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# Night Hunters? OR NOT

By Sgt. Todd Laviolette

Late winter and early spring in Region 8 is not the best time to catch a night hunter but there is always the possibility. You just never know.

Sgt. Scot Keller and I were working night hunters in late February, hoping to catch some outlaw that was taking advantage of the last few cold days of the year. Scot and I had worked together in the same truck for several hours and decided that by splitting up we could cover more area.

Shortly after Scot

dropped me off at my truck, I was traveling down a closed highway past what we call the monument. The monument is an old monument to the family of general P.G.T. Bauregard. It is located in a small field in a section of woods along side of the closed highway. As I passed the monument, I saw a car parked near the structure. I called Scot to come to my location for back up. I turned my truck into the driveway and behind the parked vehicle. When I shone my lights on the vehicle I did not

see anyone anywhere around. A second later I saw two figures emerging from the darkness at the back end of the field. When the two got closer I could see that they were a man and a lady coming toward me. I thought I had caught some lovers who were there to experience nature. After all why would they be there at 11 o'clock at night?

The two people drew nearer and as they did I identified myself. I could see that they were not carrying any guns or spotlights but they did have something in their

hands. The man was wearing a vest that photographers wear. I thought this was strange but what came next was even worse. After I identified myself, I asked, "What are you doing here?" The man reached out and handed me a card and said, "We're ghost hunters". I read the card that the man had given to me. It had his name on it and the words "GHOST HUNTER". He had a PhD in paranormal psychology after his name.

Scot arrived and as

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he approached I told him that the people were ghost hunting. The look on Scot's face said, "You're pulling my leg", but I was serious.

The two subjects proceeded to explain that the equipment in their hands was to measure temperature changes. Both of them were carrying cameras to take pictures of the ghosts that they encountered.

Scot and I were both fascinated and bewildered by some of the stories that the pair told us, stories of contact with ghosts, pictures of ghostly figures in old houses and how ghosts are all around us. They said that their best hunting is between 10 p.m. and 3

a.m. They also told us about their web site and their ghost hunters club.

We looked at some of the pictures that the lady took in a nearby cemetery. There was an object in the picture that she called an "orb". She said it was the energy of a ghost. I don't know what it was. We talked to the pair for a few more minutes and then continued our patrol.

Somehow I think that that was the first and probably the last time I would catch a night hunter like that. By the way, I decided not to cite them for NIGHT HUNTING; --- none of our laws cover GHOSTS.

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