

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Report No.	<i>(Begin with the letter (F) when use of Force involved. Otherwise, begin with actual # of report, then reporting officer's AASIS # and finally end with the regulation involved or job code if a regulation is not involved)</i>				1294-1666-10.08			
Type of Incident/Investigation			Date Occurred:	09/28/15	Time:	10:57		
1	Usfs Compliance Regulations		Date Reported:	10/18/15	Time:	13:30		
Location of Incident		GPS	Code Number(s):					
2	Hwy 9 South Williams Jct			10.08				
Complainant's Name (Last - First - Mi)			Address:	City:	Zip:	Phone:		
3	Davis, Hugh		Usfs			() -		
Suspect's Name (Last - First - Mi)			Address:	City:	Zip:	Phone:		
4	Bentley, Ted		Hwy 9 South	Perryville	72126	() -		
NCIC Check		Evidence Seized	Type of Evidence and Identifying Numbers					
5	No							
Location Where Evidence is Stored (Address)					Evidence Tag Number(s):			
6								
If Incident Involved USE OF FORCE (Check all that apply and begin Report No. with F)								
OC Aerosol		ASP	Empty Hand	Flashlight	Taser (ECD)	Firearm	Vehicle	Other (describe)
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Serial #	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NARRATIVE

On September 28, 2015 Hugh Davis, USFS LEO, advised me that he had found a bait site off of Hwy 9 South of the Williams Junction store and placed a camera on it in hopes of catching whoever was going in on a ATV and baiting in the National Forrest. [REDACTED]

On October 11, 2015 Officer Davis showed me a photo taken from the bait site off HWY 9 and asked me if I knew who it was. The photo was of Mr. Ted Bentley who lives within a mile of the baited area. The photo showed Mr. Bentley on an ATV with a bucket on the front rack. Officer Davis went back into the area and found that the stand was gone so it was decided we would go to Mr. Bentley's residence and interview him on a later date.

On October 17, 2015 Officer Davis and I went to the Bentley residence and found no one home. In his driveway was an ATV and bucket [REDACTED]. We then decided to come back the next day. On October 18, 2015 Officer Davis and I met at 1330 hours and went to the Bentley residence where we again knocked on the door with no answer. We were getting ready to leave when State Representative Mary Bentley pulled up. I asked her if Ted was around and she advised no but she would go get her phone and call him so I could talk to him. She went into her residence and came back out with her cell phone and called Ted. Once Ted was on the phone she advised him that I was there and needed to talk to him. I could hear Ms. Bentley telling him she wasn't sure what we wanted so she then handed me the phone. I advised Mr. Bentley who I was and that I was there with Officer Davis and we needed to talk to him. He was very rude and said he wasn't going to meet with me until I told him why. I again told him we had a violation near his residence and that we needed to talk to him about it. Again he said he wasn't going to meet with us until we told him what we had. I told him I couldn't do that but needed to show him a photo to get his side of the story. At this time he advised me that he had been drinking a few beers and wasn't going to drive. I told him I understand and that he didn't need to drive, with this he made some more statements about he hasn't done

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anything wrong and that he would not come meet with us. I asked him where he was and that we could come to him and again said he would not meet until he knew what we wanted and why we were there. I then told him that we would just run into him another time and ended the call. When I got off the phone I advised Ms. Bentley that this could have been a very easy meeting with him but he refuses to meet with us. She advised that he was having a hard time with the illness of his mother. I told her I understood and thanked her for her time. I asked Ms. Bentley how many acres they owned and she stated 75 but they sometimes felt like they owned more. She then stated that years ago they got tickets for riding trails by Officer Brewer on the back side of their property but found out that the reason they got tickets was he was baiting back there and guiding people in to hunt Turkeys. I advised her that Officer Brewer was not the one who did that and it was long before he went to work for the Commission. Both Officer Davis and I returned to our patrol vehicles and started to leave the area. I was backing up when Ms. Bentley walked up to me while still on the phone and asked for a phone number where Mr. Bentley could give me a call. I gave her one of my business cards and after handing it to her she advised Mr. Bentley was on his way. Officer Davis had already pulled out so I got on the radio and advised him of what I was told. Within a few minutes Mr. Bentley pulled up to his residence.

When Mr. Bentley got there he again said he didn't do anything wrong and demanded to see the proof. Officer Davis attempted to speak to Mr. Bentley but would be immediately cut off. At this time we got Mr. Bentley's driver's license and Officer Davis went to his vehicle to issue summons for the violations. It was decided that the photos would not be shown to Mr. Bentley and if he wanted to see them he could appear in court.

While Officer Davis was in his vehicle I stayed out in front of our vehicles with the Bentleys sitting on their tailgate. Mr. Bentley asked me why I wrote a report in reference to a hunting accident over 15 years ago where a man named Brandon was shot and killed while Turkey hunting and I told the shooter to just go home and once you feel better I would get with you for your statement. I advised him I didn't say that. He then stated my names on the report at which I told him I was at the accident but was not the lead officer. Sgt. Brewer was the lead and that he made the report out and the Perry County Sheriff's Office investigated it because it was a fatality. He then stated well your names on it. At this time he asked me if I killed a buck and night in the duck area. I stated no and that if I wanted to kill bucks and night I could have a house full of monster deer, he stated that's what I thought and walked off into his house. I stayed in front of my vehicle making small talk with Ms. Bentley until he returned. As Officer Davis approached Ms. Bentley and I, Ms. Bentley made the statement that we (officer Davis and I) need to be real careful, that times were tough and money was tight and that they (House) are looking for places to get money for funding and the Game and Fish Commission would be a good place to look. When Mr. Bentley got back Officer Davis advised him of the charges and handed him federal summons for ATV and Baiting regulations. He then explained he had 30 days to pay the fines or a warrant would be issued and U.S. Marshalls could pick him up. He stated he wasn't signing anything and Officer Davis stated that he didn't have to that he just needed to understand the process. Officer Davis again started explaining the process and Mr. Bentley interrupted him saying "Didn't you already say that?" Officer Davis advised him he wanted to make sure he understood. With that we got into our vehicles and left the area.

As I was driving away Officer Davis was behind me. When I got to the highway I noticed Officer Davis wasn't behind me anymore. I waited up the road until he came by. He advised me he had forgotten to give Mr. Bentley his driver's license back and had to go back to the residence.

No other action was taken by reporting officer.

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	Reporting Officer	Date	County/Dist.	Reviewing Supvr.	Date Received
8	<i>Robt Stout</i>	10/23/15	140579/140510		
9	Assisting Officer(s):				
Case Status					
10	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Referred to Other Jurisdiction</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Cleared by Arrest</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Closed</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Pending</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Unfounded</i>				