actively running. The hunter was found to be in possession of a loaded shotgun on the public road. A citation for hunting big game from a public road was issued.

### **ATKINSON COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Tim Hutto worked and finished a complaint investigation pertaining to night deer hunting on the Cogdell Highway in Pearson. On the morning of October 25<sup>th</sup>, two subjects were observed coming into a clear cut trying to find a doe deer they had killed the night before around midnight. After interviewing witnesses and reviewing evidence, two subjects were charged with hunting deer at night.



On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Hutto observed two vehicles on Gopher Plantation in Axson. RFC Hutto stopped to talk with the subjects to see what they were doing on the plantation. RFC Hutto observed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicles. A search of both vehicles was performed which turned up meth pipes, powder cocaine, oxycodone, illegal prescription pain pills, and approximately fifty grams of crystal meth. Three subjects were arrested and turned over to the Atkinson County Sheriff's Department.



On October 25<sup>th</sup>, at around 11:00 p.m., RFC Hutto worked a field in the Mora area of Atkinson County for night deer hunting. While working the complaint field, RFC Hutto observed a pickup truck pull up to the field. A light was shined out of the passenger window and a high powered rifle shot was fired toward eyes of what appeared to be deer in the field. RFC Hutto tried to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle when the vehicle fled. RFC Hutto stopped the chase on the Mora highway. On the morning of October 26<sup>th</sup> at around 6:45 a.m., RFC Tim Hutto and RFC Joe Hilton made contact with the driver and passenger of the truck. An investigation continued on the case until around 11:30 a.m. Ultimately, two subjects were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a vehicle, hunting big game from a public road, and obstruction of an officer for fleeing and shining a light into the cab of RFC Hutto's patrol truck.



#### **COFFEE COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Joe Hilton was on routine patrol in Coffee County for hunting activity. While on this patrol, RFC Hilton performed several hunting license checks. These checks yielded several hunters being cited for hunting deer without fluorescent orange and hunting without a hunting license.

#### **LOWNDES COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Keith McDonald responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Lowndes County. RFC McDonald spoke with the landowner about a golf cart that was parked out of view behind some bushes. The Ranger located a ladder stand and a trail camera. It was determined the equipment was not on the complainant's property. Minutes later another landowner arrived and did not want to press charges concerning this incident.

### **Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)**

#### **LONG COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> Ranger Gibbs patrolled Townsend WMA. A total of 9 hunters were checked. Violations were addressed for non-resident hunting w/o a license, hunting w/o a license, hunting w/o a wma stamp, and hunting w/ buckshot on a WMA.

#### **BRYAN COUNTY**

On evening of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and early morning of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jack Thain, Ranger Jason Miller, and RFC Kiel Toney worked a night hunting detail where they stopped and questioned four teenagers for shining their truck headlights in a field. The subjects had a rifle but did not have any ammunition. One 18 year-old subject was cited for littering after he threw some trash out of the truck's window.

During the past month, Ranger Jason Miller, with the assistance of Cpl. Bill Bryson, RFC Jack Thain, and RFC Kiel Toney, investigated several instances of illegal dumping in the eastern part of the county. Surveillance was set up at sites of illegal dumping on Dunham Marsh Rd. and Oak Level Rd. As a result of the surveillance, Cpl. Bryson and RFC Thain cited two persons for illegal dumping. Ranger Miller cited five persons for illegal dumping of which one case was for commercial dumping by employees of a tree removal service.

On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jack Thain, Cpl. Bill Bryson, Cpl. Chris Moore, and Sgt. Phillip Scott patrolled the Richmond Hill WMA tracts around Kilkenny Rd. and Bryan Co-op Rd. in reference to complaints of deer-hunting dogs on the WMA. One deer-dogging hunter from a hunting club adjoining the WMA was cited for failure to keep hunting dogs on permitted property after the dogs were found on the WMA.

### **LIBERTY COUNTY**

On Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Ranger Jason Miller, Cpl. Jay Morgan, and Sgt. Cindy Miller conducted a Joint Enforcement Agreement patrol checking for Turtle Excluder Devices on commercial shrimp boats offshore of St. Catherine's and Ossabaw Islands. Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) allow endangered sea turtles to escape from the shrimp nets. One crew member on one boat was cited for commercial fishing without a commercial license in state waters.

On the late afternoon of Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Cpl. Morgan received a call about a truck with an ATV trailer parked on the Trade Port East Industrial Park on Hwy. 38. Cpl. Morgan responded along with Ranger Jason Miller and checked two deer hunters who had permission to hunt 33 acres of land next to the industrial park.

### **CAMDEN COUNTY**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Chris Ridley was on water patrol in St. Andrews sound when he observed a commercial shrimp trawler that was fishing inside the sound limit. Cpl. Ridley boarded the trawler and after checking licenses and gear cited the crew for using power-drawn nets in closed waters.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sgt. Chris Hodge responded to hunting without permission complaint in south Camden County. Upon arrival, Sgt. Hodge located the hunter as he exited the woods and learned that the hunter did in fact have permission to hunt the property that he was on. However, the hunter did not have any hunting licenses nor was he wearing fluorescent orange while hunting. Sgt. Hodge cited the subject for hunting without a hunting license, hunting without a big game license, and failure to wear fluorescent orange while hunting deer.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Chris Hodge assisted the Camden County Sheriff's Office and Camden County EMS with an emergency response to Cumberland Island. A camper on the Island had fell and it was believed he had broken his arm. Due to the night time conditions, EMS and Sheriff's Office personnel requested that DNR officers operate the boat to pick up the injured subject and return him to the mainland to seek medical treatment for his injury. The subject was returned without incident and transported to a local hospital.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Craig Smith and Ranger First Class John Evans responded to a complaint that a subject had shot a deer from a public road. The subject was gone on arrival but returned not long after the Rangers arrived. He admitted to shooting at the deer four times from the county road. The subject was cited for hunting big game from a public road.

### **BRANTLEY COUNTY**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Craig Smith was patrolling an area known for illegal hunting. While doing so he noticed a subject step onto the road and then duck back into the woods. Cpl. Smith got to the area and found a subject that was hunting big game without florescent orange. The subject was cited for hunting w/o a hunting license, hunting w/o big game license, and hunting deer w/o fluorescent orange.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Cpl. Craig Smith responded to a possible hunting w/o permission complaint. Upon arrival Cpl. Smith found two subjects that were on their own property. The subjects were dragging a deer out of the woods which turned out to be a small spike. Neither subject had an orange vest on. The one that killed the deer had already killed a spike on another hunt. The adult subject was cited for hunting deer w/o fluorescent orange and failure to record deer harvest. The juvenile was turned over to his father.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Cpl. Craig Smith responded to the same area from the day before reference illegal dumping of a deer carcass. The complainant was the same subject that called the day before and stated that someone had dumped a deer carcass in his drive and put the head about 100 yards inside the property next to the subject heavy equipment. The spike was the same spike the Cpl. Smith had seen the day before that the two other subjects had killed. After several hours of tracking down the subjects they admitted to dumping the carcass. They picked up the carcass and the adult was cited for illegal dumping and the juvenile was turned over to both parents.