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**Sheriff's Office Seizes Dangerous Weapons and Drugs**

Hiawassee, GA, February 27, 2008 Towns County sheriff Chris Clinton and detective Mike Davis, along with deputies and agents from the drug task force and US Forest Service seized a small arsenal of weapons from a residence in Hiawassee on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

While searching the residence for a fugitive in another drug case, Sheriff Clinton and one drug task force agent discovered a sawed-off shot gun, which is classified as a dangerous weapon. The owner of the residence, John Lezinski of Hiawassee was charged with possession of the weapon, as well as 15 counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and a second count of possession of a dangerous weapon after the sheriff discovered a homemade suppressor in the residence.

Lezinski and two others where charged with violations of the Georgia controlled substance act for possession of Lortab, a shedule III narcotic, without a prescription.

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