



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
September 16 – September 22, 2018

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- Acworth (Northwest)

No activity to report.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

UNION COUNTY

On September 19, Sgt. Steve Seitz and GWFC David Webb conducted an investigation on a bear that was killed earlier in the week. The game wardens located the place where the bear was killed on private property and found corn and meat scraps scattered around a ladder stand. The game wardens then located the hunter and issued him a citation for killing the bear over bait.

On September 22, at approximately 9:30 PM, Cpl. Kevin Dyer assisted USFS Officer Mike Tipton and Union County deputies respond to a call about an intoxicated camper on Cooper's Creek WMA who was threatening other campers on the WMA. After interviewing the Campground hosts and victims, the officers located the suspect in his campsite and the Union County deputies arrested him for making terroristic threats to the other campers.

WHITE COUNTY

On September 22, Cpl. Anne Wiley made contact with two adult males on the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area. Cpl. Wiley observed the two males eating ice with their hands, out of a large stock pot, inside their parked car. Cpl. Wiley smelled an odor of marijuana and had the males exit the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle admitted to throwing out some trash while Cpl. Wiley was present. Cpl. Wiley called the White County Sheriff's Department to assist her. When deputy Allums arrived, they searched the vehicle and found drug paraphernalia including a grinder, smoking pipe, digital scales, tourniquet apparatus, hypodermic needles, a metal spoon with q-tips containing residue and three open containers of beer. The operator of the vehicle was charged with open container and warned for littering. The drug paraphernalia was confiscated and destroyed.

On September 22, Cpl. Anne Wiley assisted a homeless woman who was camping on US Forest Service land at Andrews Cove off Hwy 75 North. Other campers nearby said the woman was approaching other campsites for food and companionship, and they were concerned for her. The woman told Cpl. Wiley she was sick and she was in need of medical attention. Cpl. Wiley called White County 911 and advised the woman had requested a medical unit to come check her out for an evaluation. The med unit arrived and after the evaluation, the woman was transported to the hospital. USFS was advised of her situation.

JACKSON COUNTY

On September 18th, GW Eric Isom completed an investigation and obtained nine arrest warrants for two subjects from the Nicholson area. The investigation stemmed from possession of wildlife and wild animals. It was completed with assistance from Sgt. Chad Welch and Lt. Wayne Hubbard. Two Gibbon Vipers, a Monocle Cobra, and two Eastern Box Turtles were seized from the investigation.

BARROW COUNTY

On September 17th, Game Warden Chris Kernahan conducted an area check on private property in Barrow County. During the area check, he found multiple subjects in possession of marijuana. The violations were addressed.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

NEWTON COUNTY

On September 18th, GWFC Schay responded to a trespassing complaint. A violation of criminal trespass was documented.

On September 21st, GWFC Schay and CPL Worth worked two hunting investigations in Newton County. One subject was arrested for hunting with a suspended hunting license. One subject was arrested due to being wanted out of Jasper County.

On September 22nd, GWFC Schay and SGT Garthright worked an illegal hunting investigation. During this investigation, several marijuana plants were found on the property. A subject staying on the property admitted to have planted the marijuana. This subject arrested by Newton County SO.

On September 23rd, 2018 GWFC Schay and GWFC Butler patrolled Newton County for hunting activity. A violation of unlawful enticement of game (waterfowl) and several violations of hunting waterfowl over bait were documented.

WALTON COUNTY

On September 21st, GWFC Schay patrolled a property in Walton County due to a hunting without permission case. During this patrol, violations of hunting without permission, hunting big game over bait without land owner's permission, hunting without a license, and hunting without a big game license were documented.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

No activity to report.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

CHARLTON COUNTY

On September 19th, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears and Game Warden First Class Daniel North received a complaint from Charlton County dispatch about some illegal burning. GWFC Sears and GWFC North responded to the area and located a fire with multiple illegal materials burning. No subjects were located in the area of the fire, a Charlton deputy and both game wardens spoke with local residents to find the owner of this property. Contact was made with this individual by phone and he was met at a later date to address these violations. Violations of burning egregious litter less than 500 lbs were documented.



CLINCH COUNTY

On September 21st, GWFC Sears patrolled hunting clubs bordering the Okefenokee Swamp for bear hunting activity. Multiple hunters were checked during this patrol and one subject was found that didn't possess a resident hunting license. This subject was educated on the required license for hunting black bears and a violation of hunting without a resident hunting license was documented.

WARE COUNTY

On September 21st, Game Warden First Class Sam Williams and Corporal Mark Pool located a site that was baited for bear. While checking the location Cpl Mark Pool and GWFC Sam Williams located a poacher in the stand, after a lengthy interview the poacher admitted to hunting bear over bait. Charges for hunting big game over bait were documented.

LAURENS COUNTY

On September 16th, Game Wardens Dan Stiles and Rodney Horne patrolled the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area. Six anglers were checked for licenses and creel limit compliance. One violation for fishing without a license was documented.

On September 22nd, Game Warden Dan Stiles patrolled the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area during a big game firearms specialty hunt. Five hunters were checked for licenses. No violations were detected.

WILCOX COUNTY

On September 17th, Game Warden Dan Stiles assisted the Wilcox County Sheriff office with detaining three subjects involved in a fight that occurred in the lobby of the detention center.

BULLOCH COUNTY

On September 22nd Sergeant. Brian Hobbins and Game Warden First Class Jordan Crawford attended the "Bulloch County Night Out". This event is held every year so that children can interact with local police agencies in hopes of building long lasting relationships in the community.

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On September 22nd, Corporal Kevin Joyce received a complaint in reference to the possible illegal killing of a whitetail deer. The complainant provided a photo taken off a social media site that showed the suspect posing with a deer that appeared to be killed with a firearm. After a brief investigation, Cpl. Joyce obtained an address for the suspect and traveled to his residence. Upon arrival, Cpl. Joyce interviewed the suspect about hunting with a firearm during archery season. Shortly into the interview, the suspect admitted to taking the deer with a 30-06 rifle just after sunrise. Violations were documented for hunting deer with an illegal weapon, hunting without a big game license, and hunting without a license.

EVANS COUNTY

On September 22nd, Game Warden First Class Clint Jarriel patrolled Evans County PFA to check creel limits and boating safety compliance. One violation was detected for operating a vessel without life jackets.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.