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A hunter accused of firing shots that wounded a game warden in El Dorado County last year has been charged with two misdemeanors as a result of the incident.

James David Ingram, 48, of Georgetown was booked Monday at the El Dorado County Jail on charges of causing damage to property and the negligent wounding of a human. He was subsequently released and is to be arraigned Monday in El Dorado County Superior Court.

Bob Pera, a warden with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, was shot in the hand and neck in February 2014 as he was conducting a compliance check on two hunters about 8 or 9 p.m. Fish and Wildlife officials said at the time that the shot was fired before the warden made contact with the hunters, and that the hunters were cooperative, rendering aid to Pera while he was calling for medical assistance and backup.

Dave Stevenson, a spokesman for the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office, said the DA's office, in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, conducted a lengthy investigation, which led to the misdemeanor charges. He said the DA's office sent Ingram a letter advising him of the charges and instructing him to turn himself in.

Stevenson said Ingram indicated the shooting was not intentional and that he did not see Pera or the warden's vehicle. The shot went through the windshield of the vehicle and struck the warden. Pera survived his injuries.

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