

DATE: February 2, 2026

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TO: Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission
1751 Varsity Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27606-2576

FROM: Elaine Owens



SUBJECT: Petition to Ban the Use of Hunting Dogs and to change a portion of Butner-Falls of Neuse Falls Lands to Bow-Only

In compliance to 15A NCAC 10A.0401 – Form and Contents of Petition, I would like to submit this hand-delivered petition, along with supporting documents.

1. Petitioner: Elaine Owens,
2. Group/Representation: Elaine Owens,
I am filing on behalf of the Kenwood Reserve and Bent Place subdivisions. Per the attached petition, I am filing with the permission of the Kenwood Reserve and Bent Place residents.
3. We wish to amend 15A NCAC 10D.0211 (6) which pertains to the use of dogs for hunting and to add a new regulation that stipules bow-only in the game lands surrounding our subdivisions.
4. Amend 15A NCAC 10D.0211 (6) to read:

The use of dogs for hunting is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake. The use of dogs for hunting is also prohibited on that portion of the Falls Lake Game Land south of Purnell Road and boarding the subdivisions of Bent Hill, Kenwood Reserve, and Stone Walls subdivisions (see attached map for clarity in boundaries).

Desired effect:

Banning the use of dogs for hunting would eliminate the damage and harassment of residents' private property and reduce the abuse of hunting dogs.

Adopt the following:

Designate game lands surrounding Falls Lake as a bow-only area in the portion of the Falls Lake Game Land south of Purnell Road and boarding the subdivisions of Bent Hill, Kenwood Reserve, and Stone Walls subdivisions (see attached map for clarity in boundaries). No firearms allowed.

Desired effect:

Bow-only would eliminate the current dangerous situation to residents in adjacent subdivisions. The BW Wells area includes public campgrounds and a main access road leading to the lake, with game lands located immediately adjacent. These conditions result in regular vehicles, pedestrian, and recreational use. The game lands service road is a popular trail used daily by the residents in the adjacent subdivisions. Wake County has documented

incidents involving residences being struck by rounds from high-powered rifles, underscoring the importance of careful consideration of public safety. Hunting is supported as a wildlife management tool, and archery methods are a practical option in areas experiencing significant deer population growth. Population control efforts should be implemented in a manner that minimizes risk and prioritizes the safety of residents and visitors. These changes are long overdue and absolutely necessary. Continuing to allow gun hunting in such close proximity is irresponsible and creates an unacceptable public-safety risk. Bow-only hunting is the only reasonable and defensible option under current conditions.

5. Signature of Petitioner: _____

Elaine Owens

If permissible, I would like to attend the director's meeting that will be discussing this petition, so I can be present for any questions. We would be grateful for any consideration in granting our requests outlined in this petition.

Respectfully,

Elaine Owens

ATTACHMENTS:

- Regulation 15A NCAC 10D.0211 – Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham, Granville, and Wake Counties
- **Map of the portion of the Falls Lake Game Land south of Purnell Road and boarding the subdivisions of Bent Hill, Kenwood Reserve, and Stone Walls subdivisions that we mention in our request to amend (6) use of dogs in hunting and adopt new regulation regarding bow-only.**
- Description of enclosed pictures by picture number

ENCLOSURES:

- Speech to 1/20/26 Commissioners Meeting
- Petition with Kenwood and Bent Place signature logs
- Chapter 130 Firearm Ordinances
- Local News – Death of teen at BW Wells State Park
- Timeline of numerous hunter issues – Note recent 2025 incidents on pages 2-4
- Deer Issue, Trespassing & Dumping Issues
- Miscellaneous support documents
- 26 Pictures that include Abused pup, deer carcass in cul-de-sac, the close proximity of the hunter blind to Kenwood homes and trail, the location where the teen was shot in close location to Kenwood homes, picture of burning ashes and beer bottles in parking lot, hunter trucks in Kenwood and Bent Place subdivisions.

15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

Butner-Falls of Neuse game land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (a) the opening and closing days of the waterfowl seasons;
 - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (c) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (6) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake.
- (7) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May 15 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May 14.
- (8) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.
- (9) Camping is allowed year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
Eff. November 1, 2022;
Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.

Picture Descriptions

Deer Carcass shot/dumped in cul-de-sac on 12/9/24.

Smoking fire and spotlight for hunting deer in trail parking lot on 10/22/16.

Supporting email report in Miscellaneous documents.

Beer Bottles in woods by parking lot on 10/22/16. Supporting email report in Miscellaneous documents.

Pictures #1-4 - Two (2) of the three (3) hunter trucks with dogs in the Bent Place subdivision cul-de-sac on 11/24/25. Note, the same red truck was in the Kenwood Reserve subdivision on 1/1/26, per the 1/1/26 email in the miscellaneous support documents.

Pictures #5-6 - Sadie, the abused, malnourished, and flea-infested pup at neighbor's house, 11/24/25. Dog flinched and cowered down when hunter in red truck came to get her. It was obvious she was scared of him.

Picture #7 – Trail picture showing Hunter's Blind distance from Kenwood homes. Note, blind was only 100 yards right of trail.

Picture #8 – Bent Road approaching Memorial and trail on right used by residents and public where hunter blind was located.

Pictures #9-10 – Memorial at corner of Bent Road and trail for 12-year old shot and killed on 12/28/12.

Pictures #11 – 16: Parking lot entrance to trail showing close proximity of Kenwood Reserve subdivision homes.

Pictures #17 – 23: Start of trail showing close proximity of hunter's blind to trail. Only 100 yards from trail used daily by residents and public.

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Date: December 22, 2025

Subject: Request to ban use of hunting dogs in Wake County and Request for bow-only hunting in the game lands surrounding Falls Lake

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself, my Bent Place subdivision, Kenwood Reserve subdivision, and other people in Wake County about an ongoing situation regarding the use of dogs for hunting, and the need to redesignate game lands surrounding Falls Lake to a bow-only hunting zone .

In regard to the use of hunting dogs, we would like to request your assistance to help stop and ban the use of hunting dogs in public game lands. The use of hunting dogs affects other non-dog hunters by not giving them a fair chance to hunt. It also impacts auto drivers when deer are chased and run out of their habitat onto the roads and highways causing accidents, damaging other vehicles and possible injury. As a result, this affects both car and medical insurance companies, resulting in higher premiums. It also results in an increase in government expenses to clean up the highway, resulting in higher taxes. In addition to these expenses, hunting dogs run into private property chasing deer. There are some hunters that go into a neighborhood and release their dogs so the dogs will chase the deer back into the game lands. The use of dogs for hunting impacts the serenity and safety of residents' private property.

A major concern is the treatment of hunting dogs. There are many reports that indicate they are often abused, beaten, abandoned, and starved as an incentive to hunt the deer for food. These hunting dogs are so skinny that you can see their ribs and hip bones. They are shoved into tight kennels and live in the cold, heat and rain year-round. They endure a very sad, poor quality of life.

In regard to surrounding Falls Lake game lands, we would like to request that they be redesignated to bow-only hunting.

We would request Wake County hunting laws be updated to reflect the immediate and permanent banning of using dogs for hunting and redesignation of the Falls Lake game lands to bow-only hunting.

Whereas: The owners of private property possess rights regarding the enjoyment, use, safety and peace of their property that legally surpass the privileges of hunters when the pursuit of the sport deprives private property owners of rights, and

Whereas: Hunters using loose dogs, by their own admission, cannot hunt without their dogs trespassing and doing damage to private property, and are therefore undertaking a sport that they know beforehand, will at some point, involve breaking the law, and

Whereas: It is often not possible for private property owners to prosecute for trespassing or sue for damages because dogs are unattended by hunters when damage occurs, despite the hunter being aware of the expectation of damage and trespass when he undertakes loose dog hunting, and

Whereas: There exists specifically within the population of loose dog hunters a large and ungovernable contingent that does not respect private property and believes, wrongly, that they have a right to terrorize and intimidate their way onto private property despite the wishes of the property owner, and

Whereas: Loose dog hunting is responsible for the majority of hunting complaints from property owners regarding trespassing, threats of bodily injury, threats of arson, harassment, animal cruelty, and livestock injury and killing, and

Whereas: Only 6% of the population in North Carolina have a paid hunting license. Note, there were no stats available for just Wake County. Nationwide, the percentage of the population that hunts has been steadily declining over the past few decades.

Whereas: Wake County's population in 2000 was 627,846 according to the US Census. In 2010, it was 906,875. In 2022, it increased to 1,2 million; a 29.6%

increase from 2010. For comparison, the US population grew 7.7% and North Carolina's population grew 11.7% during this same 12-year period. Estimated population for Wake County in early 2025 is approximately 1,261,494. Last year's county's population growth rate was 2.36%, averaging 29,100 new county residents annually. Wake County has a larger population than Mecklenburg County. It is the largest county in North Carolina and has seen a 39.1% growth since 2010. There is a growing conflict with hunters and their dogs as North Carolina becomes more populated, and

Whereas: The NC Wildlife Resource Commission can only issue fines if the registered private property is posted every 200 Yards with no trespassing signs. It is very easy for the hunters to deface or remove signs, removing all authority from the NC Wildlife Commission, forcing the property owner to bear the cost to repost their property and allowing the hunters to grant self-endowed immunity for trespassing and poaching, and

Whereas: Loosed hunting dogs are often abused, abandoned, have a poor quality of life and are not neutered, resulting in unwanted puppies and a greater cost for the communities' animal control and increased disease and parasite transmission, and

Whereas: Dogs set loose beyond the hunter's control cannot be provided food or water by their owner and often become lost, injured and/or inhumanely dehydrated and starved, and

Whereas: The practice of hunting deer with loose dogs is detrimental to the health of the deer population, because dogs cannot be retrieved unless a kill is made, even if quarry is young or it is desirable to be left alive in the population, and

Whereas: Modern loose dog hunting involves turning dogs loose with tracking collars, taking advantage of modern roads, technologies and vehicles, is unsportsmanlike, dishonors the historical hunting tradition, is unneighborly and inhumane, and

Whereas: Hunting deer with dogs has been banned since 2001 in adjacent Durham County. The ban of dogs for hunting has also been implemented in the states of Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming. The states of Texas and West Virginia only allow the use of leashed dogs to track wounded deer.

Whereas: Wake County Wildlife department only has two (2) officers to enforce hunting regulations. Being so short staffed, it is impossible for them to adequately and thoroughly investigate all hunting irregularities.

Whereas: The harassment from the dogs and hunters lowers the desirability, functionality, usability for raising livestock or fowl and sale value of private property and tax revenue, and

Whereas: The above-mentioned instances represent a significant monetary injury and harassment of the taxpayers and property owners of Wake County and create well documented evidence of widespread and habitual abuse of the privilege extended to hunters and fair justification for the permanent revocation of the privilege of using hunting dogs in Wake County.

Whereas: Many of the Falls Lake areas are directly bordered by subdivisions and by public park property where families, children, hikers, and people walking their pets are present every day. With Wake County's population growth and heavy recreational use of these parks, continuing to allow gun hunting in such close proximity is dangerous and irresponsible, and creates an unacceptable public-safety risk. Bow-only hunting is the only reasonable and defensible option under these current conditions.

Therefore: We, the undersigned residents of Wake County, request that the Falls Lake game lands be redesignated for bow-only hunting. We also request that the practice of hunting with loose dogs, having been deemed by us to be unacceptable, anti-social behavior that causes great damage, expense, harassment, animal abuse, and is undertaken by hunters with full knowledge and understanding that laws will be broken, property owners harassed and private property destroyed or livestock injured, be permanently banned in Wake County.

We, the undersigned property owners living in the Bent Place and Kenwood Subdivisions, along with other Wake County residents, hereby petition Wake County to ban the use of dogs for deer hunting and redesignate surrounding areas of Falls Lake to bow-only hunting.

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PETITION SIGNATURES LOGS)

Bent Place SUBDIVISION

BENT PLACE SUBDIVISION, WAKE FOREST, NC PROPERTY OWNERS - BAN OF DOGS FOR DEER HUNTING PETITION SIGNATURE LOG

OWNER	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP	EMAIL	SIGNATURE	DATE
Jen Fabella					12/1/25
Oscar Andrade					12/1/25
Maria Andrade					12/1/25
Mark Voss					12/2/25
Laura Voss					12/2/25
Richard Scheuerle					12/11/25
Metarie Scheuerle					12/11/25
Snezhana Johnson					12/11/25
Shanlyn Price					12/1/25
Justin Price					12/1/25
William Owens					11/30/25
Elaine Owens					11/30/25
Daniel Ehrhardt					12/1/25
Dominee Ehrhardt					12/1/25
Heidi Mullen					12/1/25
Others in WAKE COUNTY					
Amy DeMuth					12/3/25
Phillip DeMuth					12/3/25
Sarah DeMuth					12/3/25
Ben Goeman					12/3/25
Steve Hanter					12/3/25
INDREA CAMPBELL					12/3/25
Isabella					12/11/25
M. 12/11/25					12/11/25
					12/3/25

Elaine Owens

*Kenwood Reserve
Submission*

From: Jeff Knight [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 10:29 AM
To: Elaine Owens
Subject: FW: Your petition download for "Ban use of deer dogs and designate the game lands surrounding Falls Lake as archery only*" is ready
Attachments: petition_signatures_jobs_490935896_20260110144305.csv

Good morning Elaine,

I just downloaded the petition for you and have discovered something that is a little discouraging. Shortly after posting, the petition must have been shared with a foreign group of some kind. Could be a Facebook group in Europe. In any case, the majority of signatures we have gotten appear to be foreign. I am attaching the CSV here for your review. If we filter the state to NC, there are only 53 signatures. I pasted them below for your review.

I am also including the download email from Change.org in case you need to reference it for some reason. You cannot access the link page without my login, but you can use it if someone were to ask about the source.

Again, I apologize for this last-minute surprised. I did some checking into this and it appears that this does happen. I am amazed that we did not get more local support, as our neighborhood email list alone has 73 people on it.

Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Signed On
Jeff Knight	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Lauren Knight	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Daniel Vreeman	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Jennifer & Jason Segnere	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Luz Bermudez	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Elizabeth Reio	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/21/2025
Marsha Burt	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/22/2025
Suzanne Michaels	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/22/2025
Julee Knight	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/22/2025
Timothy Park	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/22/2025
Elaine Owens	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	12/22/2025

*53 Kenwood
23 Burt PL
76
-10 Duplicates
66 TOTAL*

ellen mckim	12/22/2025
Snezhana Johnson	12/23/2025
Jennifer Fabella	12/23/2025
Deborah Zeledon	12/23/2025
Richard Robinson	12/23/2025
Bruce McKim	12/23/2025
Oscar Andrade	12/23/2025
Gina Pritts	12/24/2025
Adam Pritts	12/24/2025
Mark Voss	12/24/2025
Laura Voss	12/24/2025
Benjamin Goewey	12/24/2025
Amy DeMuth	12/24/2025
Shannon Hall	12/24/2025
Diane Stubbs	12/24/2025
Sarah kehrberg	12/24/2025
William Owens	12/26/2025
James Hamburger	12/29/2025
Julie Kane	1/2/2026
Sue Woodling	1/2/2026
Jim Young	1/2/2026
Carmen Crutchfield	1/3/2026
amy wilson	1/5/2026
Ashlee Allen	1/8/2026
Colleen Torchio	1/8/2026
Nicholas Torchio	1/8/2026

Catherine Timchak	1/8/2026
Rose Sommer	1/8/2026
Henry Dixon	1/8/2026
Mark Lanning	1/8/2026
Marianne Park	1/8/2026
Daniel Ehrhardt	1/8/2026
Dominee Ehrhardt	1/8/2026
Heidi mullen	1/8/2026
Jenny Roberts	1/8/2026
Susana Navas	1/9/2026
Victor Malpica	1/9/2026
Elsa Navas	1/9/2026
Amanda Mullen	1/9/2026
Kai Mullen	1/9/2026
Emily Glisson	1/9/2026
Darlene Urquhart	1/9/2026

From: Change.org [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 9:43 AM

To: Bent Place and Kenwood Reserve Neighborhoods [REDACTED]

Subject: Your petition download for "Ban use of deer dogs and designate the game lands surrounding Falls Lake as archery only*" is ready

change.org

Hi Bent Place and Kenwood Reserve,

Speech Presented to Wake County Commissioners on 1/20/26

Petition to ban use of hunting dogs and to change Neuse Game Lands as bow-only

Over the past years, neighborhoods adjacent to BW Wells State Park, Wake Forest, NC have shared strong concerns about hunting with dogs and about the use of high-powered rifles so close to our homes, parks, and walking areas around Falls Lake.

Our petition request Wake County and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to permanently ban the use of hunting dogs for deer hunting, especially on public game lands around our neighborhoods. We also request that the Falls Lake game lands directly bordering our Bent Place and Kenwood subdivisions, and the nearby park areas, be redesignated as bow-only hunting zones. This is intended to address the very real danger of rifle shots being fired within 100–300 yards of homes, playgrounds, walking trails, and park users, even when dogs are not involved.

I have included in your presentation folder the following:

1. Our petition – Signed by Bent Place & Kenwood residents
2. Chapter 130, Firearms Regulations. Note 130.02 states **unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within 300 yards of any dwelling. Wildlife officer advised hunting excluded. Hunting is only 150 yards. WHY???**
3. Local News articles on 12-year death due to being shot 12/28/12, **100 yards in the woods near Kenwood subdivision. Uncle had improperly acquired hunting license and had not taken mandatory free hunting education course.**
4. Timeline of Hunting issues – starting 2007 to current
 - a. Numerous Dumping of deer carcasses
 - b. **Dogs running throughout neighborhood**
 - c. **Smoking fire ash and beer bottles in woods**
 - d. Spotlighting
 - e. **Abuse of hunting dogs**
 - f. Firearms in park
 - g. 11/9/25 – **HUNTER IN BLIND AIMED RED BEAM ON KENWOOD RESIDENT**
 12/27/25 – Gunshots fired and hunter on trail
 1/17/26 – Hunter attempting to deer hunt after the 1/1/26 deadline
 Rogue hunters; Wildlife department short staff and can't control them
 - h. Pictures- 12/9/24 Deer Carcass in cul-de-sac
 Hunter trucks with dog cages
 Trail – hunter blind 100 ft from trail
 Trail – 12- year old memorial at trail entrance
 Smoking fire ash and beer bottles
 Sadie – Abused hunting dog

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With only 2 wild-life officers, hard to control these rogue hunters. Unable to ensure hunting dogs are well cared for. Hunters are more aggressive and reckless, becoming a danger to nearby residents.

In short, the petition now asks for two related safety measures:

1. A permanent ban on hunting deer with loose dogs in Wake County. Durham County as this ban and we should too.
2. Redesignation of the Falls Lake game lands adjoining our neighborhoods to bow-only hunting, given the dense residential development and heavy family use of nearby public parks.

Our hope is that you will continue to stand with us, as these two changes work together toward the same goal: protecting the safety, peace, and property rights of families living next to the Butner–Falls of Neuse/Falls Lake game lands while still allowing responsible, safer hunting methods.

CHAPTER 130: FIREARMS

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Section

Discharge of Firearms

- [130.01](#) On public streets or highways
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- [130.03](#) Within 300 yards of a public building
- [130.04](#) Within 300 yards of livestock
- [130.05](#) Firearm discharge standards
- [130.06](#) Exceptions
- [130.07](#) Penalty

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

§ 130.01 ON PUBLIC STREETS OR HIGHWAYS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm on or from the traveled portion of any public street or highway. For purposes of this subchapter, **FIREARM** is defined as any gun, rifle, pistol or other barreled weapon capable of discharging projectiles such as shot, bullets, pellets or other missiles at a muzzle velocity of at least 600 feet per second and actually loaded with such a projectile.

(1984 Code, § 2-9-16) (Ord. passed 5-4-1981; Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.02 WITHIN 300 YARDS OF A DWELLING.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within 300 yards of any dwelling owned and/or occupied by another unless the person first procures the written permission of the owner or occupant of the dwelling.

(B) (1) The written permission shall be executed on a form provided by Wake County. It shall be dated and valid for no longer than one year after its issuance.

(2) The permission must be displayed upon the request of any law enforcement officer with authority to enforce this subchapter.

(1984 Code, § 2-9-17) (Ord. passed 5-4-1981; Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.03 WITHIN 300 YARDS OF A PUBLIC BUILDING.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within 300 yards of any building reasonably likely to be occupied, including, but not limited to, any school, church, warehouse or any playground or park.

(1984 Code, § 2-9-18) (Ord. passed 5-4-1981; Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.04 WITHIN 300 YARDS OF LIVESTOCK.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm within 300 yards of any domestic livestock belonging to others unless the person first procures the permission of the owner of the domestic livestock.

(1984 Code, § 2-9-19) (Ord. passed 5-4-1981; Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.05 FIREARM DISCHARGE STANDARDS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm:

(A) In such a way as will, or is likely to, result in the load thereof leaving the property upon which the firearm is lawfully discharged.

(B) Without a backstop that will adequately contain the projectile to the property upon which it was discharged. The backstop shall be based on specifications promulgated by the National Rifle Association or any equivalent nationally recognized firearms safety organization for the type and caliber of firearms being fired. At a minimum, the backstop shall be composed of a berm, dike, or other physical barrier that is located behind and beyond the target, that has a minimum thickness of two feet, that extends a minimum of four feet above the target, and that is constructed of a material that will allow the projectile to penetrate the backstop, berm, dike, or other physical barrier but not pass all the way through it.

(C) At any object other than a fixed, stationary target at which the firearm is specifically aimed, directed and fired.

(D) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
(1984 Code, § 2-9-20) (Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.06 EXCEPTIONS.

(A) *Commercial facilities.* No provision in this subchapter shall interfere with the operation of recognized or approved rifle or pistol ranges, skeet or trapshooting facilities or "turkey shoots", when conducted in compliance with [Chapter 92](#) of this code.

(B) *Miscellaneous exceptions.* None of the provisions of this subchapter shall apply to law enforcement officers or members of the armed forces acting in the line of duty; to the shooting or killing of any dangerous or destructive animal or reptile when necessary to protect life or property; to the lawful taking of birds or animals pursuant to G.S. Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, as it is from time to time amended, or pursuant to a lawfully issued federal permit; to the use of firearms for defense of person or property; or the use of firearms pursuant to lawful directions of law enforcement officers.
(1984 Code, § 2-9-21) (Ord. passed 5-4-1981; Ord. passed 6-4-2001; Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

§ 130.07 PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter of this code of ordinances shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, and each day that any of the provisions of this chapter of this code of ordinances are violated shall constitute a separate offense.
(Ord. passed 11-9-2022)

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LOCAL NEWS

Authorities: Uncle accidentally shot nephew on hunting trip

A 12-year-old Tarboro boy was accidentally shot and killed while hunting with his family in Wake Forest on Friday morning, according to the Wake County Sheriff's Office.


Posted 6:08 p.m. Dec 28, 2012 - Updated 7:22 a.m. Dec 29, 2012

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Authorities said Friday that a 12-year-old Tarboro boy who was killed while hunting with his family in Wake Forest was accidentally shot by his uncle. North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission officers, who took over the investigation from the Wake County Sheriff's Office, said preliminary findings show 30-year-old Jason Matthews Parker accidentally shot his nephew, James Lee Parker, with a 12-gauge shotgun during the excursion.

A spokesman for the agency said Jason Parker had an "improperly acquired" hunting license and had not taken a mandatory free hunting education course. Wildlife officers plan to discuss the case with Wake County prosecutors before deciding whether to press charges.

James was hunting deer with his father, uncle and 16-year-old cousin when he was shot just before 8 a.m., according to the boy's grandfather, Jimmy Parker III.

James, who had hunted since he was 4 years old, was about 100 yards in the woods near 1617 Bent Road when the shooting occurred. 

Authorities released a redacted recording of the 911 call made shortly after the shooting. The sobbing caller tells the dispatcher, "My son is dead in a hunting accident. We were hunting. My son has been shot in a hunting accident."

The caller tells 911 that the boy is not breathing and limp, then begins to weep.

James was a sixth-grader at Phillips Middle School in Edgecombe County, according to his family.

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12-year-old killed in Wake Forest hunting accident

"He loved to hunt. He just went hunting yesterday, actually. He said it was so fun," said Michaela Roberts, James' cousin. "His favorite food was pizza rolls. Last night, we were just hanging out eating pizza rolls from my house, and we were watching TV. It was the funnest time ever, greatest memory. Can't get it back now."

Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison called the shooting "a tragedy."
"I mean, just imagine, Christmas just over with, a 12-year-old is out, just like my grandson was excited about going hunting with me," Harrison said. "I can't even imagine the thoughts that would be going through my mind if my grandson had gotten shot."



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12 year old killed in hunting accident

By ABC11

Friday, December 28, 2012

WAKE FOREST, N.C.

A 911 operator took a call from James Lee Parker's distraught father just after 7:30 a.m.

"My son is dead," he said through tears.

It happened near Bent Road and Colombard Court in the Falls Lake Recreation Area.

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Harrison said Parker - of Jeremy Lane in Tarboro - was hunting deer with three other people when it happened.

A picture of Parker provided by a relative showed a happy young blond-haired boy posing with a cousin.

North Carolina Wildlife officials said the uncle Jason Matthews Parker of Franklinton fired a single shot with a 12 gauge shotgun which hit 12-year-old James Lee Parker.

Officials said Parker improperly acquired a hunting license and had not taken the hunting education course as is required by the state of North Carolina.

Though the investigation is still ongoing, Parker could face criminal charges.

Sheriff Harrison said 12 year olds can hunt if they're accompanied by an adult. As they're out of school, the Christmas holidays are often a time when young people go out with their families to get their first deer.

The boy's grandfather told ABC11 Friday that his grandson died doing what he loved and took his first deer last year.

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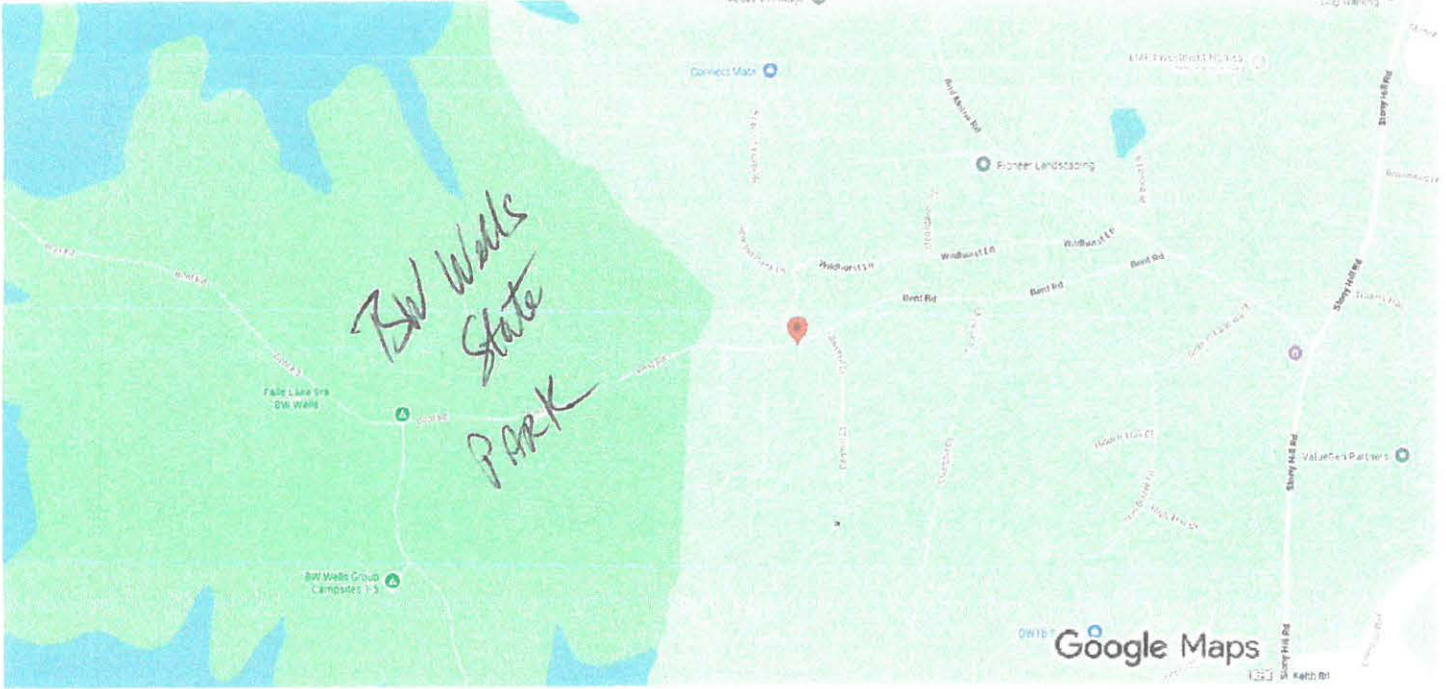
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Memorial for teen shot in 2012 at beginning of trail entrance

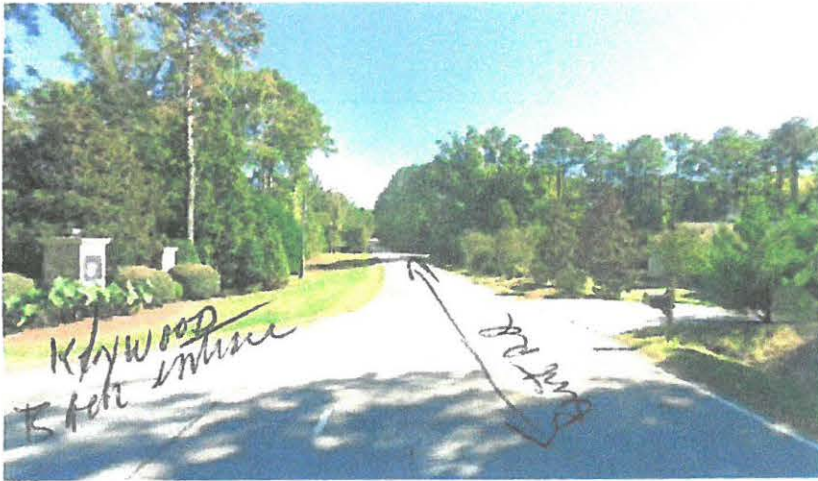


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Hunter Issues Timeline – Updated 1/17/26

Nov 2007 – **Deer carcasses dumped in Benthill Ct cul-de-sac**

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Sat 11/1/08 – **Deer carcasses dumped in cul-de-sac** . Sara, Neighbor at Cul-de-sac, advised she had talked to Sheriff Fishel and Wildlife Officer Brantley regarding her confrontation with two guys in a NAVY PICK-UP TRUCK XSC-3407.

Tuesday, 11/4/08, 1:50 - 2:30 p.m - **Deer carcasses in Benthill Ct cul-de-sac. Case # 01-08-114600:** We trapped 3 boys in cul-de-sac; said they were looking for their friends hunting dogs. Sheriff asked if they knew anything about the deer carcass and they said no. He responded he didn't believe them and told them. Also told them they were trespassing and I nor neighbor wanted them on our street (private road) and walking around on our land.

WHITE FORD, CROWN VICTORIA WXC-6542; Alex Bailey; Father, Wayne Bailey, [REDACTED] street behind us).

BLUE VW, YPK-3617; Ryan Christopher Stitt, [REDACTED] Mother, Beth J Stitt, [REDACTED] Has 12 charges against him; one serious.

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Friday morning, 12/1/12 – A 12 year old Tarboro boy killed while hunting with his family at BW Wells State Park, Wake Forest. Teen was accidentally shot with a 12-gauge shotgun, by his uncle. His uncle had an improperly acquired hunting license and had not taken the mandatory free hunting education course.

The teen was about 100 yards in the woods near 1617 Bent Rd. when the shooting occurred.

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Nov/Dec 2014 --- Walking my dog Mocha on trail; she had blood on her face. **Hunter had left deer insides on trail**, on park side.

October 22, 9:45 a.m. - 2016 – **Smoking fire ash, beer bottles and spotlight in parking lot.** Red Ford Truck ZZN-8596 in parking lot. Hunter named David Farrenze/Farance (?) by red truck. Asked if he set fire; he said no. But said a WHITE BRONCO was pulling out at 5:30 a.m. when he arrived. Appears they spent the night spotlighting, which is illegal.

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Sunday afternoon, 12/8/24 – There was 7-8 trucks with hunters and dogs in right trail parking area.

Monday night 12/9/24, 11:00 p.m. – Heard a couple of big sounding truck(s) coming rolling down the cul-de-sac.

Tuesday, 12/10/24 – **Deer carcasses in Benthill Ct cul-de-sac.** Neighbor Dominee sent email advising hunters dumped gutted deer carcass in cul-de-sac; Tony cleared it out for her.

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2025 HUNTING SEASON;

Saturday, 11/8/25 – Heidi called me. **Hunting dogs running through back of Dominee’s and my property.**

Sunday, 11/9/25, 8:00 a.m. - **Hunter shot a red beam on Laura Robinson’s chest as she approached hunter blind close to trail.**

Sunday, 11/9/25, mid/late morning – **Found fresh young deer leg on trail.**

Friday, 11/14/25 afternoon – **Hunting dogs running through back of our properties again.** Dominee called sheriff as saw 3 trucks with hunting cages come into our neighborhood. Believe hunters letting their dogs loose in cul-de-sac to run deer back into game lands. She was able to get pics of the red and gray trucks, but not the white truck. The hunter in the red truck was questioned by sheriff. He was looking for his dog. We found his dog, Sadie, at Mark’s house. It was malnourished and flea infested. Sadie flinched when owner came up to get her. You could tell she was scared of him.

Wed, 12/24/25 morning – Laura Robinson advised blind removed. She went and took down yellow ribbons on trees adjacent to blind.

Saturday, 12/27/25, 10:30 a.m. – Bill and I, along with our 2 pups were on the right trail. Hunter blocking trail at halfway mark. Heard gunshots – warning or shooting at deer? Saw hunter orange cap and rifle. Turned around as dangerous situation. Took pictures of blue Dodge(License SR-8136) and silver Tacoma (License LLT-9153) trucks parked at beginning of trail.

Monday, 12/29/25 – **Ashes dumped illegally on gravel parking area by main entrance.**

Thursday, 1/1/26, 3:32 p.m. – Kenwood resident, Shannon Hall, sent me email of a red truck with dog cages on back, on Sonoma Creek. **Said he was looking for his dog.** White Truck also came up but she was not able to get a picture of white truck. Red truck was the same one that we confronted on 11/14.

Saturday, 1/3/26- Received email from Range Orcutt questioning if the silver Tacoma truck had passenger window taped up as he was investigating **situation of hunters carrying firearms into the park.** Unfortunately, not able to confirm as my pictures were from the driver’s side.

HUNTERS:

Group 1 – Hunters with dog cages on back of truck, coming into Bent Place and Kenwood subdivisions looking for their dogs.

- Red Nissan Truck, License LML-3961- Michael Rigsbee charged with having an unleashed animal in state park. He’s the hunter on 11/4/25, with the pup that looked abused.
- Older Chevrolet White Truck with Hooper’s Plumbing on truck - Jerry Hooper charged with driving on a revoked license.
- Dark Gray Truck, License 2UD-889 - OH license per Ranger Orcutt.

Group 2 – 12/27/25 incident where I saw hunter on trail at halfway point with rifle. I had heard 3-4 gunshots prior to walking up on hunter.

- Dark Blue Dodge Ram Truck, License SR-8136
- Silver Tacoma Truck, License LLT-9153 – Ranger Orcutt checking on this vehicle as had received concern of firearms in park. Not able to confirm if passenger back window taped up by pictures I had taken. Thus, not able to confirm if same hunter noted in Group 5.

Group 3:

- Dark Blue/Black GMC Truck – Tyler Carden issued warrant for arrest due to possessing a firearm in state park.

Group 4:

- White Ford F-150 Truck – Driver observed with a shotgun while inside the park. Identity has not been confirmed. No good image of his face or license.

Group 5:

- Dark Blue Truck - Ranger Orcutt had this truck on camera dumping ashes. Different one than the one parked 12/27 at the game lands gate. License plate came back to a Honda.
- Silver Tacoma Truck – Ranger Orcutt had this truck on camera on Jan 1. He was unable to identify. And unable to say whether this Tacoma was the same one parked 12/27 at the game lands gate.

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Saturday, 1/17/25, 9:30 a.m. - Bill and I returning from walk with our 2 leashed pups. UNLEASHED black and white dog that looked like a border collie came running towards us. **Dog had tracker collar on it.** I yelled to warn Bill. Dog then ran back towards parking lot. Man besides a **white Tacoma truck (new model type), License LFW-6134.** He was wearing camouflage hoodie with orange strap across chest. Dog was no where in site. Man looking towards parklands (I took a picture of him doing this), so I believe it ran into parklands. I asked him if he was a hunter and he said yes. **I told him DEER hunting ended and he is not suppose to be hunting. He said it had not ended;** I responded it did and told him I was going to take pictures of him and his truck. He immediately got on his phone/walkie talkie and was talking to someone. I overheard him say I was following him and taking pictures. I approached him and told him I googled deer hunting dates and it ended January 1. He told me he was calling the sheriff. I told him great, I would be calling the park ranger and wildlife officer. He told me he did not have a gun, and added he was walking his dog. I believe whoever he was talking to, told him to tell me he had no gun and walking his dog. I believe he was waiting for someone to arrive and then go hunting. Note, his dog, who he was suppose to be walking, never came back to him during this entire exchange. I left to run errands and returned to trail at 11:30 a.m. – his truck was not in parking lot.

Sat 1/17/26, 9:42 a.m. - I called and left a detailed message for Park Ranger Orcutt regarding this exchange; later that afternoon, I sent him an email with pictures I had taken for any future reference.

Sat. 1/17/26, 10:23 a.m. - I also called and spoke to both Officer Lawrence Tkin and Eric Blalock, Area Sgt over Johnson and Wake counties. Blalock said small game hunting still in effect and hard to prove he was there for deer hunting. I responded that the hunter and I specifically talked and mentioned “deer hunting”. I shared with him the various issues we have had with rogue hunters and it would not surprise me if this hunter did not have a license and taken the mandatory safety class as he did not even know the actual deer hunting dates. I mentioned to him that I would be presenting a petition to the Wake County Commissioners this Tuesday requesting a ban on the use of hunting dogs and for Archery-only in the game lands in the park. **He advised the commissioners could not do anything about changing it to Archery-only; that was up to the Wildlife commission. We also discussed the 300 yards firearm discharge regulation, but he advised that it did NOT apply to hunting. He said it was only 150 yards.** He was very nice and provided me his work cell [REDACTED] for future concerns, and requested I let him know how the results of the 1/20 commissioners’ meeting.

DEER ISSUE, TRESPASSING & DUMPING ISSUES— updated 11/17/25

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SHERIFF DEPT CONTACTS:

- RECORD DEPT- Nicassa [REDACTED]
- Investigation Dept: Bonnie [REDACTED]
- Major Herbert Holding, [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]
- Sgt Patrick, [REDACTED]
- Lt Byrd (919) [REDACTED] direct
- Deputy Hendrix [REDACTED] 11/4/08 Incident - Case # 01-08-114600.
- Deputy Fishel [REDACTED] direct
- Deputy Faatiliga [REDACTED]
- Deputy J. Smith [REDACTED] 2/8/09 Incident - Case # 09-15182
- Deputy Sefton [REDACTED] 11/24/09 Trespassing Incident – Case # 09-111419

Drug & Vice Dept – Re: Suspected 6/15/09 Drug Incident

- Detective Matthews [REDACTED] direct ; E-mail: [REDACTED]
- Sgt McCormack [REDACTED]
- Detective Wright [REDACTED]

WILDLIFE & PARK RANGER CONTACTS:

- Park Ranger – Greg Orcutt [REDACTED]
- Wildlife - 1-800-662-7137; Officer Burlingame cell [REDACTED]
- Animal Control – (919) 212-7387; Jared Johnson [REDACTED]; email: [REDACTED]

DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTACTS:

- Jason Holmes, Dept of Transportation [REDACTED]
- Ron Garrett, Asst Division Traffic Engineer, Durham Sign Dept [REDACTED]
- Steve Johnson (Ron Garrett’s Boss) [REDACTED]

MISC CONTACTS:

- Baileys’ tow truck [REDACTED]
- Record dept (919) 856- 6949; 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F; 330 S. Salisbury St. across from courthouse; P. O. Box 550, Raleigh, NC 27602, Attn. Records – 2nd Floor. \$2 for “media” copy.

BENTHILL CT NEIGHBORS:

- Elaine Owens – [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED]
- Mike Szafran – Owner of cul-de-sac lot by our house: Wk [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Beth Wk [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED]
- Joanna Bircher – Developer of Benthill Ct. subdivision (corner of Bent & Benthill Ct.) ; [REDACTED] cell [REDACTED]
- Joanne, Greg, & Hedi Shumucker, [REDACTED]
- Rob & Yana, [REDACTED]

BENT RD NEIGHBORS:

- Sara & Chris Kusan - Last drive on left by park: [REDACTED] E-mail: [REDACTED]
- Dan – has spoken to Game Warden Michael Willaford; E-mail: [REDACTED]

VIOLATORS/TRESPASSERS

On 11/4/08:

- **Alex Bailey**, [REDACTED] Father, Parents – Wayne & Terri Bailey, [REDACTED] Terri's email: [REDACTED] **WHITE FORD, CROWN VICTORIA WXC-6542**
- **Ryan Christopher Stitt**, [REDACTED] Parents: Richard & Beth Stitt, [REDACTED] Beth's email: [REDACTED] Has 12 charges against him; 1 serious; **BLUE VW, YPK-3617**;
- **Alex Spengenberg**, Ryan Stitt's cousin. Was with in car with Ryan.

Possible 2/8/09:

Alex Bailey, [REDACTED] (see above).

Jason George, [REDACTED] Parents – Gary and Patricia, [REDACTED] **BIG BLUE TRUCK BP 6769**,

On 6/15/09, 7:30 p.m.:

WHITE 1982 CHEVY SUV - YPK-2732 NC

BLUE 2001 MERCURY SABLE - YVC-8168

On 11/24/09, 1:20 p.m.:

Alex Bailey, [REDACTED] Father, Parents – Wayne & Terri Bailey, [REDACTED] Driving down Benthill on his 4-wheeler as I was coming in; **Was issued TRESSPASSING WARNING.**

Tues 12/2/08:

Red 2008 Honda Civic , 12/2/08 @ 7:15 a.m. with young man in vehicle in cul-de-sac. Registered to company in Charlotte; Hispanic name. Lives on Mica (??) off Thompson Mill Rd.; **XWS-5596**.

Sat, 11/1/08 (per Sara):

Jason Melnyk [REDACTED] (off Falls of Neuse Rd.) 20 yr white male; brown hair. **NAVY PICK-UP TRUCK XSC-3407**;

LEGAL HUNTER:

Jonathan Lloyd, Red Ford Truck; cell [REDACTED] wk [REDACTED] **WSD-7418**.

Sat, 11/1/08 - Sara advised she had talked to Deputy Fishel and Wildlife Officer Brantley regarding her confortation with two guys in a **NAVY PICK-UP TRUCK XSC-3407**.

Mon, 11/3/08 –

1:10 p.m. – Called Wildlife Officer Brantley to support Sara's report. Provided him navy truck license as he said he didn't have it. Asked him to call them and get back with me when he did; said he would.

1:15 p.m. - Called Deputy Fishel to support Sara's report. He said he hadn't called the owner of the navy truck yet, but will and call me back.

Note: when I called 11/4 to follow up and advise of 11/4 situation he said he had misplaced navy truck license. Gave him information and said I would be following up with him. He said he was in court today, but would call on truck this afternoon or Thurs, 11/5 and get back with me. 11/11, 10:30 a.m. – Left voice mail requesting status on his contact with driver of navy truck as never called me back.

2:00 p.m. - Talked to James Holmes about getting "no dumping" signs for Bent Rd and possibly getting one for me to post on Benthill. He will call Durham office and call me back.

Tues, 11/4/08, 1:50 p.m. – 2:30- p.m. – A white and a blue car parked in middle of cul-de-sac. Went to park in front of them to get out to see what they were doing and blue car took off. Gave chase but unable to catch up. Went back to cul-de-sac. White car still there so called 911; Deputy Hendrix came to investigate. Advised can hunt on game land, but can not shoot within 300 yds (size of football field). Car is not to be parked in middle of road impeding traffic. Provided him Mike and Beth's name and phone numbers as he had to verify private property. He could not have towed as private road so called Joanna and she called tow truck. Blue car came back with 3 boys in car, one of them the owner of the white car. Baileys' tow truck came 2 minutes after.

I approached blue car and told driver I didn't appreciate him driving off when I approached him; that when an adult does that it was rude what he did.

Deputy talked to all three boys. Asked them what they were doing and why they had their cars parked in cul-de-sac. Said they were looking for their friend's hunting dogs (Jason George's dog per Alex's mom on 2/8/09). Deputy asked if they knew anything about the deer carcass and they said no. He responded he didn't believe them and told them and suggested they tell their friend not to leave deer carcasses in cul-de-sac. Also told them they were trespassing and I nor neighbor wanted them on our street (private road) and walking around on our land. Took blue car driver's license and had run license for white car. **Gave them a warning that they were trespassing and next time would be arrested.** Deputy said he would visit and talk to Mr. Bailey (father of the kid of the white car) either this afternoon or tomorrow.

Kid with white car asked me not to have his car towed as he had to be at work soon and go to school tomorrow. Told tow truck driver not to haul car since kid there, but he's to pay for his fee to come out which was \$85. Kid was calling someone (parents?) to get money.

The two kids of the blue car were grinning so I asked them if they thought this was funny. As I took pictures of their car and license, the driver of the blue car made some smart remark and took out his cell phone and took a picture of me taking a picture of them. I responded that one never knows when you may need it for court and left.

Deputy Hendrix made report and advised will be public record when filed. **CASE # 01-08-114600.**

WHITE FORD, CROWN VICTORIA WXC-6542; Alex Bailey [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (street behind us).

BLUE VW, YPK-3617; Ryan Christopher Stitt, [REDACTED]
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Mon, 11/17/08 – Sara sent email advising five more deer found on Bent Rd across from her driveway. Suggested she call Deputy Hendrix.

Tues, 11/18/08 –

9:08 a.m. – Contacted Jason Holmes for sign status; will follow up with Durham office and call me back-.

9:10 a.m. - Spoke with Lt Byrd (Deputy Fishel's boss) to call me as had not heard back from Fishel; provided dates of contact and messages left. Lt Byrd suggested post No Trespassing signs all around property no more than 50 feet apart then they could immediately be charged with trespassing. Also provided him Sara's phone number as I did not have info as to what she told the guy when she found him on her property.

Fishel called me right away. Advised had not called me back as still trying to get up with individual. Said he had left several messages and gone by house and individual has not returned his calls. He provided me name and address (Jason Melnyk) so I could document. I suggested he send letter warning of trespassing and hunting, etc since his calls have not been effective. He said they usually don't send letters, but will call him again and leave a detailed message so documentation could be made he was notified.

Mon 11/24/08, 1:15 p.m. – Left message with Melissa for Jason Holmes regarding sign status. Holmes called me back 11/26/08 morning to advise two "No Dumping" signs will be placed on Bent Rd. – one at the end of the road; the other at the Benthill Ct. Should be done today or early next week.

Wed, 11/26/08 – Dan to meet with game warden as shooting after hours last night. Followed trail to Churchill Dr.

Thurs, 11/27/08, 11:00 a.m. (Thanksgiving Day) – Saw Red Ford Truck, license **WSD-7418**, on trail by Sara's house.

Mon 12/1/08 – **Found 9 dead squirrels laid out in middle of cul-de-sac.** Also found empty beer glass bottle and trash bag full of empty beer cans thrown on left side of road up near Jonna's house.

Tues 12/2/08 – 7:15 a.m.– Bill walking Mocha and saw vehicle driving to cul-de-sac. Walked up and Small red car XWS-5596 with young man in vehicle parked in middle of cul-de-sac facing out and talking on phone. Short white male, with light colored buzz haircut. He speed off as Bill approached car.

7:50 a.m. – I called and talked to Deputy Faatiliga and reported incident after sharing brief history of events. Also shared spin tracks on my property in circle and side of road (empty pack of Newport News cigarette by track) which is concern. Suspect drugs and requested he notify him he is on private property and trespassing. Deputy Faatiliga said he would go by house as near his house and get back with me to confirm contact. Note: Had to call Deputy Faatiliga back on Mon 12/15 as he never called me back.

9:00 a.m. – Noticed Red Ford Truck, **WSD-7418**, on path by Sara's, then saw hunter. Stopped and met Jonathan Lloyd. Discussed the deer carcasses; agreed immoral. **He is a legal hunter and advised he had found about 21 in that area. Said appears to be spotlighting, which is illegal, as all shot in the throat. Also advised he was out here Thanksgiving Day (tracks – see my notes) and saw a young boy, age 12 yrs, sitting in his stand. When he approached, boy aimed his shot gun at him. He asked boy if he had a license, boy ran off. Boy wearing dark pants, black hooded jacket and black steeler's cap.**

9:10 a.m. – Game Warden Michael Willaford drove up. He had talked to Jonathan and Dan, my neighbor, about concerns. Willaford sat out Thanksgiving evening, but didn't see anyone. **I advised him of the dead squirrels and trash bag of empty beer cans on my street so appears late, late Thursday evening** – Sun morning. He provided me his number to call if I hear anymore night shots. Sent Willaford this report to assist in his efforts.

Wed, 12/3/08, 10:00 a.m. – LM with secretary for Deputy Hendrix to update him on Ryan Stitt coming out this way last week in spite of his warning and yesterday's red car issue. Secretary advised all three deputies share area and info passed along.

Wed, 12/10/08 – 11:30 a.m. – Jason Holmes returned my call and advised "No Dumping" signs will be put up as Durham Sign dept did investigation and said no evidence of dumping. I responded not true as my husband and I personally pick up trash on Sunday nights as neighborhood trash day on Mondays. In fact, we took out our gator and went up and down Bent Rd and our street this past Sun, 12/7 in the late afternoon and picked up trash and remains of deer carcass on our street. Told him I would forward this report to him as evidence there still is a problem. Note, the Durham sign dept never contacted me. He said he would forward my email to them.

Thurs, 12/11/08, 9:00 a.m. – I contacted Ron Garrett with D.O.T. regarding his decision not to install signs. We discussed his investigator went out and could not find deer carcasses; said he advised landscaping crew and they saw no evidence. I responded that of course not as already cleaned up, plus landscape crew would not be doing clean up, the neighbors and game wardens would. I suggested he contact the various individuals listed on my report as they would confirm my concerns. Told him this has been going on for couple years now and has to stop as health issue. He could not provide me the date the investigator came out. I cited various dump issues and noted even had picture of dead squirrels to support my concern. Said he had not seen my notes I had forwarded to Jason Holmes requesting it be forwarded to him. He indicated had not yet checked his emails. He took my name, email, and phones numbers and said he would send me email for me to forward my notes to him if he didn't get it from Holmes.

Mon, 12/15/08, 10:12 a.m. – Left voice mail and forwarded email with my notes to Steve Johnson, Ron Garrett's boss, **as never heard back from Ron Garrett.**

10:15 a.m. – I called Deputy Faatiliga as had not heard back from him regarding red Honda car. He said he did go to house and talked to mother. However, son description of brown, long hair did not match Bill's description. Deputy said mother said her son was at college in Durham, but has a girlfriend in this area. Said she would call her son and tell him not to park in our street. I told deputy things did not match up as my husband did not make this up and odd he would be parked in an EMPTY cul-de-sac and wondered if he knew other two boys that had done the same; thought they would follow up on that (they never did).

3:00 p.m. – Jason Holmes called. He had NOT forwarded my email with report to Ron as promised last week, but will do so today. Said he didn't know he was suppose to forward; I mentioned that email recounted our conversation saying he would and for his use to forward to Durham sign dept, etc.

3:15 p.m. – Steve Johnson called; had looked over my report and will pass onto investigator. Mentioned investigator had seen dead squirrels. Will call me direct if any questions. Doesn't look promising as budget cut backs due to economy.

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Sun, 2/8/09, 7:38 a.m. – Reported vandalism of mailbox (mailbox pulled out and thrown on bushes and left plaster deer in driveway. Deputy Smith came right away. Briefly discussed problems

in past with neighborhood kids and provided him a copy of this report and noted the names of the kids on the front page as possible suspects. Incident may be a landscape larceny if deer stolen from another property.

12:00 p.m. – Called **Alex Bailey's** house for permission to come and talk to his parents. Mother, Terri, answered and Bill and I met with her. Discussed past issues in this report and incident last night. Said she knew about the cul-de-sac as Alex had called her for money when the wrecker came. She said the deputy never contacted her and didn't know if the deputy had contacted her husband. **She stated Alex was out last night with Jason George (neighbor kid) last night and told us where he lived.** Also mentioned there was an Alex Spangenberg, who was Ryan Stitt's cousin, that they hung around. Said Spangenberg went to her church. Told her I didn't know if it was Alex or Jason who was with Ryan and her son that day in the cul-de-sac as sheriff provided me only the two driver's names. Told her I did take pictures and would send to her for ID purposes and send copy of my report for her review. Bill shared that he is out of town on occasions and now concerned with my safety as getting too close to our house. Said she understood and didn't blame us.

12:14 p.m. – Left voice mail at **Jason George's** house for his parents to call me as provided their names and wanted to talk to them regarding last night's incident. **They never returned my call.**

12:18 p.m. – Called and talked to Beth Stitt's, **Ryan Stitt's** mother. She said Ryan was home last night and not with Alex. Unaware of 11/4 cul-de-sac incident. **She advised deputy never contacted them; if they had, she son would have taken his car away from him.** She also mentioned Alex Spangenberg's name as her nephew who Ryan hangs out with. Said I would email her report when I sent Terri Bailey's so we can all have each other's contact info.

12:30 p.m. – Called Terri Bailey back to advise her Ryan was home last night per his mom so appears maybe her son and Jason could have been in mischief last night. Said she would call me later after she talked to her son when he got home at 3:00 p.m. **Terri never called me back.**

1:25 p.m. - Brenda Ray, Bent Rd., advised not her deer as all in her yard accounted for.

2:40 p.m. – Email with my documentation sent to both Terri Bailey and Beth Stitt.

3:16 p.m. – Beth Stitt called me back to ID the other boy in the picture as her nephew, Alex Spengenberg. She was very apologetic and embarrassed and will be sharing this information with her sister-in-law. I thanked her for her attitude and support.

Mon, 2/9/09 – 4:15 p.m. – Trash man did not take deer, so I returned it to the Bailey's driveway.

4:55 p.m. – Ms. Parker at the Sheriff's dept. referred me to the Investigative dept as Deputy Smith not in and he refers it to them. **Bonnie, Investigative Dept, advised Smith's report , Case # 09-15182, indicated he went by the Bailey's house, but no one at home.**

Appox 5:15 p.m. – Terri called me regarding deer in driveway and said I should have called her. Told her no, she said she was going to call me, but never paid me the curiosity to do so. She gave excuse that she was busy yesterday and today as has aunt who is dying from cancer and then she had to get kids ready this morning (? ? - has older kids) and then work today. Told her sorry to hear about her aunt as my mom died from breast cancer so understand. Asked her if she asked her husband if deputy contacted him regarding the 11/4 incident and she said no. **Asked her if deputy came by her house yesterday and she said no and she was home as had Geek squad there at 8:00 a.m. that morning (true, as truck there when we got there at noon).** She then got

defense about my notes (so she read the email) accusing her son of Sunday's incident. Stressed again that it was an assumption, as could not prove it was him, but due to the deer, it's a good bet it was since he was involved in the cul-de-sac incident. She said that it could have been any of his friends as the tow truck was a real visible thing and they probably talked to their friends about it (???). Told her that if I had been her, I would have immediately called my son at work – she said she is not able to contact her son at work (??). I told her I would then have told my husband to come down and fix my mailbox. Told her my mailbox is very expensive for it to have been thrown around and my husband had to fix it. She said she asked her son and he said he didn't do it – I said “right, and you believe him?”. Told her based on his reputation, i.e., understood **he was involved in breaking the windows at the rapper's house**, I have to assume it was him, since she told me he was not home Sat night. She immediately said, “Alex was younger then and Greg and Joann's son, Clay, was involved too”. (I don't know what bringing my Clay had to do with her son, but Joanna advised **two of the Bailey boys, one being Alex**, and Clay were involved and Clay no longer gets in trouble, after his dad, Greg, got hold of him). Ended telling her that I wanted her to understand that my road and home are private and I don't want her son near this area as he will be trespassing, and for her to tell the neighbor's boy that too since his parents never called me back. **She told me that she has already told Alex he is not to come anywhere near us.**

2/10/09 – Discussed with Major Holding my concern that parents were not informed as also noted by Beth Stitt since her son was 17 and a minor at the time of the 11/4 incident. He advised they attempt to contact the parents, but not necessary if over 16 years old. Expressed my frustration that lots of reports but not effective if parents are not notified. Plus, I was told parents had been notified and finding out they were not. Forwarded email I sent to parents, along with this report, to Major Holding for his follow-up.

2/16/09 – Sgt Patrick called. Had read email sent to Major Holding and having Deputy Hendrix and Deputy Smith go talk to the parents. Said Hendrix should have visited neighbor as talking to him on the phone was not enough as needed to sign paper. Can not arrest until paper signed. Agreed that if Deputy said he would talk to parents he should. I mentioned that if had been done the first time, the second incident may not have happened. Thanked him for his time and follow up.

10/30/09 (?) Incident at park entrance – walking with Calah and Mariah at park. Two park rangers talking with 2 hunters (both young dark haired, with orange caps & hunting vests). Pulled one ranger aside (John Metz) and briefly told him about out trespassing and dumping issues and I was the lady that had been talking with Game Warden Michael Willaford last year. Saw Park Ranger John Metz about two days after while out walking with girls again; he gave me his card to call if I saw anything odd and/or kids on 4 wheel drive. Said boys charged with littering beer cans.

Sun, 11/15/09, 7:30 a.m. – went to get paper, **broken glass from a Crown Royal liquor bottle all over my driveway.**

Tues, 11/24/09, 1:20 p.m. – As I pulled into Benthill Ct., saw Hedi Shumucker walking down street, then saw Alex Bailey driving a 4-wheeler. Turned car around to follow him. He turned left onto Bent Rd and cut through Kenwood where I lost him. As I pulled up to Bud Morris Rd to exit Kenwood, saw him coming down Bud Morris towards me. I pulled out behind him. He turned right onto Bent Rd., then through Kenwood subdivision, then back onto Bud Morris, and back onto Bent Rd and then onto his street, Churchill Rd., when he realized I was going to continue to follow him. I pulled up in the middle of his gate. He got off his 4-wheeler and took me to leave, and hand motion shooing me away, as he attempted to close gate. Told him he was trespassing and to go get his parents or I was going to call the sheriff. He said his parents were not home and was smirking. As I was calling 911, he got on the phone laughing and smoking a cigarette while sitting on his

4-wheeler. I backed up to the street as needed to provide address to 911. Within minutes, **a big blue truck, License BP 6769, belonging to his neighbor Jason George**, came down his driveway. Reported this to Hedi, the 911 dispatcher, and stayed on the phone with her due to situation; she said Deputy Sefton in route. They both approached me and told me to back up. Alex said it was his neighbor (Jason George??) and he had to go to work. I told them both that someone needed to go get some parents as not moving till sheriff came. Blue truck went off the side of the driveway and left. Alex then took off towards his house. I checked gate for Hedi and advised although closed, it was not locked. Went home to print report for Deputy Sefton. Sefton came over and pointed out date, 11/4/08, Alex was warned by Deputy Hendrix that if he ever trespassed again, he would be arrested. Sefton asked if any trespassing papers filed, if not, could not arrest. Pointed out on my documentation, Deputy Hendrix had not, but Major Holding was suppose to follow up to ensure done. 3:00 P.M. – Deputy Sefton came back and advised Alex no longer a juvenile as in college and now 18 years old so talked to him as an adult. Alex had attitude and told deputy he wasn't talking to him that he could talk to his daddy. Sefton explained that he and complaint (me) could go to court and could result in him having a record, which may not mean anything to him now, but will in the future for employment or he could sign a Trespass Form and agree not to trespass again. He choose to sign the form. Sefton provided me copy and said that if he should ever trespass again, to present form to investigating sheriff and they will arrest/cite him as will be on file.

Advised Greg Shumucker of results and thanked him and Hedi for being willing to support me. Hedi said she saw him come up the street on his 4-wheeler as she went down her driveway to walk. Said he went down cul-de-sac and came back down the street (that's when I saw him) and she would be willing to provide deputy a statement. Deputy Sefton said he didn't need since Alex Bailey signed Trespass form.

3:53 p.m. – Called Deputy Sefton's boss, Sgt Denning, and complimented Sefton on how he handled the situation and got the form as Hendrix and Holding did not get the trespassing forms as promised and this could have been avoided. Complimented him on his efficiency, communications skills and professionalism.

Mon, 4/19/10, 8:15 a.m. - Taking Mocha to park and saw Silver/Gray Silverado 1500 SUV, **VA License XMM-1366**, parked on left side of Benthill Ct., facing Bent Rd, near rail by Jonna's house. White Tee shirt hanging out window. Called into 911 who transferred me to Highway Patrol. While on phone, white man, mid-late 20's, with brown buzz cut and glasses walking down from Bent Rd. Asked him if his car and he said yes, and coming back as private road. I responded if he knew it was a private road, why did he park here, and he said engine heating up. Asked him where he was walking to and he said getting his dad to help. Asked him if his dad lived near here and he did not answer me. Told him I had just called his car in. He said he though he could start it up (?). I left for the park and car gone when I returned 20 minutes. Called sheriff's office and reported due to past drug and break-in issues. Odd VA license and no business being in neighborhood early in morning as parked closed. Deputy Harris did call back at 9:30 and I shared info with him.

DRUG SUSPICION

Mon, 6/15/09, 7:30 p.m: Bill heard car with loud muffler so went to cul-de-sac to check it out as heard this same car a couple of times before within the last 6 weeks. One time before he went to check it out, but car zoomed past and couldn't catch up to him.

There were 2 cars in cul-de-sac - one blue car and one old white SUV type, front to front on back end of curve. Three white males standing outside cars, approximate ages 18-19. One white girl, approximate age 18 in front seat of blue car, with 2 white girls in back seat which appeared to be much younger. The male who owned the

blue car was slight built, 5'8"-5'9", with brown hair. The two males in who had the old white SUV, were both heavy set, one had black unruly hair, the other dark brown unruly hair.

Bill pulled up to the cars and asked what they were doing. The guy who owed the blue car replied "Just Talking". Bill told them to talk somewhere else as this is a private road and we don't want you down here. The guy who owned the blue car responded "Yes sir; no problem, we're leaving". As Bill was pulling behind the white car he took note of the license number. As the males were returning to each of their cars, Bill looked out his rearview mirror and saw the slight built guy hold out his hand backward with palm facing up to which one of the heavy set guys placed a small white envelope in his palm. The blue car pulled out, and Bill followed him so he could take his license plate number. The old white car, then pulled up behind Bill. All cars went to the end of the street, where the blue car turned right, Bill turned left, and the white car turned right.

WHITE 1982 CHEVY SUV - YPK-2732 NC
BLUE 2001 MERCURY SABLE - YVC-8168

Tues, 6/16/09, 4:00 p.m. – Returning from cabin, I checked cul-de-sac and saw empty 12 pack beer box thrown in the grass. Bill does not believe it was them as there was nothing in their hands. However, it does appear that others are visiting this spot. I frequently check it due to prior problems; when trash appears, it's usually on the weekend.

Wed 6/17/09, 12:00 p.m. – Left message with Drug & Vice dept to call me regarding suspected drug incident; Detective Matthews returned my call, but the number he gave me was incorrect. 8:00 p.m. - Called main number and left another message.

Thurs 6/18/09, 8:00 a.m. – Called Detective Matthews (via cell phone received calls) and emailed report to him. He will be forwarding info to another detective who handles the north side of town. 3:05 p.m. – Sgt McCormack called and will be assigning to Detective Wright. 5:00 p.m. – Detective Wright called. Two vehicles they have been working on and one lives within 2 miles from her. Will begin staking out Wed and increase patrol around this area. Told him we are gone during the weekend and he's welcome to use our house if needed. He will keep me posted.

Sun, 6/28/09, 1:30 p.m. – Bill working in yard and heard white car in cul-de-sac tearing down street. Bill mentioned heard same last week too.

Mon 6/29/09, 10:35 a.m. – left message on general phone to call me as white car still in this area. Sent email as well to Detective Mitchell.

8/13/09, 1:38 p.m. – Detective Wright called. Closing case for now as patrolled area and nothing. Will continue to ride through this area when out this way. I will call if anything .

Thurs. 10/27/11, 7:00 a.m. – Bill took pups to cul-de-sac and found very young deer gutted thrown on Beth's property near grass cut line, with fresh bloody cover over it. Also roll of linoleum to side of it (so maybe flooring guy). I left message of incident on Mike Willaford, Game Warden, voice mail. Never called back. Discussed with sheriff deputy but not much they could do; he said he would request increase patrol. Deputy did mention he could not reveal name, but person dealing in drugs is now in prison so confirms why we haven't had the traffic problems in two years. Beth made arrangements to have carcass removed.

MISC

Monday, 9/21/09, late afternoon – Young dark hair male in medium size **gray car, license YY1-2151 or YYY-2151**, came into cul-de-sac. Bill and I were in gator. No reason for him to be there.

Thurs, 1/21/09, approx 2:30 p.m. – In back yard taking Mocha out and saw white truck in cul-de-sac stopped. Believe he saw me and took off. On 1/22/09, **saw White Ford F-150 truck (4dr cab), license XVP-7621**, that looked like the one yesterday. Oakley and NC State decals on back window and green camouflage seat covers; thinking hunters. Note: “No Trespassing” signs were up at beginning of street and in cul-de-sac.

Elaine Owens

To:
Subject:

David McCollum
RE: Recommendation

Lives in Kenwood Reserve

NCWRC

FEB 02 2026

From: David McCollum [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2025 6:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Recommendation

Elaine,

This petition is long overdue and absolutely necessary. As an avid hunter, I would go further and strongly advocate for **bow-only hunting in the game lands surrounding Falls Lake**. Many of these areas are directly bordered by public park property where families, children, hikers, and people walking their pets are present every day. With Wake County's population growth and heavy recreational use of these parks, continuing to allow gun hunting in such close proximity is irresponsible and creates an unacceptable public-safety risk. Bow-only hunting is the only reasonable and defensible option under current conditions. I will sign the petition.

Respectfully,

David McCollum
[REDACTED]

*Miscellaneous
Support
Documents*

10/22/16 Smoldering fire & Beer bottles and 10/25/16 - Deer insides in parking lot + trail
Elaine Owens

From: Elaine Owens [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 11:54 AM
To: 'Ward, Neal E'
Cc: 'Bill'
Subject: ANOTHER INCIDENT TODAY --- RE: More pics of beer bottles -- RE: 10-22-16 Hunter Incident at BW Wells Park

Just called the [REDACTED] number and talked to Ranger Eavs (?) to report finding deer insides (stomach and intestines - all intact) on the trail to the right before you go into the park. Same area where we found fire pit and beer bottles. Deer parts are on the left side for the walking path, just before the fork in the trail. They are marked with a white tissue with blood, as I had to wipe out my dog's mouth as thought she picked up a piece of wood and it was deer part. Scared me as thought something had happened to her since had blood in her mouth.

We assume the hunters in the White Bronco (if true what the guy in the red pick-up truck said, per email below) we out there again spotlighting as appears this happen last night/early morning today as parts still fresh. Not only is this illegal, but disrespectful as dumping parts on a public walking path and not in the woods were they hunt.

Just for the record, you will see there was a flash light (probably used for spotlighting) by the fire pit, in the Sat. pictures I sent you. When we came back, it was missing. I assume the guy in the red truck got it.

Might want to drop by in early morning hours or set up cameras. Good luck!
Elaine
[REDACTED]

From: Ward, Neal E [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 12:51 PM
To: Elaine Owens [REDACTED]
Cc: Bill [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: More pics of beer bottles -- RE: 10-22-16 Hunter Incident at BW Wells Park

Great, thank you!

I have forwarded this to all of our rangers and to our county Game Wardens, so we will be on the lookout from this point forward!

Neal Ward

Neal Ward, Park Ranger II
Falls Lake State Recreation Area
[REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
www.ncparks.gov

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From: Elaine Owens [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 11:22:01 AM
To: Ward, Neal E
Cc: Bill
Subject: More pics of beer bottles -- RE: 10-22-16 Hunter Incident at BW Wells Park

Just returned from our walk. Discovered more beer bottles on other side of tree where the empty six pack and one bottle was. Didn't pick up as didn't know if you all take finger prints. Wanted "evidence" for your files should you need it at a future date. Happy to pick up next time we're on the trail; just let me know.

Thanks,
Elaine

From: Elaine Owens [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2016 3:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Bill [REDACTED]
Subject: 10-22-16 Hunter Incident at BW Wells Park

Hi Mr. Ward,

Per our conversation this morning, my husband and I walked our dogs on the right trail before you get to the park where the memorial is for the boy that was shot, around 9:45 a.m. this morning. As we pulled up to the chained entrance, we saw a red Ford pick-up truck parked on the right side, a fire still smoking (a concern since a little breezy this morning), and litter (an empty beer pack and beer bottle) thrown into the woods near the fire pit area. I have attached pictures of the truck, fire, and litter to confirm situation.

On our return from the walk, a man was standing by the red truck so I approached him and asked him if he did the fire and litter. He said no, and asked if we had water to throw on the fire as both concerned it was still smoking. He stated that a WHITE BRONCO was pulling out from there when he pulled up at 5:30 a.m. this morning. I asked him if he was a hunter and he said yes. I commented that my husband and I had seen those guys before and it appeared that they had camped out and my understanding was it was illegal to hunt at night. He confirmed it was illegal. I asked him his name and he said it was David Farrenze/Farance (?? on last name spelling). I told him I had taken pictures of his truck, license, and site and was going to forward them to the rangers. Just wanted to give him a heads up should he get a call from the park rangers; then he can confirm what I have just shared with you.

Should we see these hunters again, I will take pictures and/or send you their license plate info. It is unfortunate that they have no respect for our parks and safety of others. Please do not hesitate to call me, should you have any questions.

Best Regards,
Elaine Owens

Cell [REDACTED]

Picture Descriptions

Deer Carcass shot/dumped in cul-de-sac on 12/9/24.

Smoking fire and spotlight for hunting deer in trail parking lot on 10/22/16.

Supporting email report in Miscellaneous documents.

Beer Bottles in woods by parking lot on 10/22/16. Supporting email report in Miscellaneous documents.

Pictures #1-4 - Two (2) of the three (3) hunter trucks with dogs in the Bent Place subdivision cul-de-sac on 11/24/25. Note, the same red truck was in the Kenwood Reserve subdivision on 1/1/26, per the 1/1/26 email in the miscellaneous support documents.

Pictures #5-6 - Sadie, the abused, malnourished, and flea-infested pup at neighbor's house, 11/24/25. Dog flinched and cowered down when hunter in red truck came to get her. It was obvious she was scared of him.

Picture #7 – Trail picture showing Hunter's Blind distance from Kenwood homes. Note, blind was only 100 yards right of trail.

Picture #8 – Bent Road approaching Memorial and trail on right used by residents and public where hunter blind was located.

Pictures #9-10 – Memorial at corner of Bent Road and trail for 12-year old shot and killed on 12/28/12.

Pictures #11 – 16: Parking lot entrance to trail showing close proximity of Kenwood Reserve subdivision homes.

Pictures #17 – 23: Start of trail showing close proximity of hunter's blind to trail. Only 100 yards from trail used daily by residents and public.

10-22-16

Smoking fire in TRAIL
parking lot



Used Spotlight to
Hunt Deer

12-9-24 Cut-de-See
Dump &
Killed Here



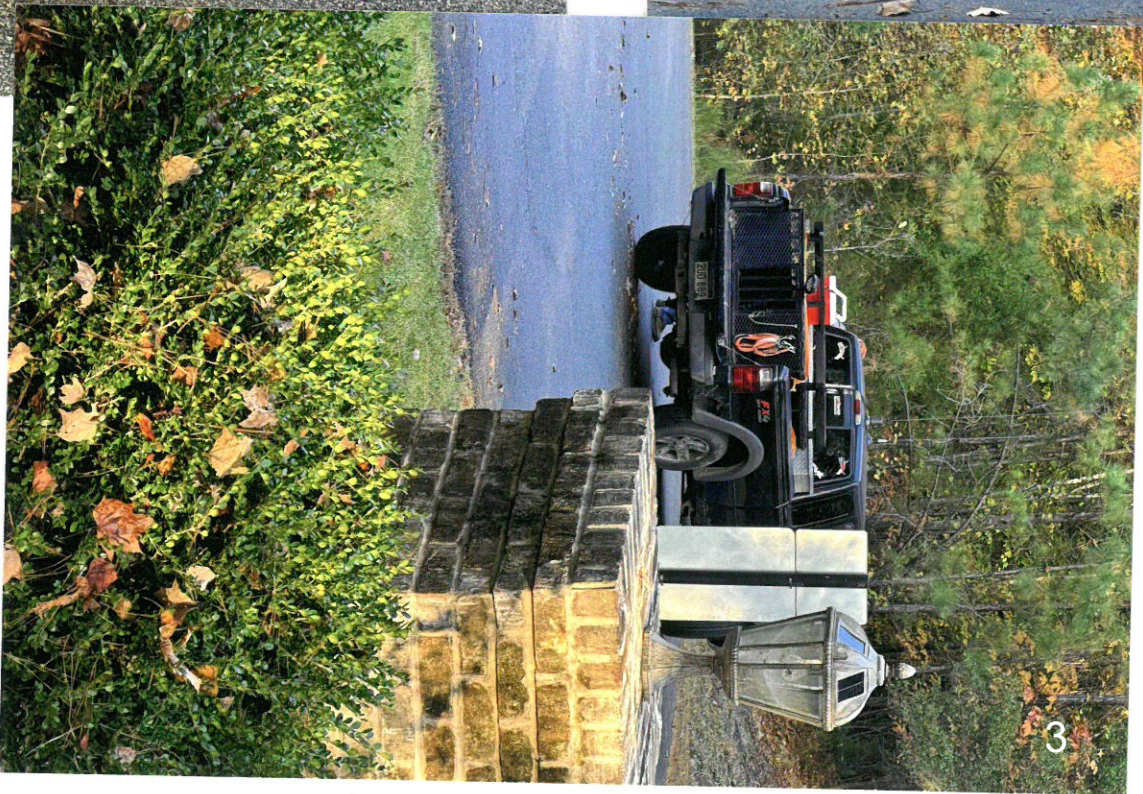
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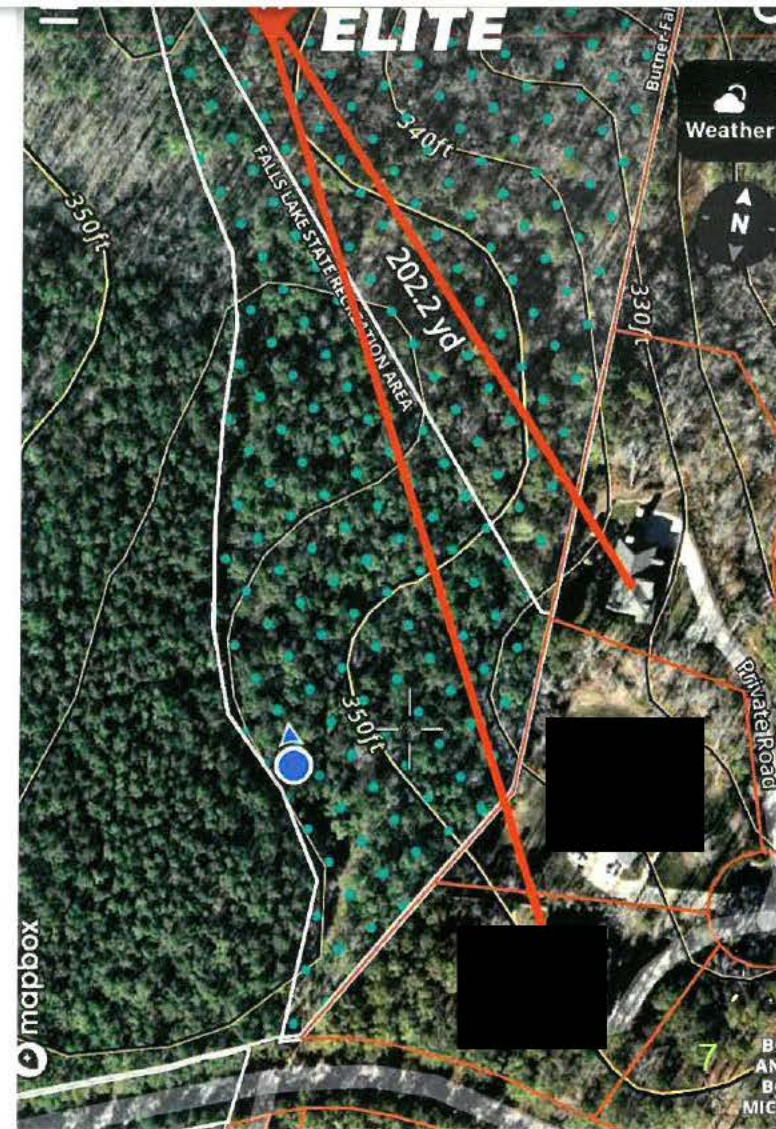


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