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## Two Doe Conduct Recon Mission For Santa Claus



These two deer, known by their code names of Piney (in the foreground) and Coney, are seen somewhere in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties on Wednesday (Dec. 20) as they conduct landing and refueling (deer food - or woodsy restaurant reviews) reconnaissance for Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen, the first team of flying reindeer for Santa Claus. Although Piney and Coney are known for their relatively stealthy abilities, they did pose for a woman known to be of good character and connected with a guy who is part of The Fourth Estate. In a relatively quick debriefing, Piney and Coney reported that once again they see clear landing areas other than rooftops with chimneys for this part of Florida. The two doe mentioned that Santa knows when people are sleeping. He knows when they are awake. He knows if they've been bad or good. He generally shows mercy and does his best to provide gifts wherever he can, in no small part thanks to the United States Marine Corps Reserve and many, many civilian interests. As for the food or fuel supply for flying reindeer on their touch-and-go missions in the Tri-County Area, Piney and Coney said all systems are 'Go for launches and landings.'

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