

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
1/10/11 – 1/23/11**

DISTRICT 1

CO Dennis Gast worked in Ontonagon County and two snowmobiles were ticketed for running stop signs and more than 30 anglers were checked on Lake Gogebic who were having good success on walleye.

CO Doug Hermanson and Sgt. Steven Burton worked Lake Gogebic and checked about 30 anglers, all of whom had fish. Two warnings were given for no license in possession and fishing with too many lines. The snow was just deep enough to prevent the use of an ORV on the lake surface.

CO Mark Leadman was patrolling on the Chocolay Grade snowmobile trail when he was passed by a snowmobile traveling in excess of 60 mph. The snowmobiler failed to stop at the intersection of the snowmobile trail and the Golf Course Road. Officer Leadman was able to get the operator stopped and issued him a ticket for careless operation.

CO Matt Eberly reports another two snowmobiles fell into the Portage Canal just west of the Houghton lift bridge. Four have fallen through in the last two weeks.

Following a lengthy investigation, two subjects were arraigned on charges for killing a cow moose in southern Marquette County during the 2009 firearm deer season.

DISTRICT 2

CO Michael Evink responded to an anonymous complaint regarding three dead wolves near a camp. CO Evink, along with COs Mike Hammill and Kellie Nightlinger, arrived on scene and began to process the area for evidence. The camp owner was contacted downstate, and he confessed to shooting the three wolves out of his camp the prior evening. He returned to the camp and showed the COs the location of the kills, and turned over the rifle used. Charges are pending through the Mackinac County Prosecutors office.

CO Reid Roeske conducted an extremely cold patrol on the waters of Big Bay de Noc. He contacted anglers in possession of marijuana, fishing without a license, and with unattended lines, and sent several away with written reminders of the violations

CO Jared Fergusson, along with a tribal officer, watched a large group of anglers for several hours in sub zero temperatures prior to making contact. A large number of the "anglers" were minors having a party on the ice. Numerous minors had been drinking and their parents were summoned out on the ice to retrieve the wayward kids. Additional enforcement action taken.

CO Robert Crisp assisted with two snowmobile personal injury accidents. One occurred when a snowmobile got caught in railroad tracks and the operator was thrown. The second occurred as a snowmobile was crossing a roadway and was struck by a vehicle.

COs Kevin Postma and Kyle Publiski were on patrol in the Drummond Island area and found a locked, empty ice fishing shanty with unattended lines in the water. After several minutes passed the COs contacted an individual who drove up to the shanty. The subject stated that he wasn't planning on fishing that day and had forgotten the key to the shanty. After further interviewing the subject, he produced the key and showed the COs his unattended lines. As CO Postma issued a ticket, a truck pulled up to a nearby shanty and CO Publiski went to make contact. As the CO neared the shanty, the subject quickly tried to pull up lines that were left unattended. Caught red handed the subject admitted the whole thing and took his ticket.

CO Derek Miller encountered a subject fishing on Manistique Lake. When asked how the fishing was the subject replied that he'd gotten a couple. He then handed his fishing license to the CO and began to walk to his shanty with his fish bucket. The CO stopped him to see his catch which revealed three fish, one being a short walleye. CO Miller realized that he was about to throw back the undersized walleye. Further investigation revealed fishing lines in the shanty which put him over the legal limit of fishing lines. Tickets were issued.

CO Kellie Nightlinger assisted on a personal injury snowmobile accident where the driver lost control of the snowmobile. It was learned later that it was the first time the subject had ever operated a snowmobile.

DISTRICT 3

COs Andrea Erratt, Andrea Albert, Steve Speigl, Carl VanderWall and Sgt. Mike Borkovich conducted a snowmobile patrol in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties during the annual Snowblast Festival held in East Jordan. The COs issued many warnings for high speed operation, improper display of registrations and failing to display trail permits. Several were ticketed for failing to stop at stop signs and crossroads, failing to register snowmobiles and for careless operation. Extreme wintry conditions made for a very busy event with lots of snowmobilers and associated congestion on the State DNRE trail system.

CO Carl VanderWall and Sgt. Mike Borkovich witnessed a snowmobile blow up and burst into flames near Alba in Antrim County. The female rider was able to exit the sled in time and avoided injury. The snowmobile burned to the ground and after the fire was put out by the local fire department the COs towed the machine to the road to clear the DNRE snowmobile trail. The rider showed great common sense by exiting the sled quickly and not attempting to put out the flames by herself, as the explosion occurred only seconds after the fire started. She commented on how quickly the COs were on scene to assist, not realizing that they had witnessed the explosion.

Investigating and assisting at a snowmobile personal injury accident which occurred on the DNRE snowmobile trail in the Antrim County Jordan Valley Area, Sgt. Mike Borkovich and a local deputy rode snowmobiles approximately four miles into the valley where a woman on a rental sled lost control of the machine on a curve and hit a tree, breaking her legs and requiring emergency transport to a local hospital. The Officers then towed the sled out of the valley due to the heavy snowmobile traffic and the hazard created at the accident location.

COs Duane Budreau and Carl VanderWall worked a complaint location in northern Emmet County where high speed operation and roadway violations had been occurring, causing unsafe snowmobiling operation. The COs issued several warnings and tickets in an effort to curtail accidents and ongoing complaints.

Responding to a complaint of malicious destruction of private property and trespassing by snowmobilers in Antrim County, COs Andrea Albert and Steve Speigl located a spot where sledders had cut holes in the owner's cattle fence at both an entry and exit point. The posted, "No Trespassing" signs had also been torn down. The COs staked out the location and wrote several snowmobile operators tickets for trespassing on private property, along with other related snowmobile violations, and will continue to patrol the area.

COs Steve Speigl, Andrea Albert and Andrea Erratt worked several small lakes for fishing violations which resulted in several tickets being issued for fishing without a license, possession of undersized fish, fishing with too many lines, and ORV and snowmobile registration violations

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint from DNRE Wildlife Division where the collar to one of the wolves in Cheboygan County was found in a ditch alongside a county road. The collar was cut; the investigation is ongoing.

CO Matt Theunick arrested a subject on four counts of marine and environmental violations relating to several large vessels abandoned on Duncan Bay off the City of Cheboygan. The vessels have been run aground and/or have sunk, resulting in oil spills and other contamination in Duncan Bay. DNRE Detective Vence Woods and CO Matt Theunick investigated the incident(s) and obtained the warrants.

CO Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Greg Drogowski worked on Burt Lake checking anglers until well after dark. Several tickets for fishing with more than three lines were issued; the number of lines varied from four to seven per angler.

CO Richard Stowe obtained arrest warrants for an illegally killed trophy class buck. The deer had been shot with a firearm in archery season.

CO Nick Torsky was on patrol in the Pigeon River when he observed footprints in the snow leading to a marsh. Upon following the tracks CO Torsky discovered that they belonged to trapper and he had cut into numerous muskrat house and set traps. CO

Torsky was able to identify the trapper and he was issued a ticket for molesting the muskrat den.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling Long Lake when he located six unattended tip-ups along the shoreline. He tripped some of the flags and watched them for 30 minutes. After no one came and checked on them CO Webster followed the footprints to a house, where one subject stated three of them were his but he'd forgotten about them due to an exciting game of solitaire on his computer. The angler was issued a ticket for unattended lines. His neighbor, who forgot about the other three lines, was also issued a ticket.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a complaint of a subject cutting trees off state land. CO Kehoe located the subject at his residence where the subject had taken parts from two large live cedar trees he had cut. The subject stated he had cut the trees down to "feed the deer". The subject did not have a permit to cut the trees. Enforcement action was taken for timber theft.

CO Mike Wells observed an angler fishing with two hand lines. Upon approaching the subject CO Wells observed him frantically reel in one line and kick the rod and reel aside. CO Wells determined that the subject was fishing with two additional tip-ups as well. CO Wells advised the subject of his observations and issued a ticket for too many lines.

CO Jeff Ginn, with the assistance of the Wildlife Resource Protection Unit, was able to arrest a river guide after multiple complaints were received of the subject chumming holes with salmon eggs while taking clients Steelhead fishing on the Muskegon River. CO Ginn on several occasions attempted to have the river guide comply with the fish disease (VHS) regulations without cooperation. Plainclothes Detectives assumed the role of anglers and documented the river guide chumming multiple times throughout the guided fishing trip. At the conclusion of the guided trip, COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells contacted the river guide, explained the violations documented by the Detectives and seized evidence. An arrest warrant was issued for the subject for the disease control violation.

DISTRICT 5

Area Conservation Officers participated in a group patrol for the first weekend of Tip-Up-Town resulting in 21 arrests for fishing and snowmobile violations. One fatality was reported resulting from a snowmobile accident on the ice after dark.

CO Chuck McPherson reports a subject pled guilty to taking a deer out of season and was charged a fine of \$400 and \$1,000 restitution. The subject also spent five days in jail and lost his hunting privileges until 2014. The firearm used in the violation was condemned by the court.

CO Mike Hearn reports a fatal snowmobile accident where the subject was operating too fast for conditions, hit a bump, lost control and struck a tree.

CO Mike Hearn had his patrol truck in for maintenance when he received a complaint of a deer being taken illegally. CO Hearn was able to get a ride from Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers to the scene where his investigation turned up a deer taken out of season and a subject who admitted to taking the deer with a .22 cal. rifle after dark. The trooper took a second subject into custody at the scene for an outstanding warrant.

CO Bobbi Lively concluded a lengthy investigation which began with a routine taxidermy inspection that revealed a deer shot with a firearm during the archery season. CO Lively located the subject who had brought in the deer and the meat that had been taken. A search of the subject's residence revealed baited blinds with lights and fresh blood. The subject was also a felon in possession of a firearm, and faces five misdemeanor charges and one felony charge, along with possible federal charges. CO Lively was assisted in the investigation by COs Jon Warner, Brandon Kieft, and Mark Papineau.

CO Joel Lundberg responded to a complaint of houndsmen who were trespassing. When CO Lundberg located the houndsmen, two of them were not wearing hunter orange and one of them was trespassing.

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood teamed up and arrested a snowmobile operator who was intoxicated. The subject had just come off of a trail and was running along a county road without a registration on his machine. This was the subject's third alcohol related offense, he was lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 6

CO Nick Atkin was on a snowmobile patrol when a call was dispatched of a drive off without paying from a local gas station. CO Atkin located the vehicle and apprehended the subject. Multiple charges are pending for failing to pay for his gas, operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving while license suspended, improper registration, no vehicle insurance and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

CO Nick Atkin was following up on a deer feeding complaint where a homeowner had a large pile of beets in the front yard. The homeowner stated that he thought baiting/feeding was only illegal during firearm deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Hobkirk ticketed a juvenile subject who had taken a deer with a rifle during the archery season. CO Hobkirk wrote the subject a ticket for taking an antlered deer with a firearm during the closed season. The juvenile division will require him to pay restitution and possibly revoke his hunting privileges for one year.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint of subjects damaging an ice shanty on Saginaw Bay. As CO Hobkirk walked onto the ice and attempted to contact the subjects, they fled the area on a snowmobile. After patrolling the area and locating the subject's probable residence, CO Hobkirk waited in the area for the individuals to return. At dusk the subjects began to come toward shore, but were signaled by one of the individual's father that the CO was waiting for them. CO Hobkirk contacted the father and advised him to have the young men come to shore. A short time later, CO Hobkirk met with the four subjects. They were charged with malicious destruction of the ice shanty, littering, and operating an unregistered snowmobile.

While working a late evening patrol, CO Holly Pennoni issued a ticket for an expired registration to a snowmobiler who was coming off of Saginaw Bay near midnight. The snowmobiler stated he thought he was safe from getting caught riding that late at night.

CO Holly Pennoni assisted a state trooper who had responded to a complaint of a vehicle shooting from the roadway. The complainant heard shots and observed a vehicle leave the area and return a half hour later. The occupants of the vehicle got out and started tracking blood in the field across from the complainant's residence. The troopers contacted the subject and the subject stated he shot a coyote, not a deer. The trooper located a deer in the nearby ditch that was still alive and bleeding. Once CO Pennoni arrived, the Officers determined that the subject shot a coyote and not the deer. After speaking with homeowners in the area CO Pennoni found that the deer had been hit by a car. CO Pennoni dispatched the deer and determined that the hunter did not shoot from his vehicle.

CO Joshua Wright responded to a call of a person who was trapped under their snowmobile in a ditch in Sanilac County. Within 15 minutes, CO Wright and local fire department personnel located the snowmobiler in a seven foot ditch with flowing water. The subject was taken to a local hospital for a broken leg and hypothermia.

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a complaint of coyote hunters trespassing while hunting. Upon contacting the hunters it was determined that they were not trespassing; however CO Rhodea issued one of the hunters a ticket for having an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle and a second hunter for having a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

COs Scott Brown and Seth Rhodea patrolled Saginaw Bay checking anglers. While most were in compliance, the COs issued nine tickets during their patrol. Violations included operating an unlicensed ORV, operating unregistered snowmobiles and fishing without a license.

CO Daniel Lee was patrolling Swan Creek when he observed two snowmobiles with improper registration and trail permits. The CO pulled the two over and was addressing the issues when three ORVs passed by, none with ORV licenses. After taking care of the snowmobiles CO Lee attempted to locate the ORVs that had passed. He was able to locate them at the next road crossing where they were stopped, with one operator missing. He was in the parking lot picking up three ORV licenses. After

seeing the CO they had called a friend to pick up the permits and meet them. Enforcement action was taken.

While working lakes in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell contacted several anglers who failed to license their ORVs before going out on the ice. Due to the lack of compliance many tickets were issued on more than one of the lakes.

While checking anglers on Crystal Lake, CO Ken Lowell contacted anglers at one shanty and found the angler using four lines. The angler was also in possession of drug paraphernalia. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell had received complaints of an illegal snowmobile trail running through the Flat River State Game Area in Montcalm County. The CO worked his way to that location and waited for the illegal activity. After only ten minutes the CO contacted a group of sleds on the illegal trail. Violations included failing to register, no trail permits and operating in a State Game Area. Enforcement action was taken

CO Ken Lowell worked the Crystal Lake Winter Festival in Montcalm County over the weekend. Multiple violations were witnessed, including fishing with no license, fail to register snowmobiles and ORVs, careless operation of vehicles, open intoxicants and failing to obtain trail permits. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling Bay County when he came across a group coyote hunting. While making a traffic stop for a traffic violation, the CO observed the driver and passenger frantically unloading an uncased firearm in the front seat. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Greg Patten reported the conclusion of a case originally charged in 2009 involving a deer taken with a firearm during the bow season in Muskegon County. The defendant was found guilty at trial for illegal possession of a gunshot deer in the closed season and sentenced to fines, restitution and 21 days in jail and three years loss of all hunting privileges.

CO Mike Mshar assisted local deputies with a subject who was found in possession afield with over 70 untagged traps; some of which contained muskrats. The subject has remained uncooperative and COs continue to investigate the origin of the traps including possible theft.

COs Mike Mshar, BJ Goulette, Ivan Perez and Sgt. John Jurcich conducted an evening snowmobile patrol along the Musketawa Trail and parts of Ottawa County in response to trespass complaints. Numerous contacts were made with tickets issued for no trail permits. Conditions were excellent with heavy snow and temperatures as low as -15 at night during the patrol.

CO Cary Foster and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers worked on a complaint where a local farmer had subjects driving through his farmland. Early in the morning a group of four juveniles were observed racing through the property attempting to run over deer. The subjects were caught and the juvenile operating the vehicle was intoxicated as well. The juvenile was ticketed for operating an ORV off road chasing/threatening wildlife, and for operating intoxicated and trespassing. The juveniles were turned over to their parents.

CO Chris Holmes reported good snowmobile activity over the weekend along the Kal/Haven trail system. After a lengthy pursuit he was able to stop a subject who had opted to operate on the trail system with his personal vehicle. The subject was ticketed for the illegal operation and for failing to stop at numerous street crossings.

CO Andy Bauer reports that an investigation from deer season, which involved three subjects shooting a deer at night while trespassing has concluded. CO Bauer worked on the complaint with the assistance of a local police department. Two of the subjects were convicted felons in possession of firearms. The father and son team of felons received 18 months probation and 90 days on tether. In addition, the father paid a total of \$3286 in fine/costs, including \$1000 for the deer. The son paid \$3000 in fines/costs with \$1000 for the deer being included and also received nine days in jail. Both subjects lost the firearms.

CO Jeff Robinette reports that a warrant was authorized by the Cass County Prosecutor's Office for a case from firearm deer season, where a subject with no license shot a deer after hours and then used a tag of another person to tag the illegally taken deer.

DISTRICT 8

While checking a deer processor, CO Rich Nickols located an antlerless deer that had been improperly tagged with a combination license. CO Nickols investigation showed that the improperly tagged deer was taken with a shotgun during the muzzleloader season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger investigated two untagged deer hanging in a garage and received a full confession that the deer were taken illegally and not tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy investigated a large illegal dumping complaint on state land. CO Purdy located the evidence and interviewed a subject who confessed to the illegal dumping activity. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was ordered to clean up the littered site.

CO Shane Webster checked a four point deer that was tagged with a restricted license. Upon further investigation CO Webster found that the subject had used his regular tag on a six point buck earlier in the deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster assisted the MSP and local deputies with an incident involving a subject illegally taking deer from an ORV. The subject fled from MSP and the deputies on his ORV but CO Webster was able to intercept the subject at his residence. The officers' investigation led to an illegally killed deer, an illegally killed turkey, an illegal fawn mount, an illegal hawk mount and several illegal song birds. In addition to the illegal animals the subject was a convicted felon in possession of firearms, was in possession of illegal marijuana, trespassing, hunting without a hunting license, wasn't wearing the required hunter orange clothing, operating an unregistered ORV and carrying a loaded firearm on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

During the muzzleloader season, CO Kyle Bader observed a subject walking out of a field with a rifle. Upon contact with the subject he no longer had the firearm in his possession. CO Bader questioned the subject about the rifle and the subject stated that he wasn't hunting but merely checking his blind. CO Bader's investigation produced a .300 Win Mag rifle hidden in the weeds, at which time the subject confessed to the illegal activity. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader received a complaint of numerous deer carcasses being illegally dumped. CO Bader's investigation took him to a 78 year old man who was in Florida when the kill tag was validated and the illegal dumping took place. With the help of Florida authorities, it was revealed that the 78 year old gave his kill tag to his son who illegally used the kill tag and proceeded to dump the carcasses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols responded to a call from local deputies and assisted them with apprehending a subject who shot a deer illegally from his motor vehicle. CO Nickols, with the help of CO Jeff Walker, investigated the incident. The investigation revealed that the subject shot from a motor vehicle, had purchased more than the legal number of deer licenses, and had killed two antlerless deer and never purchased the proper antlerless licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Goss, Kyle Bader, and Sgt. Troy Bahlau investigated a complaint that a subject shot a deer with a firearm during the archery season. The COs' investigation revealed that a subject and his accomplice shot a trophy 10 point buck before daybreak, with a light, from a motor vehicle, and with a 30.06 rifle. The subject put his archery license on the deer and tried to pass it off as an archery kill. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a baiting complaint, CO Rich Nickols located a subject hunting with a muzzleloader over a bait pile. The investigation also showed that the subject was trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster assisted the MSP on a complaint of a subject shooting a deer well after the legal hunting hours had ended. The investigation revealed that the subject killed a deer after legal hunting hours, did not tag the deer, had his loaded firearm in his

vehicle, and that the deer was killed over an illegal bait pile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader assisted the MSP with an investigation involving a deer shot and left in a field. The investigation revealed that two subjects shot a deer with a .243 rifle during the muzzleloader season, but left the deer in the field as they were spooked when trying to retrieve the animal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer responded to a report of subjects trespassing to gain access to a lake. The two subjects were contacted, and in addition to the trespass violation and they were fishing without licenses and in possession of undersized fish. Enforcement action was taken.

The Calhoun County Sheriff Department questioned a subject about his involvement with an assault that occurred in Jackson County. During the questioning the deputies located a pistol in the subject's vehicle with blood on it. The subject stated that it was deer blood, at which time the case was turned over to CO Jeff Goss. CO Goss also interviewed the subject who admitted to killing two deer without having purchased deer licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason J. Smith and Todd Thorn worked ice fishing activity on local lakes and located subjects who were fishing without licenses, in possession of undersized pike, fishing with too many lines, fishing with illegal tip-ups, and had overlimits of panfish. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

While checking coyote hunters, COs Dan Prince, Jeff Walker and Rich Nickols witnessed a subject frantically trying to unload his .22 rifle from inside his vehicle. The rifle accidentally discharged causing the .22 round to pass through the passenger side floorboard; fortunately no one was injured. The investigation of the incident also revealed illegal marijuana in the vehicle and that one of the subjects was hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger investigated a complaint and found numerous deer heads in a field with the antlers removed. CO Bigger's investigation led him to a local resident who had the deer antlers that exactly matched the skulls located in the field. The investigation also revealed that deer were taken illegally, that subjects illegally loaned and borrowed licenses, and had purchased more firearm deer licenses than allowed. The investigation continues.

In two separate ice fishing incidents, CO Purdy was lied to about subject's ages because they had not purchased fishing licenses. CO Purdy also observed tip-ups with no names, overlimits of undersized fish, and subjects fishing with too many lines. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

While checking anglers on local lakes, CO Shane Webster encountered a subject fishing without a license who was wanted on arrest warrants from three different counties. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While patrolling on Lake St. Clair, CO Ben Lasher stopped several snowmobiles that were illegally drag racing. The CO explained to several subjects there is a permitted race track that people can utilize on the ice. While CO Lasher was talking with a group of snowmobilers, a subject not wearing a helmet on a snowmobile pulled up, stopped, and then spun the track throwing snow and ice toward the group. The CO kept an eye on the snowmobile, which did not have a hood, registration or trail permit. Later, the CO was able to stop the sled and take enforcement action.

CO Mark Ennett located a vehicle that had driven on and parked along railroad property. He later located a group of small game hunters further down the tracks, but they were different hunters than the ones from the parked vehicle. CO Ennett ticketed all three of them for railroad trespass and warned two of them for hunting without their small game hunting licenses in possession. COs Jon Sklba and Dan Walzak were also in the area and they located the group from the parked vehicle as they were exiting the area. Tickets were issued for railroad trespass and an uncased firearm in the vehicle.

COs Dan Walzak and Jonathon Sklba followed up on an interview of a possible illegal deer and were able to get a confession. The subject shot a deer without a license during the season and purchased the license after the fact. A warrant has been requested.

While patrolling on Dixie Highway, CO Jonathon Sklba observed an ORV operating in the northbound lane. The rider was not wearing a helmet. The subject was stopped and CO Sklba saw the ORV did not have a license, nor was he able to produce a driver's license. The subject was ticketed for the safety issues and advised to push the ORV home as it was just around the corner.

CO Brandon Kieft finalized the warrant for the subject who shot a deer from his pickup truck with a crossbow back in late October. The Lapeer County Prosecutor's Office issued a four count warrant for the following charges: Take deer from a motor vehicle, take deer after legal hunting hours, fail to immediately attach kill tag, and unlawful use of registration plates (he was swapping license plates back and forth on two different trucks).

CO Brandon Kieft was checking ice anglers on a lake in Oakland County when he observed five tip-ups and two ice fishing poles on the ice in front of a nearby house. As he approached the tip-ups a man emerged from the house and met him on the ice. At first, the man claimed that not all seven lines were his, but after a few more questions he eventually admitted to possessing all of them. Further investigation showed that he

had not purchased a 2010 fishing license and had no name or address on any of the tip-ups. He was ticketed for fishing without a license and fishing with too many lines.

COs Brandon Kieft and Mark Papineau assisted Oscoda County COs by arresting a subject involved in a deer poaching case. The subject had warrants for one felony violation and five misdemeanor violations. He was transported north and turned over to CO Jon Warner for arraignment.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted local deputies on a complaint of a deer hanging in a garage more than two weeks after the hunting season. After arriving on the scene and checking the deer, CO Kieft determined that there was no hunting violation. However, the individual who was in possession of the deer had a felony warrant from the State of Wyoming. The warrant was confirmed, the individual was arrested, and he was lodged in the Livingston County Jail. The subject will later be extradited to Wyoming to face charges.

While patrolling an inland lake in Oakland County, CO Brandon Kieft contacted two anglers fishing without licenses. One of the anglers had received a ticket from CO Ken Kovach for fishing without a license two years before on the same lake. The angler had failed to take care of the ticket and now had an arrest warrant for the violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively stopped a snowmobile operating on the roadway and issued a ticket for an unregistered snowmobile. As he was entering the information on his ticket log, he noted he had issued the subject a ticket for the same violation two years earlier on almost the same date.

CO Ben Shively and Sgt. Arthur Green responded to a complaint of several tip-ups out around a shanty. As the COs approached, a third subject warned the anglers that they were coming. When they contacted the anglers, the COs saw them frantically reeling in their lines. After checking the area they found five of the seven tip-ups were not marked. Both anglers were issued tickets for fish with more than three lines and given verbal warnings for fail to display a fishing license. One angler was also ticketed for no name and address on tip-ups.

COs Kris Kiel, Todd Szyska and Ken Kovach conducted a group patrol at St. John's Marsh for snowmobile and ORV activity. They contacted 20 people and issued 16 tickets for operate in a closed area, unregistered snowmobile, and no trail permit. They also gave 19 verbal warnings.

CO Ken Kovach assisted local authorities and was one of the first officers on scene of a subject wanting to commit suicide. CO Kovach set up on the perimeter of the house. After nearly a three hour standoff, the subject came out of the house with a firearm to his head and walked down the street. The subject was distracted and a MSP trooper used a TASER to subdue him. The subject was taken into custody without injury.