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LCSO Investigating Hunting Accident

At approximately 8:00 am on November 20, 2011, William Dupree, 38, was deer hunting and wounded a deer in a wooded area near Old Plank Road. Dupree called a friend, Michael Cooley, 44, to help track the wounded animal. Cooley called another friend, Christopher Seiler, 46, to help track the deer with a dog. Seiler was tracking the deer with his dog while Dupree and Cooley assisted. When Seiler and his dog located the deer, it jumped up and ran. Cooley saw what he thought was the deer running in some thick brush and shot to dispatch the wounded animal, but instead accidentally shot Seiler in the abdomen. Dupree ran to get help while Cooley rendered aid to Seiler. Seiler did not survive.

Detectives from the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, conducted interviews and collected forensic evidence. An autopsy is being conducted today. Preliminary results indicate this death is the result of a tragic accident.

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