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Charges Filed by GA DNR Game Wardens in Fatal Camden County Boat Incident

CAMDEN COUNTY, Ga. – At approximately 10:30 p.m. on June 22nd, Georgia Game Wardens responded to a boating incident in the Hell’s Gate area of the Satilla River in Camden County. Upon arrival, they learned that a bass boat had collided with a small aluminum Jon boat while taking part in the Flathead Catfish Tournament. A passenger in the Jon boat, Sonny Lewis, 31, of Berrien County, was knocked into the river. After a thorough search utilizing sonar-equipped boats and the DNR Aviation Unit, Lewis’ body was located and recovered by the Game Wardens on June 24th and turned over to the Camden County Coroner. No injuries were reported from other occupants of either vessel involved in the collision.

On Thursday, July 18th, Georgia DNR Game Wardens charged Robbie McInvale, 31, of Folkston, GA with Homicide by Vessel, Reckless Operation of Vessel, Boating Under the Influence, and Party to Crime. They also charged Nicholas Seyler, 19, also of Folkston, with Providing False Statements.

GA DNR Law Enforcement’s Critical Incident Reconstruction Team (CIRT) is investigating the incident and additional charges are possible. More information will be available when the investigation is complete.

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