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My name is Ron Harper. My primary residence is in Thomson, GA and my secondary residence and place of birth almost 75 years ago is 6205 Old Dawsonville Rd. Gainesville, GA. My cell is 7063737226

This address is near Chestatee community and is actually on Latham Creek or it was before Lake Lanier filled in the creeks and bottomland in 1955. It is in this community and specifically in my neighborhood in which the abuse of power occurred.

You may be familiar with an event venue called "The Ark on Lanier." It's a very successful business that hosts groups and/or businesses on the shore of Lake Lanier. The owner is a gentleman named Jeff Hylton. I've met him a few times and in fact my brother and 2 sisters own a rental between my home and the Ark and recently rented to Jeff to handle any overflow guests from the Ark.

Jeff recently had rezoning notices placed on land he acquired a few years back and told us it was to have additional parking. A closer inspection of the zoning request indicates it might be more than a parking addition.

I don't have strong feelings for or against this though neighbors who live closer to the Ark complain of noise late into the night and at least one neighbor sold and moved because of noise. Another neighbor very close to Ark decided to oppose the zoning change and exercised his concern in the form of a petition asking neighbors to oppose the zoning. Dennis White, that neighbor, also had signs printed and displayed in our neighborhood on the roadside. One of his signs he inadvertently planted on private property. As I understand it he placed it in front of the property Jeff rents from my family. When pointed out, Dennis promptly moved the sign.

Someone at the Ark filed a criminal trespass complaint against Dennis and the Hall County Sheriff's office issued a citation to Dennis and ordered him to stay off Old Dawsonville Rd which the Ark faces. This is a short little spur which terminates into Lake Lanier just East of my home. Dennis's wife Karen walks her poodle down this road twice daily and Dennis who has Parkinson's Disease with tremors drives a golf cart sometimes alone and sometimes accompanying his wife and dog. It's a daily routine and I'm always pleased to see them come my way.

Dennis and his wife Karen were told to no longer turn left onto this public road. I was amazed to learn of this. Karen in fear of reprisal from sheriff's department ceased to walk her poodle. Dennis, who felt bullied but in the right continued to use the public road.

Today I passed Dennis and Karen Whites home and saw two Hall County Sheriff's vehicles in their driveway. One of those vehicles was in the turnaround in front of my home early this morning. Dennis was arrested this afternoon and taken in handcuffs to jail. According to Karen, Dennis was charged with stalking which is absurd. I don't know Dennis Whites age but I'm guessing mid 60's and as I mentioned above is stricken with Parkinson's.

There may be more to this story than I'm privileged to but I'm concerned when a neighbor and friend is told by law enforcement that he is not allowed to take photos with his phone from a public road and that he and his wife are banned from travel on a public road.

The zoning change comes before Hall County on July 9, 2026. Whether or not it should pass, I don't know. I signed the petition to deny it in the face of its misrepresentation to my family. But that is a different matter entirely. Part of me says Jeff Hylton should be allowed within reason to do what he wants on his property. The other side says maybe the neighbors subjected to the noise should have their say without fear of being jailed.

There is one thing of which I'm certain and that is that basic human rights guaranteed by our Constitution should not be tread upon at any time and especially on the eve of our 250 th birthday.

Thank you for taking a look at what I think is abuse by Hall County.

Yours truly
Ron Harper

