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A Duck Hunters Bad Dream

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One cool November evening in Claiborne Parish, Sr. Agent Jared McIver and I sat on a duck roost that had been roosted on a previous evening. Like usual, nobody showed up while we were there. We decided to go and check a deer camp that was located a few miles down the road. When we got to the deer camp the hunters had not yet returned from their evening hunt.

When the sun went down we started hearing the rumble of four-wheelers, within minutes McIver and I checked five deer hunters. We noticed the hunters were talking about one of their buddies shooting a lot by the pond. While we were talking another four-wheeler cranked up and you guessed it: it was their

buddy hunting by the pond. Good Ole buddy drove his four-wheeler past the camp and headed towards a house about 200 yards away. I chased after the ATV on foot and found that he pulled his four-wheeler into the garage and was just about to close the door when I turned the corner and introduced myself.

You should have been there; the look on his face was priceless. I conducted a field check and found that he had been duck hunting. The good ole buddy had taken over the limit of wood ducks, shot the ducks with lead shot, had an unplugged shotgun, and did not have his Federal Duck Stamp. A good day duck hunting turned into a bad dream in the garage.

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