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NRP Blotter

Allegany County – On November 5 at 9:45 p.m., the Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) charged Travis James Miller, 18, of Cumberland, Md. and Brady Aaron Hite, 18, of Ridgeley, WV, with casting rays of artificial light onto fields and woodland with a weapon in possession. The incident occurred in the area of Frostburg Industrial Park Road in Frostburg.

Garrett County – On November 5 at 10:05 p.m., NRP charged Timothy A. Wilhelm, 31, and Travis V. Wilhelm, 22, both of Barton, Md. and Larry R. Hook Jr., 23, of Paw Paw, WV, with casting rays of artificial light onto fields and woodland with a weapon in possession and hunting from a vehicle. Timothy Wilhelm was also charged with possessing a loaded weapon in a vehicle. Officers seized five rifles, two handheld spotlights, night vision goggles and ammunition as evidence. This incident occurred in the Russell Road area.

Dorchester County – On November 6 at 2 a.m., NRP charged Rene O. Pacheco, 29, and Edy N. Arias, 30, both of Riverdale, Md., Luis A. Rivera, 32, of Brentwood, Md. and Jose A. Hernandez, 41, of Manassas, Va., with possession of over limit striped bass, possession of undersize striped bass and possession of striped bass between midnight and 5 a.m. The Defendants were found with 58 striped bass over the limit – the legal limit is two per person– 55 of those fish were under the legal size of 18 inches. The incident occurred on a vessel near the Ferry Bridge on the Honga River.

Allegany County – On November 8 at 6 p.m., NRP responded to Haystack Mountain, in the area of eastbound Interstate 68, to investigate a report of a hunting accident. Investigation revealed that Gary P. Conklin, 28, of Frederick, sustained non-life threatening injuries when he fell to the ground after he slipped while exiting his tree stand. Conklin had been bow hunting for deer and removed his safety harness before exiting the tree stand. He was transported to the Western Maryland Medical Center for his injuries.

Hunters are encouraged to employ a fall restrain system when hunting from elevated platforms. The system consists of a full body harness which stays attached to a prussic knot. The knot slides along a tethered line which is attached to the tree. This system remains connected during the entire time the person is in the tree. In the event of a fall, the prussic knots tightens up and keeps the person from striking the ground. More information for hunting safety can be found at dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/treestand_tips.asp.

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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is the state agency responsible for providing natural and living resource-related services to citizens and visitors. DNR manages nearly one-half million acres of public lands and 17,000 miles of waterways, along with Maryland's forests, fisheries and wildlife for maximum environmental, economic and quality of life benefits. A national leader in land conservation, DNR-managed parks and natural, historic and cultural resources attract 11 million visitors annually. DNR is the lead agency in Maryland's effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the state's number one environmental priority. Learn more at www.dnr.maryland.gov