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Two Arrested For Night Hunting

Bradfordville- Leon County Sheriff's Deputies and Florida Wildlife Conservation and Commission Officers arrest two Leon County men charged with Night Hunting and Reckless Display of a Firearm.

Shortly after 5:00 AM, deputies responded to Milestone Plantation road in reference to someone night hunting. The complainant reported that they noticed a spotlight shine in his neighbor's yard then heard a gun shot. The complainant said minutes later they saw a truck shining a spotlight in their yard and then heard another gun shot. The complainant told deputies that the occupants of the truck walked around in his yard with flashlights and then slowly drove away.

Deputies located an unoccupied pickup truck in the area of the complaints home. They found an eight point deer in the bed of the truck, a spot light and a rifle in the front seat area. According to deputy's reports, a short time later a subject exited the wood line holding his hands in the air. This subject, Jeffrey Gatlin 20, was taken into custody without incident. Deputies located another subject, Brandon Marsh 21 in the wooded area Gatlin had come from.

During interviews Gatlin and Marsh both confessed to the allegations of night hunting. They were booked into the Leon County Jail charged with Night Hunting and Reckless Display of a Firearm. Both are being held for first appearance before a judge.

The rifle, spot light, ammunition and a flash light were seized.

Wildlife Violations can be reported to Wildlife Alert at 1-888-404-3922.



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