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SHOTS FIRED, DRUG OFFENDERS ARRESTED

HIAWASSEE, GA, FEBRUARY 08, 2008: Towns County Sheriff's deputies received a call of service to Young Harris Apartments. Reports of shots being fired led to the arrest of a male subject by Towns County Sheriff's office deputies and members of the Appalachian Drug Task Force.

Steven Michael Hancock was apparently intoxicated when he opened fire with a small caliber semi-automatic handgun. Although several rounds were fired both inside and outside the apartment, no one was injured.

Hancock was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of methadone, possession of dangerous drugs not in their original

containers, discharging a firearm while under the influence and discharging a firearm on or near a public highway.

Sheriff Clinton stated that the case was still under investigation and additional charges may be forthcoming.

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