

# Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**November 20 – November 26, 2016**

**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 24, Cpl. Byron Young and RFC Zack Hardy located two hunters on private property off Rome Hwy 411. The hunters did not have permission to be on the property. The hunters were issued citations for hunting without permission.

On November 26, Cpl. Byron Young patrolled Allatoona WMA, Cpl. Young located one hunter without the proper license. The hunter was issued a warning for hunting without a big game license.

### **CHEROKEE COUNTY**

On November 24, RFC Bart Hendrix and RFC Mark Puig patrolled Allatoona Lake by boat. The officers located 2 deer hunters illegally hunting on US Army Corps Property. The hunters were issued citations for hunting without permission and hunting without required hunter orange. The officers continued on water patrol and checked several duck hunters and fishermen. One fishermen was issued a warning for fishing without a license.

### **COBB COUNTY**

On November 25, RFC Bart Hendrix and RFC Mark Puig patrolled Allatoona Lake by boat. The officers located several duck hunters and fishermen. One citation and 3 warnings were issued for hunting without a federal duck stamp, operating a vessel without PFD's, operating a vessel without registration and fishing without a license.

### **FULTON COUNTY**

On November 27, RFC Bart Hendrix foot patrolled a large private tract of land on Little River. RFC Hendrix located two hunter on the property. The hunters had several license violations and RFC Hendrix discovered that one of the hunters had harvested a deer last week without a license. Citations and warnings were issued for hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, failure to record or obtain a deer harvest and possession of illegally taken wildlife.

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Chad Cox checked a complaint in the Bowdon area of Carroll County and located one hunter hunting deer. The hunter was hunting over corn and did not have a fluorescent orange vest. Cpl. Cox cited the hunter for hunting big game over bait and hunting without fluorescent orange.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Eric Brown was patrolling Carroll County. One subject was located and cited for hunting deer without a license and without a big game license.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Eric Brown responded to a night hunting complaint in the county. One subject was located behind a residence skinning a gray fox that he had shot that night. The subject was cited for hunting out of season.

### **HARALSON COUNTY**

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, RFC Daniel Gray was on routine patrol when he discovered a suspicious vehicle on a hunting club. After conducting a foot patrol of the area RFC Gray located two hunters. One individual was cited for hunting deer w/o hunting license, w/o big game license, w/o orange, and allowing juvenile to hunt w/o hunter education.

### **POLK COUNTY**

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Rangers conducted a concentrated night hunting patrol with the DNR Aviation in Polk County. Three subjects were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a motor vehicle.

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

### **HART COUNTY**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Craig Fulghum received a call from a landowner in the Reed Creek area about a subject that was trespassing on his land. Cpl. Fulghum responded along with a Hart County Sheriffs Office deputy to the location. During the investigation a subject was located and cited for Hunting without permission and Hunting without fluorescent orange vest. Warnings were issued to the subject for hunting without a license and a big game license.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Craig Fulghum patrolled the Lake Hartwell area for waterfowl hunters. During his patrol he found one subject hunting waterfowl without any applicable state or federal licenses. The subject was cited for hunting waterfowl without a federal duck stamp and hunting waterfowl without a hunting license. He was issued warnings for not having a Georgia waterfowl license or a HIP license.

### **MADISON COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, RFC Shane Sartor and Sgt. Derek Dillard were patrolling Madison County when they observed a subject in a deer stand not wearing his required fluorescent orange vest. The subject was checked and a warning was issued for not wearing his fluorescent orange vest. RFC Sartor and Sgt. Dillard also patrolled the Broad River WMA for hunting violations. During their patrol one subject was issued a citation for hunting on a WMA without a WMA license.

### **BANKS COUNTY**

On November 25-26<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk held the annual Banks County Youth Deer Hunt. A total of 26 kids hunted both days and harvested a total of 15 deer.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Adam Loudermilk responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Banks County. Two subjects were caught for hunting without permission.

### **JACKSON COUNTY**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, RFC Eric Isom and his K9 partner Colt located a hunter hunting near Pendergrass. The subject was hunting without orange, without a big game license /game harvest record and over big game over bait.

Later that day Jackson County Sherriff Department call to request K9 support on locating a 24-year-old female, who suffers from substance abuse problems and threaten to commit suicide. Her parents called Health Care Professionals to help her that morning. When they showed up, she took off on foot out of the house. When RFC Isom arrived to the scene, he deployed Colt to track the female. Once Colt found the female, RFC Isom used his crisis intervention training to get the female to seek treatment voluntarily, even though the Officers had a sign order for her custody.

### **HALL COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, RFC Kevin Goss located a hunter hunting deer over bait and without orange.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Jason Roberson responded to a complaint and located a hunter hunting deer over bait, without orange, and without any of the appropriate licenses. Citations and warnings were issued for the violations.

Later the same morning, Corporal Jason Roberson responded to a shots fired call and located a hunter who was hunting without permission, without orange, and without any of the appropriate licenses. The hunter attempted to hide his firearm beneath a fallen log but Roberson was able to locate it. Citations were issued for the multiple violations.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Jason Roberson, Sgt. Mike Burgamy, and RFC Kevin Goss conducted a foot patrol on a property where a convicted felon was supposed to be hunting. The investigation took most of the day, but resulted in the following activity. Two convicted felons were found in possession of a firearm, two subjects were found to be in possession of methamphetamine, one subject was arrested on a warrant, one subject was in possession of a stolen firearm, and numerous hunting charges were made. They included several cases for hunting deer without orange, without the appropriate licenses, and failure to record deer harvest.

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

#### **LINCOLN COUNTY**

On 11-25-16, CPL Ryan Swain apprehended one subject for hunting big game over bait. One citation was written.

On 11-25-16, CPL Ryan Swain and RFC Bobby Timmerman responded to a baited dove hunting complaint in Lincoln County. CPL Swain and RFC Timmerman apprehended six subjects for hunting doves over bait. Seven citations and warnings were written and fifteen doves confiscated.

On 11-26-16, CPL Ryan Swain responded to a waterfowl hunting complaint off Ashmore Barden Road in Lincoln County. CPL Swain apprehended two subjects for having over the limit of ducks and no licenses of any kind. Six citations and warnings were written and twelve ducks were confiscated.

On 11-26-16, CPL Brian Adams and RFC Bobby Timmerman conducted a vessel patrol of Clarks Hill Lake for waterfowl hunting activity. While on patrol CPL Adams and RFC Timmerman apprehended two subjects for hunting with an unplugged shotgun and hunting with lead shot.

#### **WARREN COUNTY**

On 11-24-16, RFC Bobby Timmerman apprehended one subject for hunting big game over bait and hunting without orange.

On 11-25-16, RFC Bobby Timmerman apprehended one subject for hunting big game without orange.

On 11-27-16, RFC Micheal Crawley responded to a hunting without permission complaint on Elem Church Road in Warren County. One subject was apprehended and citations were written for hunting without orange and hunting without a license. Subject was also warned for hunting big game without a big game license and hunting without permission.

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

On 11-27-16, RFC Bobby Timmerman apprehended one subject for hunting big game over bait and hunting without orange.

#### **BURKE COUNTY**

On Friday, November 25, Ranger First Class Jeff Billips was conducting night hunting surveillance in response to multiple complaints in the River Road area. RFC Billips observed truck on River Road and a light being shined into the adjacent field. RFC Billips followed the truck onto the neighboring property and approached the truck as the driver was exiting. The driver fled into the woods. Corporal Shaymus McNeely arrived to assist. RFC Billips arrested the suspect for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, hunting from a motor vehicle, driving under the influence under 21, possession of alcohol by underage person, obstruction/hindering of law enforcement officers.

#### **CLARKE COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup> RFC. Tim Butler checked an area known to have hunting without permission problems. One person was located hunting without permission. Violations documented were hunting without permission, hunting w/o a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

Additionally, RFC. Butler checked an area known to have a baited deer stands. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait, hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange.

On November 25th RFC. Tim Butler presented an information and education program to a local hunting club at their annual fall dinner.

### **OCONEE COUNTY**

On the morning of November 24th\ RFC Tim Butler located a group of four duck hunters. Violations documented were hunting without a license, and hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license.

On November 25th Sgt. Brian Carter and RFC. Tim Butler checked areas known to be baited for deer. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait, hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange, hunting without a license, and hunting without a big game license. Additionally, a dove shoot was located and violations for hunting without an unplugged shotgun were addressed.

On November 26th RFC Tim Butler checked areas known to be baited for deer. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait, and hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange. Additionally, RFC Butler located a dove shoot with six hunters. It was determined the field was baited. Violations for hunting over bait, hunting with an unplugged shotgun, and hunting without a license were documented.

### **OGLETHORPE COUNTY**

On November 25th, RFC Phillip Nelson checked several properties known to be baited for deer. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait, hunting without fluorescent orange, hunting without big game license, hunting without a license, and failure to record deer harvest on an 8-point buck.

On November 26th, Sgt. Brian Carter and RFC Phillip Nelson patrolled Oglethorpe Co. for hunting activity. Violations documented were hunting doves over bait.

On November 27th, RFC Phillip Nelson checked a group of nine duck hunters who shot before legal hours. Violations documented were hunting before legal hours and hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license. Later that morning RFC Nelson checked areas known to be baited for deer. Violations documented were hunting big game over bait and hunting without fluorescent orange.

### **WILKES COUNTY**

On November 24th Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Mark Patterson checked areas known to have baited deer stands. Violations of hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without fluorescent orange were documented.

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

On November 26th, Sgt. John Harwell cited two subjects for hunting on a public road.

### **GREENE COUNTY**

On November 24th, Cpl. Derrell Worth cited two subjects for operating a vessel without PFDs, cited two subjects for hunting big game over bait, and two subjects for failure to record deer harvest.

On November 25th, Cpl. Derrell Worth cited two subjects for hunting without wearing fluorescent orange, two subjects for unlawful enticement, one subject for allowing minor to hunt unsupervised, cited four subjects for hunting big game over bait, and one subject for Violation of Georgia Controlled Substance Act (VGCSA).

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Derrell Worth, Sgt. Matt Garthright, and US Forest Service Officer Zack Nichols conducted an investigation on Redlands WMA which resulted in the arrest of one subject for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, hunting from a motor vehicle, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was released to the Greene County Law Enforcement Center. The other subject was cited and released for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a motor vehicle.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Derrell Worth and Sgt. Matt Garthright cited one subject for unlawful dumping, four subjects for hunting big game over bait, two subjects for hunting deer without wearing fluorescent orange, and one subject for failure to record deer harvest.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Derrell Worth cited one subject for hunting big game over bait.

#### **NEWTON COUNTY**

On 11/22/16, Ranger Schay was patrolling a property in Newton County in response to a hunting without permission complaint. Violations for hunting without permission, hunting deer without fluorescent orange, and allowing an underage child to hunt w/o supervision were documented.

On 11/23/16 Ranger Schay and SGT Garthright were patrolling Newton County for hunting activity. Violations for taking over the bag limit, hunting big game over bait, hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and hunting deer without fluorescent orange were documented.

On 11/25/16 Ranger Schay was patrolling Newton County for hunting activity. A violation of hunting without a big game license was documented.

On 11/26/16 Ranger Schay was patrolling Newton County for hunting activity. Violations for hunting big game over bait and hunting deer without fluorescent orange were documented.

#### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

On November 26, 2016, Cpl. David Allen cited one subject for not wearing a PFD in a boating safety zone. Cpl. Allen cited a deer hunter for hunting without a big game license.

#### **WALTON COUNTY**

On November 26, Ranger Jason Harrison cited a hunter hunting without fluorescent orange while hunting.

#### **MORGAN COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, RFC Ricky Boles cited an individual for hunting big game over bait and hunting without fluorescent orange while hunting deer.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, RFC Ricky Boles and Sgt. Matt Garthright worked three separate hunting without permission complaints. Ranger Boles cited three individuals in each of the cases. One hunter was also cited for not wearing fluorescent orange while hunting and not having a big game license.

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

No activity to report.

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

#### **COLQUITT COUNTY**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, RFC Eric White located three adults and a juvenile shooting ducks after legal hours. Ranger White inspected the area where the subjects were hunting and found it had been baited with corn. The adult subjects were cited for hunting ducks over bait and hunting migratory birds after legal hours.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Greg Wade, RFC Jon Penuel, and RFC Eric White conducted a concentrated patrol to address night hunting complaints. The Rangers charged four subjects for hunting from a public road and hunting from a vehicle.

### **THOMAS COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, RFC Jon Penuel checked a dove shoot. As the officer made his way around the field, he encountered a hunter who stated he could not locate the paper copy or the smart phone version of his hunting license and was insistent that he had purchased the license months earlier, prior to the first dove season. RFC Penuel took down the subject's information and advised him he could verify the license purchase for him on the computer in his truck. The Ranger continued checking the other hunters scattered across the field before returning to his vehicle. Upon running the subject's information, RFC Penuel discovered the subject purchased a license AFTER speaking with the officer in the field. The subject was charged with hunting without a license.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. David Ruddell encountered an out of state hunter in possession of three sets of deer antlers, all having come from recently killed deer. The subject was cooperative and admitted having killed the bucks while hunting during the Thanksgiving holidays. The most recently killed deer was confiscated and the subject charged for exceeding the season limit of antlered deer.

### **TIFT COUNTY**

On the afternoon of November 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Greg Wade was notified by a GSP Trooper of a dove shoot near the Tifton patrol post. Cpl. Wade located several subjects hunting a peanut field which was found to have been baited with peanut hearts. The eight hunters were charged with hunting over bait and their harvested dove were confiscated.

### **DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

On the morning of November 26<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Greg Wade and RFC Eric White were contacted by Sgt. Ellis Wynn about an illegal hunting complaint. The two Rangers arrived to assist Sgt. Wynn who was looking for several hunters who were reportedly hunting without orange on property adjacent to that of the complainant's. After a brief search, two hunters were located on the property in question and charged for hunting deer without florescent orange. Additionally, one of the subjects was found to be in possession of marijuana and charged for violation of Georgia's controlled substance act (VGCSA).

### **MACON COUNTY**

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Clint Martin and RFC Jesse Harrison completed an investigation into the unlawful taking of a piebald (albino) doe. During the investigation it was determined that two individuals hunted a tract of land without the landowner's permission with the intent to locate and kill a piebald deer that frequented the area. The subjects were interviewed and charged with multiple offenses in regards to the illegal taking of the deer. The deer's cape, which was located at a taxidermist, and its processed meat were seized.

### **GRADY COUNTY**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Sgt. Rick Sellars and RFC Steve Thomas responded to an incident concerning a missing elderly subject with medical issues. The male subject was located deceased in a wooded area a short distance from his residence. The incident is being investigated by Grady Co. S.O.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Rick Sellars located an early morning duck shoot, and found the pond to be baited. A total of 8 citations were issued to the 5 hunters for hunting waterfowl over bait and hunting without waterfowl license/stamps. Nine ducks were seized and donated to a needy family.

## **DECATUR COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Tony Cox and Sgt. Rick Sellars responded to a dove hunting complaint near Bainbridge. An adult and a juvenile were found to be hunting over bait. The adult was cited for hunting over bait and hunting without a license.

## **EARLY COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Tony Cox and RFC Steve Thomas responded to a complaint concerning a baited dove field. The field was located and six hunters were cited for hunting over bait.

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

### **WHEELER COUNTY**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne was patrolling Little Ocmulgee State Park Lake. RFC Horne checked two fisherman fishing on the Lake. RFC Horne documented one violation for fishing without a license.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant James McLaughlin and Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne were patrolling for waterfowl hunters in Wheeler County. Sergeant James McLaughlin and Ranger First Class Rodney Horne checked three waterfowl hunters. Violations were documented on two of the hunters. One hunter was documented for failure to participate in migratory bird HIP program and for hunting waterfowl without a Georgia waterfowl license. Another hunter was documented for failure to participate in migratory bird HIP program, hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license, and for hunting without a license.

### **TELFAIR COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant James McLaughlin and Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne were patrolling for waterfowl and deer hunters in Wheeler County. Sergeant James McLaughlin and Ranger First Class Rodney Horne checked two deer hunters. Violations were documented for hunting deer without a fluorescent orange vest and for accompanying a deer hunter without wearing a fluorescent orange vest.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Lamar Burns and Corporal Dan Stiles patrolled the Horse Creek Wildlife Management Area. Three waterfowl hunters were checked for license compliance. One violation for hunting without a Wildlife Management Area license and one violation for hunting waterfowl without a Georgia Waterfowl Conservation license were documented.

### **LAURENS COUNTY**

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger Lamar Burns patrolled the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area during a sign-in big game hunt. Fourteen hunters were checked for license compliance. Two violations for hunting on a closed Wildlife Management Area (WMA) were documented with two subjects hunting waterfowl on the WMA during a big game hunt.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger Lamar Burns responded to a night hunting complaint. One subject was charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a vehicle, and hunting from a public road. Two other subjects fled the scene on foot and were later located and charged for the same violations.

### **DODGE COUNTY**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, Ranger First Class Allen Mills observed a pickup truck with cardboard boxes, sheets of paper, and plastic bags falling out of the back of the truck. After conducting an interview with the driver, one violation of littering was documented.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant James McLaughlin and Ranger First Class Allen Mills were working a night detail when they observed a vehicle shining a light out the passenger window. The officers conducted a traffic stop and interviewed the driver. One violation for blinding wildlife with a light was documented.

## **BEN HILL COUNTY**

On Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Corporal John A Stokes worked night deer hunting. One violator was charged for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road and hunting from a vehicle.

On Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Corporal John A Stokes patrolled for deer hunting without permission two hunters where found and documented for hunting without fluorescent orange.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne was patrolling for deer and waterfowl hunting violations. RFC Horne checked one deer hunter and documented a violation for hunting deer without a fluorescent orange vest.

## **EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> RFC Jordan Crawford concluded a two week long investigation regarding a night deer hunting complaint that took place on November 6<sup>th</sup>. RFC Crawford was able to locate the individual involved in the crime and charges for hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road and hunting from a vehicle were issued.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> RFC Crawford was patrolling western Effingham County for waterfowl hunting activity when he heard shots coming from a beaver pond well after legal hunting hours. RFC Crawford was able to make contact with five individuals hunting on the pond. The suspects were charged with hunting waterfowl after hours, hunting with illegal ammo, and hunting without a federal duck stamp.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> RFC Crawford was patrolling Effingham County for hunting activity when he observed a car with its emergency flashers on parked in the middle of Whitaker road. RFC Crawford stopped to make sure the driver of the vehicle was ok. Upon talking to the driver it was apparent to RFC Crawford that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. A small amount of marijuana and two open containers of alcohol were found in the vehicle. The driver was arrested and the case was turned over to the Effingham County Sheriff's office.

## **BULLOCH COUNTY**

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. Brian Hobbins was listening for a waterfowl roost shoot along the Ogeechee River in Bulloch County when he heard shots coming from the river swamp well after legal hunting hours. Sgt. Hobbins was able to make contact with two individuals hunting on the river. The subjects were cited for hunting waterfowl after hours and one subject for hunting without Georgia waterfowl stamp. They were also warned for failure to sign/affix their federal duck stamp.

On the night of November 23<sup>rd</sup> Sgt. Brian Hobbins was working a night hunting complaint in western part of the county. At approximately 8:45 p.m. he observed a truck shining the fields he was watching. Sgt. Hobbins made a stop on the vehicle. The truck was occupied by two subjects. In addition to two spotlights, the occupants of the vehicle were in possession of two loaded rifles and a loaded pistol. A glass pipe containing marijuana was also found in the vehicle. Both subjects were charged with hunting deer at night, hunting from a public road, and hunting from a motor vehicle.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class Jason Miller was patrolling the Oliver Bridge WMA when he heard multiple deer dogs running on the property. While trying to locate the dogs, RFC Miller came across a pickup truck with a dog box. The driver of the truck admitted to owning the dogs and that he was on the property trying to catch them. RFC Miller assisted the individual in locating the dogs and the owner was cited for failure to keep deer dogs on permitted property.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class Jason Miller and Sgt. Brian Hobbins were patrolling the Middleground area of Bulloch County due to a deer-dogging complaint. Multiple hunters were checked and four individuals were cited for operating a vehicle w/o permit numbers displayed, hunting deer with unmarked dogs, and hunting deer with dogs w/o deer dog license.

## **EMANUEL COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Randell Meeks responded to an Emanuel County Sheriff Department call about a possible wildlife violation. After completing an investigation into the complaint, violations for hunting big game from a public road, hunting deer at night, and hunting from a vehicle were documented for the three people involved.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Randell Meeks was working night deer hunting in the Garfield area of Emanuel County. Ranger Meeks observed a truck shining the pecan orchard that he was sitting in. After stopping the truck, a flashlight, a shotgun loaded with 00 buckshot and a loaded .308 rifle were found inside. Violations for hunting big game from a public road, hunting deer at night, and hunting from a vehicle were documented for both the driver and the passenger.

## **SCREVEN COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup> Corporal Shaymus was traveling on GA Hwy 24 to work a night hunting complaint when he observed a pick up on the side of the road. As he slowed to see if the driver needed assistance he noticed two men with flashlights out in the woods. Cpl. McNeely followed the two men into the woods and observed they were setting a trap for raccoons. Cpl. McNeely made contact with the two men and issued citations for trapping out of season.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> Corporal Shaymus McNeely responded to a complaint of people shooting ducks on a roost pond. Cpl. McNeely apprehended three subjects in a cotton field looking for ducks. Citations were issued for hunting waterfowl after hours, hunting with illegal ammunition, hunting without a license, and hunting without state and federal waterfowl stamps.

## **APPLING COUNTY**

Corporal Chase Altman and Corporal Kevin Joyce conducted a night flight detail, along with the help of 9 other Rangers in the Region, over parts of Appling and Jeff Davis Counties. Two vehicles were stopped during the detail for possible night hunting activity.

## **TATTNALL COUNTY**

On November 21<sup>st</sup> Ranger First Class Clint Jarriel patrolled Rose Hollow Rd for hunting w/o permission activity. One hunter was checked and written a citation for hunting deer w/o a fluorescent orange vest.

On the night of November 21<sup>st</sup>, Corporal Chase Altman responded to a possible missing person on Big Hammock WMA around 11:30 p.m. Corporal Altman met up with local Appling and Tattall County deputies to look for anyone, after a report of a flare being shot along the river on the WMA. No evidence was discovered that anyone had been missing and no calls came in for a missing person. The WMA was checked, along with boat ramps on both sides of the river. It was determined that no one was missing that night.

## **TOOMBS COUNTY**

On November 20, 2016 Ranger First Class Bobby Sanders was patrolling for deer hunting activity when a hunter was encountered that had just harvested a six (3x3) point buck. When the hunter's license was requested he stated he had left his wallet at home. RFC Sanders was able to verify that the hunter did have the proper license however he had already harvested a four (2x2) point buck as well putting the hunter over the bag limit for bucks with less than four points on one side. The proper violations were documented.

On November 24, 2016 Sergeant Jon Barnard and Ranger First Class Bobby Sanders were patrolling for early morning waterfowl hunting when several hunters were located in and around a small pond. Six hunters in all were contacted and violations for taking over the bag limit and hunting without a federal migratory waterfowl stamp were documented.

On November 26, 2016 Sergeant Jon Barnard and Ranger First Class Bobby Sanders were working in an area where complaints of night hunting had been documented. A vehicle was observed riding through a field shining a spotlight and using the headlights to illuminate the field in an effort locate wildlife. The vehicle was stopped and two adults and two juveniles were identified along with loaded rifles. The adult stated they were hog hunting, violations of hunting from a vehicle were documented.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Kevin Joyce received a call from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office about possible illegal night hunting activity. Cpl. Joyce responded to the area to meet with Sheriff's Deputies and multiple subjects that were possibly involved in the illegal activity. After a brief investigation and interviewing each of the subjects Cpl. Joyce determined that the individuals had shot a feral hog from the roadway. Each of the three subjects were issued citations for hunting from a motor vehicle and hunting from a public roadway.



### **TREUTLEN COUNTY**

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Kevin Joyce patrolled several areas for waterfowl hunting activity. Multiple hunters were checked and violations were documented for hunting without a Federal Duck Stamp and hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license.

### **BERRIEN COUNTY**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey checked several duck hunters at Ray's Mill Pond. Violations documented were hunting without a license, hunting w/o Georgia waterfowl license and operating a vessel w/o PFD's.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Daughtrey again checked duck hunters at Ray's Mill Pond. Two subjects were found to be hunting without a Georgia waterfowl license. One subject was operating a vessel w/o PFD's. The violations were documented.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Morty Wood was patrolling for night deer hunting violations when he observed a truck shine two fields with its headlights. After stopping the truck and finding no gun, the driver was issued a warning for blinding wildlife with lights.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Morty Wood checked a dove shoot near the city of Nashville. One hunter was issued a warning for non-resident hunting without a license.

### **COOK COUNTY**

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey was walking a wooded area checking a hunting without permission complaint. Cpl. Daughtrey came across a subject deer hunting. The subject was not wearing any fluorescent orange clothing and did not have a hunting license. The violations were documented.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Daughtrey Checked a duck shoot that was found to be baited with corn. Four subjects were charged with hunting ducks over bait and one license violation. Three juveniles were given verbal guidance for the violations of hunting ducks over bait and numerous license violations.

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

### **BRYAN COUNTY**

On the evening of Thursday, November 24, 2016, RFC Thain was checking boaters that had been on the Ogeechee River near King's Ferry Landing. Several vessels were checked. One hunter was cited for hunting waterfowl with an unplugged gun.

### **LIBERTY COUNTY**

On Sunday afternoon, November 20, 2016, Sgt. Scott and RFC Toney were working near the area of Charlie Butler Road. The two Rangers heard shots they believed were being fired from Cay Creek Road. There were several series of shots a few minutes apart. As the vehicle left the area the Rangers stopped car. When the Rangers approached the car there was a pistol in the female passengers lap. RFC Toney safely secured the pistol. Sgt. Scott then noticed a very strong odor of marijuana. When asked about it the female pulled a bag of marijuana and a pipe out of the center console. While checking the driver's identification it was determined that he did not have a valid driver's license. Both occupants were cited for discharging a firearm from a public road and possession of marijuana. The driver was also charged with driving on a suspended license and transported to the Liberty County jail for processing.

On Sunday evening, November 20, 2016, RFC Thain and Cpl. Bryson were working the Cay Creek Road area. While in the area the two Rangers saw a truck with two men in the front. They later saw the same truck with one of the men in the bed of the truck with a gun out. The two Rangers heard a shot from truck. The Rangers determined that the man, while in the bed of the truck, had just shot at a deer from the roadway. The two men were cited for hunting from a vehicle and hunting from a public road.

On the morning of November 25, 2016, Cpl. Bryson and RFC Thain were patrolling hunting areas permitted to run deer with dogs near Hinesville. Many hunters were checked. One hunter was cited for not having a deer dogging license. Another hunter was cited for hunting deer with dogs but did not have any of the licenses required.

On the night of November 25, 2016, RFC Thain and Sgt. Scott were observing an area for night hunting violations. The Rangers noticed a light coming from a house very nearby. The light was sweeping over very good deer habitat. The Rangers approached the house and discovered that the individual shining the light over deer habitat was holding a rifle. Upon investigation the Rangers found that the rifle was a 30-06, loaded, and had a round in the chamber. The hunter was charged with hunting deer at night.