

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
1/25/09 – 2/7/09**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Jason Niemi reports that a bear case from last fall was wrapped up when two individuals pled guilty to loaning a tag and failing to register the bear within 72 hours.

CO Grant Emery worked a group snowmobile patrol with local deputies. Snowmobile activity was up compared to recent weeks. A total of 20 tickets were written for trail permit violations, registration violations and careless operation.

CO Jason Wicklund assisted U.S. Forest Service (USFS) law enforcement officers with complaints of vehicles operating in a closed area of the Sylvania Wilderness Area. The vehicle owners were contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Eberly was conducting a patrol on the Chassell-Portage Lake trail when he received a complaint of a snowmobile trespassing on a golf course. The snowmobile operator was found, stopped and ticketed for operating in a closed area.

COs Trey Luce, Mike McDonnell and Sgt. Pete Wright worked the annual Lake Independence ice fishing derby in Big Bay over the weekend. One subject was arrested for flee and elude on a snowmobile when officers tried to affect a stop on the nearby snowmobile trail. The minor violation of having an expired trail permit changed into the more serious charge when the subject disregarded signals to stop and fled at a high rate of speed. Several citations were issued during the early morning hours of the ice fishing derby when subjects, who in hopes of improving their chances for a winning fish, had left set lines in their fishing shacks overnight.

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund received a complaint of an owl caught in a trap. When the COs arrived they found a Great Horned Owl hanging upside down from a tree 30 feet off the ground. The owl's talons were caught in a small leg-hold trap and the drag was entangled in the branches. The COs freed the owl from the tree, covered it with a jacket, and removed the trap. The owl, shaken and sore, was otherwise unharmed and flew away.

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund worked a local fishing tournament on an Iron County lake. As the COs approached the lake, a snowmobiler who was not wearing a helmet quickly turned around and sped away. The COs caught up with the snowmobile in time to see why he was in a hurry. He had an undersized pike with him and was trying to release it before the COs arrived.

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund worked a local lake after dark and observed only one vehicle out on the lake. By watching the occupants of the truck shining their tip-ups, the COs determined that the individuals had several tip-ups out. A check of the

occupants turned up seven tip-ups and an expired vehicle registration. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Kevin Postma contacted an angler with a large number of tip-ups in use. The subject admitted that he figured if he was going to break the law with just one or two extra lines he might as well “go big”. No word yet on whether the judge is “going big” on the fine.

COs Gerald Thayer, Kyle Publiski, Kevin Postma, and Sgt. Wally Binder conducted group patrols on the weekend of the I-500 race at Sault Ste. Marie. Race attendance, both racers and spectators, appeared to be down from previous years. Compliance with snowmobile regulations was high, very few violations were observed.

COs Reid Roeske and John Wenzel, along with Commercial Fish Specialists Shannon Van Patten and Terry Short, conducted a night patrol on Little Bay DeNoc targeting overlimits and set lines. Numerous violations were observed that were in need of enforcement action. The most prominent violation was heavily intoxicated anglers sleeping it off in a camper on the ice while having too many lines out and unattended.

## **DISTRICT 3**

The winter sturgeon spearing season on Black Lake is underway and COs are patrolling and monitoring anglers. To date, three sturgeon have been taken, with two left to meet the five sturgeon quota for the season. The largest sturgeon taken so far this year was 83 lbs. No major problems or complaints have occurred.

CO Richard Stowe has been investigating a complaint where a landowner took and held onto tracking collars he took off hounds that were crossing through his property. The prosecutor has been contacted pending any charges on the landowner for hunter harassment.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint of subjects fishing on a closed trout lake. In addition, they were fishing without an all-species license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Feagan worked the North Central Trail for snowmobile activity, running radar and monitoring stop signs and intersections per complaints. Three tickets were issued for careless operation.

COs Michael Feagan and Carl Vanderwall patrolled Burt Lake, checking numerous anglers. Two tickets were issued for fishing with too many lines, with one violator using five lines and the other using nine lines.

CO Andrea Albert received an internet RAP complaint about a deer hanging in a barn in Central Lake. CO Albert contacted the landowner, who admitted that he had a deer in his barn. CO Albert checked the deer and found that it was shot during the 2008 deer season. Unfortunately the subject who shot the deer never tagged it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Speigl was called to assist local deputies with finding lost hikers (snowshoers) in the Jordan River Valley. CO Speigl was about to address people at a sportsman's banquet when he got the call. CO Speigl used the Department snowmobile and started the search. He located the lost hikers about an hour later; cold and scared but unhurt.

CO Andrea Albert assisted a local police department in Antrim County locating a snowmobile operator who fled. CO Albert observed a snowmobile that matched the description several miles away and stopped it. The operator was subsequently arrested for operating while impaired and operating while license suspended. Warrants are being requested for flee and elude.

On Tuesday, CO Andrea Erratt checked anglers on Lake Charlevoix. One subject was ticketed for a snowmobile that had expired in 2006, while his friend was warned for spearing a 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  inch pike. Another angler was ticketed for trying to "improve his luck" by fishing with four lines.

CO Andrea Erratt checked an angler with four lines on Thumb Lake. He said two of the lines belonged to his friend who had asked him to watch them while he got something to eat. The friend returned and was ticketed for unattended lines. They were warned for no name on a tip-up.

CO Joe Molnar was patrolling an area lake, and when he pulled up to the access site, the anglers on the lake ran over to their extra tip-ups and reeled them up. CO Molnar had observed the whole event and contacted the anglers, who asked if the three line limit had taken effect. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster was patrolling an area lake on his snowmobile when he came upon nine tip-ups left in the ice and no one tending them. Several minutes later, while CO Webster was pulling the lines, a vehicle started driving toward him. When the four anglers made it to the CO they asked if everything was okay. CO Webster asked them how long they were away from the tip-ups and they said at least half an hour. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster, while working multiple deer feeding complaints, issued several tickets for violations of the feeding ban.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

A subject who was arrested by CO Mike Bomay and Sgt Scott Wilk last October for a large overlimit of wood ducks in Mecosta County was convicted at a jury trial and sentenced. The man received 24 months probation, 10 days in jail or 140 hours of community service, fines and costs of \$1320, a probation oversight fee of \$480, restitution to the Fish and Game fund of \$500, jury fees of \$602 and shall not secure any hunting license from 2009 through 2012. The conviction was the eighth fish and game related conviction for the subject. The judge sternly admonished the man on the record by telling him, "You are a poacher".

CO Mike Wells stopped a snowmobile on a Newaygo County lake that had a 2006 registration. The rider presented a hand written bill of sale showing he had bought the sled the previous day. A check of the registration showed that the sled had belonged to somebody other than the supposed seller. Further investigation revealed that the rider had created the bogus bill of sale himself so he could ride the sled that day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller was pulling up to an Osceola County lake to check ice fishermen. Two snowmobiles were pulling up when they saw the patrol vehicle, turned away and sped off. Later in the day CO Mueller ran across the same two sleds on a different lake. He was able to get to the sleds before they saw him coming. Neither sled was registered and one of the drivers was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Rademacher was checking a Newaygo County lake when he found a tip-up next to a snowmobile track. There was no name on the tip-up or anyone around. He continued following the track and found six more tip-ups in the same condition. CO Rademacher tripped two of the flags and waited. Twenty-five minutes later a subject came around the lake to look at the flags. The subject was ticketed for too many lines.

COs Ryan Rademacher and Mike Wells responded to a snowmobile fatality in Newaygo County. A subject had been going around a curve at a high rate of speed and caught a ski on a small tree. The man flew off the sled into another tree on the opposite side of the trail.

CO Steve Converse, Manistee County, served three warrants for illegally taken deer resulting from a firearm deer season investigation. All three subjects were able to post bond and prosecution is pending.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper, Manistee County, conducted a joint snowmobile patrol with local deputies and ticketed several subjects for registration and operational violations, careless operation, and speed.

CO Jim Espinoza was on patrol when he observed two deer carcasses lying along side the road. CO Espinoza investigated and found that one of the deer had a "yellow" martial arts belt around the neck with a partial name on it. CO Espinoza's investigation led to a juvenile who was issued the belt, and also that his father had used it to hang his

deer in his garage. The deer had been taken legally during season, but enforcement action was taken for the disposal.

CO Troy VanGelderren received a complaint that a subject was in possession of a deer for which he had paid \$10. CO VanGelderren went to the subject's residence to investigate. A deer was recovered that had been shot in the head. The subject was adamant that another person had brought him the deer. When asked to identify the shooter, the man refused because he said "I have to live around here". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Bomay was checking anglers on a Mecosta County lake. He looked into a bucket that belonged to one of the anglers and observed two pairs of gloves. When CO Bomay moved the gloves the tail of an undersize walleye could be seen. CO Bomay removed the short fish from the glove and took enforcement action.

CO Steve Converse, Manistee County, responded to a request for assistance from the Michigan State Police (MSP) when they responded to a domestic situation and located a deer hanging inside the bathroom of the unfinished residence. CO Converse investigated and found that the subject had the deer since November, and couldn't produce a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jair Kollasch ticketed a subject for renting snowmobiles without the proper liability insurance and contract agreements. The subject had been given a verbal warning in a prior contact for improper registration and trail permit violations for the rental snowmobiles.

CO Justin Vanderlinde, Benzie County, ticketed a subject for leaving set lines inside an ice shanty. COs Vanderlinde and Sean Kehoe had contacted the subject while he was fishing at his shanty and had given him a verbal warning for a snowmobile violation. A short time later the COs observed the subject leave the area. The COs went to the subject's shanty and found that the subject had left a set line inside his shanty. The subject was contacted and ticketed for leaving the line unattended.

COs Sam Koscinski and Jair Kollasch assisted deputies with the Wexford County Sheriff's Department with a suicidal subject who had a firearm. Law enforcement personnel were able to talk the subject into surrendering without incident.

CO Sean Kehoe ticketed a subject for an overlimit of panfish on Arbutus Lake.

CO Mike Borkovich, Leelanau County, responded to a complaint of a deer that had fallen into a deep window well. CO Borkovich was able to lasso the deer and pull it out.

COs Sam Koscinski, Steve Converse, Carla Soper, Angie Greenway, Diane Drogowski, Sean Kehoe and Sgt. Michelle Wiegand worked a group patrol during the North American Snow Festival in Cadillac. Warm temperatures had an impact on scheduled events, and turned the snow pack on the ice to slush and water. Despite the warm

weather, the local trails were in good condition, but the county roads leading to the trails turned to mud and water. Attendance at the festival was down considerably from years past. Several tickets were issued for registration and trail permit violations, and several snowmobilers were ticketed for operating across the open water near the canal on Lake Cadillac.

CO Diane Drogowski ticketed a subject on a Grand Traverse County lake for possession of a bass during the closed season. The subject stated that he was not a fisherman and didn't know the rules. However, a computer check of the subject's prior license purchases indicated that he had purchased licenses back several years. The bass was located in a bait bucket outside the shanty.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Chuck McPherson assisted District 3 COs and MSP in patrolling railroad right-of-ways focusing on snowmobiles trespassing and causing snow to become packed on the rails, increasing the chance for train derailments.

CO Bobbi Bashore ticketed a subject who had been dumping his garbage in a state forest campground dumpster since November, 2008.

CO Mark Lutz assisted in getting medical personnel and a helicopter to a snowmobile accident scene in eastern Kalkaska County where a woman had sustained serious injuries.

CO John Huspen located several tip-ups left unattended for several hours. A check of the address obtained from the tip-ups led to a residence where no one was home. The following day, CO Chris Bowen checked the residence and contacted the anglers, who said they had set out the tip-ups and then went for a snowmobile ride. They forgot they had set them out and never returned to check them.

COs Tami Pullen and Rebecca Hopkins checked an angler who was fishing with too many lines, was in possession of an undersize pike and a smallmouth bass taken out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Tami Pullen, Rebecca Hopkins, Warren MacNeill and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez participated in a group patrol during the Perchville Festival. Warm weather drew a large crowd but compliance was very good.

Officers in Oscoda and Alcona counties worked illegal deer feeding sites that were located by the DNR aircraft. There were 26 sites in Oscoda and 22 in Alcona County. Several tickets have been issued to date and follow-up continues.

While on patrol, CO Brian Engelhard observed blood and fresh footprints in the snow leading from a creek to a roadway. He followed the footprints and located two illegal snares. Officer Engelhard then contacted the landowner who pointed him in the

direction of a nearby neighbor. After interviewing the neighbor, a confession was given by the 14 year old son. A warning and an educational lecture were given.

CO Brian Olsen assisted local deputies with the investigation of a snowmobile injury accident where the operator had hit the trail groomer head on.

COs Steve Lockwood, Joel Lundberg, Brian Olsen and Jason McCullough participated in a group patrol during the Gladwin Ice Carnival, which drew a smaller crowd than usual and presented very few problems.

In response to numerous complaints of careless snowmobile use on Chatman Lake in Ogemaw County, COs Steve Lockwood, Joel Lundberg, Brian Olsen and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez conducted a joint patrol. Several warnings and tickets were issued for a variety of violations, including careless operation, open intoxicants on snowmobiles and ORVs, operating without helmets, and unlicensed ORVs and snowmobiles.

COs Steve Lockwood and Joel Lundberg checked an ice shanty with two individuals inside. One subject stated he was not fishing. The COs left and returned three hours later to the same shanty and found the same subject fishing. It was determined he did not have a fishing license. A ticket was issued.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Larn Strawn was dispatched by Isabella County Central Dispatch to investigate a report of persons trespassing and shooting from the road. Upon arriving at the scene, the CO discovered a large group of coyote hunters patrolling the area in trucks. The CO began contacting the hunters who denied the shooting. While investigating the complaint the CO discovered a service installer for a local satellite company was on the roof of the complainant's home, and witnessed the entire incident from a birds eye view. The statement provided by the service installer directed the CO to the recovery of several shell casings and tire and foot impressions. The hunters ultimately admitted to the shooting once the witness information and evidence was revealed. CO Strawn issued tickets for safety zone violations.

CO Jay Person assisted local deputies with the investigation of a burned car on state land. The deputies located the car down a 40 foot embankment resting on the ice of a local stream. The subject stated that since he could not get the car back up the embankment he thought he would just set it on fire. This is the second time this subject has set his car on fire. The subject burned one this past summer in a field. Arson charges will be requested.

CO Jay Person reports that a subject who was the shooter in a fatal hunting accident on the second day of firearm season has been formally charged. The subject shot at a deer in a field, not realizing the victim's blind was within her line of sight. Her bullet entered the blind and struck one subject in the back. The victim died two days later

from his injuries. The subject has been charged with reckless discharge of a firearm causing death.

CO Dan Lee observed two snowmobiles on the Saginaw River, one of which was having engine trouble. The CO contacted the subjects and found that one sled was not registered, nor did it have a trail permit; while the second sled was only missing the trail permit. The subjects explained that they had just fixed the unregistered sled and were taking it for a test ride. The description of the test ride showed that they had ridden it to the river from a neighboring township, through the national wildlife refuge, and through the city in order to get on the smooth surface of the river. Tickets were issued and assistance was rendered to the disabled sled.

CO Nick Atkin located three individuals on an ORV, two of whom were not wearing helmets. The CO made contact and found one of the subjects without a helmet was a minor. The CO also inspected the ORV and could not locate an ORV license. The owner stated that he had purchased an ORV license in 2008. When the CO ran the subject no purchase of an ORV license was found. The subject then told CO Atkin he was sorry for lying. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson signed a multiple count warrant for a snowmobile operator who failed to stop for him and trespassed through numerous farm fields on his shortcut home.

CO Phil Hudson ticketed two coyote hunters who were hunting coyotes from their vehicle with uncased guns. Each was sentenced to pay \$605 or spend 10 days in jail.

CO Jeremy Payne was contacted by a MSP trooper, who advised there was a subject attempting to seal a bobcat at the MSP post. The CO responded to the post and interviewed the subject. The subject told the CO that he took the bobcat in Osceola County the previous week. While attempting to gain additional information about the bobcat, the CO did not feel that the subject was telling the whole story. Further investigation led to a confession by the subject of the bobcat being shot on Thanksgiving Day while deer hunting in Isabella County. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeremy Payne and Holly Pennoni contacted an angler who was operating a snowmobile on Saginaw Bay. The angler was operating the snowmobile while being suspended. He also had a warrant for his arrest for failing to report to jail. The angler was arrested and transported to jail.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly, while working a group patrol on Saginaw Bay, stopped an angler on an ORV. The angler had a five gallon bucket on the front of his ORV that contained three legal walleye. Sgt. Kimmerly then had the angler unfold and open his icy shanty that was folded together and being pulled behind his ORV. As the angler opened the shanty the sergeant watched him reach in and try to hide something under the shanty. The first hiding place for the short walleye did not work so he tried to find another place. The second place did not work either. A ticket for possessing short walleye was issued.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint where the caller advised that he found a dead deer in his front yard that had been shot. Upon arrival, a blood trail was located and followed back to where the deer was shot. The deer was shot in the back yard of a residence under a bird feeder where it was trying to find food in the deep snow. Through further investigation, the sergeant found a second blood trail. This trail led back to the same residence. The subject was interviewed and confessed to shooting the deer with a 30-06 at 10:00 p.m. the night before. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Hobkirk checked an ice shanty on Saginaw Bay and contacted a lone angler inside. The angler had two buckets of perch inside the shanty, one containing 37 good sized perch and the other with 34 much smaller perch that were all dead. The angler told CO Hobkirk that he was sorting through the smaller ones until he caught his limit of bigger ones. A ticket was written for the violation and the fish were seized.

CO Seth Rhodea checked and ticketed an angler on the Saginaw Bay who was over his limit of walleyes. CO Rhodea arrested and lodged the subject on an outstanding warrant.

CO Joshua Wright received a complaint of a woman possessing four raccoons in her residence. Upon investigating, CO Wright found that she had taken them in and raised them from babies, but was not licensed to be a Wildlife Rehabilitator. The woman was ticketed for the violation.

Sgt. Tony Soave organized a group patrol with ten COs from within the district to address complaints of anglers taking overlimits of walleyes on Saginaw Bay. As a result of the patrol, COs made over 500 contacts, issued over 50 verbal warnings, and tickets were written for ORV, snowmobile and overlimit of walleye violations.

## **DISTRICT 7**

COs Patrick McManus and Jeff Rabbers responded to a complaint regarding road hunters who were hunting small game from a vehicle. The COs located the vehicle and the occupants were found to be in possession of two uncased, loaded firearms and had already taken two rabbits and five squirrels. The two hunters were participating in a "Road Hunting Contest" at the time of the stop.

CO Jeff Rabbers recently obtained warrants from various investigations. One investigative contact led to a warrant being issued for two illegally taken deer, one illegally taken turkey and a fail to tag a deer violation. Another investigation has resulted in a warrant being issued for a felon in possession of a firearm while hunting and yet another investigation led to charges for a tagging violation on a deer and felon in possession of a firearm.

CO Chris Holmes responded to a trespass complaint where he located two subjects fishing, both were trespassing, one of whom had been ticketed by CO Paul Higashi at

the same location. They were found in possession of 45 bluegills and one subject had no license.

CO Chris Holmes reported that two follow up investigations from a taxidermy investigation led to a subject being charged with failing to tag a deer and another subject for using his mother's licenses to tag deer, with additional leads being worked to document overlimits of bucks taken by this subject.

CO Chris Holmes responded to a complaint of subjects with uncased firearms riding in the bed of a truck along a highway in Kalamazoo County. He was able to locate the subjects and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ivan Perez investigated a complaint of an unlicensed taxidermist. While at the location, CO Perez contacted the owner who was in the process of dealing with two customers who had deer antlers and a black bear. Tickets were issued for being unlicensed and illegal possession of waterfowl.

CO Ivan Perez finished up a deer baiting investigation where the subject was reluctant to admit his involvement until it was pointed out that an arrow with his name on it was recovered from below one of the baited tree stands. The subject was ticketed for the bait ban violation.

CO Jeff Robinette contacted an angler on Big Fish Lake in Cass County with an overlimit of bluegills and crappie.

CO Andy Bauer assisted local deputies with a snowmobile incident. The subject was involved in a snowmobile accident in December, where he failed to report the accident. Instead he sought medical attention and the next day went to retrieve the snowmobile. The snowmobile had been confiscated by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department as evidence. The snowmobile was unregistered and sold three owners back, so the Sheriff's Department was unable to track down the owner. More than a month later the snowmobile operator finally contacted the sheriff's department requesting the return of his snowmobile. CO Bauer and sheriff's deputies interviewed the subject regarding the accident. Warrants are being sought for failing to report an accident, having an unregistered snowmobile, and not having a trail permit. The subject also faces a pretty heavy impound storage fee.

COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney observed an angler fishing for bluegill on Maple Lake. They witnessed the angler catch and keep the daily limit of 25 fish. They then watched the angler in a discussion with a friend. After the discussion the angler returned to fishing. The angler caught several more fish and tossed them over to his friend to include in his daily limit. COs contacted the angler at dark and addressed the overlimit of panfish violation.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Kyle Bader observed a suspicious vehicle at a state access site and contacted the driver as he tried to flee the scene. The vehicle operator was suspected to be under the influence of liquor and a blood draw to determine alcohol content was necessary as the subject refused to take a preliminary breath test. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the local lakes for ice fishing activity, CO Shane Webster located one subject who was in possession of over his limit of bluegill. He also contacted two other subjects who were fishing without licenses and had numerous fish in their possession. Enforcement action was taken in both instances.

After three months of investigation, CO Dan Bigger obtained a four count warrant on an individual who was shooting numerous deer illegally. The subject was killing the deer and leaving them to rot or taking just the heads for the antlers. CO Bigger arrested the surprised subject on the warrant and lodged him in the local jail.

CO Dan Prince contacted two subjects who were fishing without licenses. During the contact it was revealed that one of the subjects had two outstanding warrants; one for retail fraud and the other for burglary. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger followed up on a complaint of a subject shooting deer from his residence in a local subdivision. CO Bigger located two dead deer in the area of the complaint. The necropsy and lab report confirmed that the deer were killed with a .22 caliber rifle. When CO Bigger contacted the subject with the evidence, he confessed to illegally killing the deer and turned in the gun used in the crime. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rick Villerot, Shane Webster, Damon Owens, Jason J. Smith, Pete Purdy, Brad Brewer and Sgts. Troy Bahlau and Joe Kellam worked a local ice festival and fishing derby. The COs report that numerous violations were encountered, including operating unregistered ORVs and snowmobiles, illegal operation of ORVs, fishing without licenses and with too many lines, and reckless operation of motor vehicles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted two subjects who were illegally cutting down trees from the state land in the Lost Nations Game Area. When interviewed, the subjects stated that there was too much snow for them to get into where they normally gather firewood, so they thought it was ok to take trees from state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader contacted a subject who was fishing with five lines and had 28 fish over his limit. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

Sgt. Art Green worked a group patrol in Macomb County with COs Kris Kiel, Todd Szyska, Brandon Kieft, Ben Shively and Mark Ennett. Activity was high and COs issued

23 tickets, which included taking bass out of season, fishing with too many lines, fishing without a license, and various ORVs and snowmobile violations.

CO Mark Ennett had a bench trial this week for a deer hunter he ticketed this past Thanksgiving for no hunter orange. The hunter was wearing an orange fanny pack and felt that was suitable. He also thought sitting next to another hunter who was wearing orange would be good enough. The Judge disagreed, and fines and costs were assessed.

CO Danny Walzak issued two hunters tickets for hunting game with lead shot shells at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (SGA).

CO Brandon Kieft contacted five subjects riding snowmobiles in the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Oakland County. One of the snowmobiles was unregistered, two of them had no trail permits, two subjects were operating snowmobiles with suspended driver's licenses, and one subject had an outstanding warrant from another police agency. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively contacted a subject who had been ticketed by Sgt. Green and CO Rich Nickols in the past. This time the subject was ticketed for feeding deer while prohibited. The subject had more than 10 gallons of a mixture of cob and shelled corn and a mineral block.

While on patrol and checking a trespassing complaint, CO Jonathan Sklba stopped a subject who was operating an ORV on the roadway, without wearing a helmet and holding a small child on one arm. CO Sklba explained many laws that pertain to ORVs and ticketed the subject for operating an ORV without a helmet. Verbal warnings were given for the other violations.

CO Brandon Kieft received a deer feeding complaint in northern Oakland County that seemed all too familiar. That was because he had received a complaint regarding the same situation at the same address during the busy archery deer season. Although he couldn't make contact with the homeowner at that time, this time the individual was home. When CO Kieft questioned him about the issue of feeding deer, the man stated that he knew it was illegal to "bait" deer during the hunting season, but thought that it was okay to "feed" them after the season. After CO Kieft informed the man that he had received the same complaint at the same address during the archery deer season, the man admitted he was wrong. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel completed two taxidermy inspections during the week. At one of the taxidermists, a fox and a beaver were found where neither owner has purchased a fur harvester license. A five point buck was found tagged with a restricted combination tag. The investigation continues.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska worked a group patrol on Sunday on Lake St. Clair. After talking to some anglers, CO Kiel got a strong whiff of marijuana. The COs drove

their ORVs upwind until they observed a shanty with its doors open. CO Kiel pulled his ORV up to the door and saw two subjects with the "deer in the headlights" look. They were smoking a joint and had another stashed away for later. They also had a cooler full of beer, a 12" "Rambo" knife, a single Vicodan pill, but no fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on evidence seized at a taxidermist inspection, CO Mark Papineau contacted a subject whose deer license was on a set of antlers that were in question. The subject admitted he loaned his license to another subject. CO Papineau was able to contact that subject who admitted he shot the deer without a license and borrowed a license from a friend. Warrants are being sought. In another case involving seized antlers from a taxidermist, CO Papineau interviewed a subject who admitted to taking a deer with his wife's license. The subject also admitted it was the first time he was able to get his wife to hunt with him and that he shot an antlerless deer last season as well. The CO reviewed the license sales of both subjects from last year and found the subject never purchased an antlerless license and the wife did. Additional charges are being sought.

CO Linda Scheidler continues to follow up on the seized items from a taxidermist inspection in Genesee County. In two separate cases, the subjects admitted to shooting trophy bucks without a license. Charges are being sought.

CO Linda Scheidler contacted the operator of a snowmobile which was being illegally operated. While checking the registration and serial number, CO Scheidler discovered the VIN had been defaced. The snowmobile was seized and turned over to the local auto theft team.

Following up on a deer carcass dumping complaint, CO Al Schwiderson was able to track down the owner of one of the kill tags that was on one of the deer and issued a ticket for littering.

CO Al Schwiderson is seeking a warrant for recreational trespass on a subject who was warned at least three different times to stay off of a piece of property. The complainant informed the CO that the subject was warned earlier in the day to leave and not come back. That evening the complainant called the CO to advise the subject was back on the property.