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--No Tag, You’re It-- A game warden responded to an Operation Game Thief call from Houston dispatch about a possible deer tagging violation. An anonymous caller reported a hunter had harvested a spike white-tailed deer on a Managed Lands Deer Permit lease, and left without properly tagging the animal. The warden was able to locate the hunter at a friend’s house where he was skinning the deer. After further investigation, the hunter admitted to not tagging the deer because he wanted to save the tag for a later time. Citations were issued and the case pending.

--True Confessions-- A game warden in Grimes County received a call from an individual who wanted to sit down and talk about multiple deer that he had taken illegally in recent years across multiple counties. During the interview, the individual admitted to three deer he had killed in Brazos County and multiple burglaries in several different counties. He also admitted to being a felon and was in possession of three different firearms during the time that the deer were taken. All cases linked to the burglary incidents have been turned over to the respective county investigators and charges of felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a stolen firearm are being pursued in Brazos and Grimes counties respectively. All cases are currently pending.

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--No Fishing Means No Fishing-- A Robertson County game warden responded to a trespassing call from a landowner reporting a subject on his property riding an ATV loaded with fishing gear. The landowner, who has ponds stocked with fish on the property, confronted the trespasser and told him to leave, but the individual refused. Upon arrival, the warden found the landowner but no trespasser. After learning the game warden had been called, the man reportedly gathered his fishing gear and fled the scene. The landowner stated that he wanted to pursue any charges. While the warden was talking with the landowner, local police radioed they had stopped a man riding an ATV illegally on a public roadway a short distance away. The warden responded to that scene and made contact with the subject. After a short interview, the man admitted to riding down a public road and entering into the landowner’s property through an open gate that was clearly marked with a no trespassing sign. He claimed he was innocent because he had not yet fished on the property that day. After obtaining a non-consent affidavit and a written statement from the landowner, the subject was placed under arrest for criminal trespass and also charged with operating an ATV on a public roadway. The cases are pending.

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