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Supreme Court, Riverhead NY

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M., Christian Killoran, an avid bowhunter and Vice President of Hunters For Deer (HFD), filed an order to show cause (OTSC) against the Village of Sag Harbor for a local law that was enacted in October of 2015, that restricted hunting within village borders. Although an agreement between HFD and then, Sag Harbor village attorney Fred Thiele, was reached last October through capitulation by the village and a letter allowing HFD to provide property owners a FREE deer management program it remains unclear whether Sag Harbor Police would enforce the law during the 2016-2017 hunting season. During the preceding, Judge Gerard Asher adjourned the hearing to give the Village of Sag Harbor time to respond.

On Saturday October 1, 2016, HFD member Derrick Ring was approached by Sag Harbor Village Police and escorted off of a private property that HFD was given consent to hunt. Mr. Ring was not issued a summons, which heightened the need to request for judicial intervention, for fear of further members being arrested. With the hearing being adjourned, HFD made clear that they would operate under the conditions of the prior agreement made with Fred Thiele, until the courts ruled on the case.

October 8, 2016, just one day after Judge Asher failed to grant an immediate temporary restraining order against Sag Harbor village, HFD member Derrick Ring was again confronted by Sag Harbor Police, only this time he was taken into custody and arrested for village code violation 192.7, hunting within the corporate bounds of the village. Mr. Ring was detained and his bow and personal belongings were placed in the truck of a police vehicle. After receiving a Sag Harbor Village Ordinance Summons #5153, Mr. Ring was released and given back his belongings.

Given the ever expanding deer populations on Long Island and the public health emergency created by the proliferation of these animals, HFD will continue to fight for property owners wanting to be reduce deer conflicts on their property. The NYSDEC already has sufficient laws in place to regulate hunting and if a property owner has the required 150' setback to accommodate a hunter based deer management program, HFD will continue to provide them with vetted, insured and proficiency tested bowhunters. HFD will continue to fight to expand hunting opportunities and protect hunter and property owner rights.