

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Mark Leadman contacted a person on opening morning that was in possession of an untagged five point buck. The hunter also was not wearing any hunter orange. A ticket was issued.

CO Marvin Gerlach and Sgt. Pete Wright observed a slow rolling vehicle in Menominee County, and followed it until the driver reached his hunting location. When contacted, the driver had a loaded/ uncased rifle in the vehicle, and sitting next to the rifle was his six year old grandson. A ticket was issued.

CO Denny Gast and Sgt. Steven Burton broke in the new deer decoy in the Misery Bay area this weekend. The occupant of the first truck that drove past shot twice out the window and was subsequently arrested.

CO Doug Hermanson and Sgt. Steven Burton responded to a mortality code on a wolf collar. Upon finding the wolf, a cabin was noted about 100 yards away. CO Hermanson later contacted the owner of the cabin and received a confession for the illegal take of an endangered species.

CO Denny Gast and Sgt. Steven Burton were called to a complaint of a wolf in a trap. Upon arrival they released a 35 lb. coyote from an illegal set. Two other traps were found and the trespass violations were turned over to CO Grant Emery for enforcement action.

CO David Miller observed a subject shoot a spike horn buck with a rifle on the night of November 14th, and arrested the hunter as he stood over his deer. He was very surprised to see a Conservation Officer on his property, but admitted to hunting for numerous years on the eve of the opener.

CO Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright responded to a recreational trespass complaint where a subject shot a deer on private property without the landowner's permission. The subject then drove out into the field to collect the deer and ended up getting blocked in by the landowner's vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman contacted two subjects coming out of an abandoned building near Ishpeming and discovered they were trespassing and stealing metal from the building. They were turned over to local deputies and ticketed.

CO Jason Niemi followed up on a lengthy investigation from the beginning of the deer season involving the loaning and borrowing of tags between resident and non-resident hunters. Several tickets were issued as a result of this investigation.

CO David Miller issued one illegal bait ticket on Thanksgiving for a hunter in an illegal blind, with about 100 lbs. of bait.

CO Dave Painter was talking with campers in Iron County when he came across multiple tagging violations. Two deer were in violation of the U.P. combination deer license requirements. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter continues to investigate the theft of a nine point buck. The hunter had shot the deer, tagged it and left it near a trail while he walked back to his camp. He returned a short time later and found the deer was gone. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Jason Wicklund received a phone call from a Wisconsin Warden relaying information on two suspected illegal deer. A Wisconsin State Trooper stopped a vehicle north of Green Bay and discovered the fresh deer in the bed of the truck. One of the deer was not tagged and the second had a tag from a subject who was not present in the vehicle. Through a phone call it was determined the deer were shot in western Iron County without the proper licenses. Charges are pending in Wisconsin and Michigan.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mike Evink made a traffic stop on a vehicle for violations including allowing a four year old to climb around inside the moving vehicle, with no seat belt or car seat. During the stop, a loaded rifle was found in the front seat of the vehicle. Tickets were issued.

CO Mike Evink and Lt. Skip Hagy contacted the driver of a vehicle who had a loaded gun in the front seat. When checked, not only was it loaded, but it also had a spent shell casing in the chamber. The driver said he had shot a deer earlier and had forgotten to unload the gun.

CO Mike Evink received a complaint that a deer was hanging at a residence without a kill tag. Upon checking, CO Evink found the deer did have a tag loosely attached, but the tag was not validated, and no one was around the house. Later in the evening, Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers stopped a vehicle and when they ran the driver's information over the radio, CO Evink noted he was the suspect in the tagging violation. CO Evink drove to the location of the stop and after the trooper was done, the driver was interviewed and then ticketed for failure to validate a kill tag.

CO Jared Ferguson was contacted by MSP troopers who were dealing with a breaking & entering investigation. While at the suspect's residence, the troopers observed a deer hanging in the garage, but could not see a kill tag. When CO Ferguson arrived, he contacted the suspect who confessed to shooting the seven point without having a kill tag. He was ticketed for taking a deer illegally.

CO Jared Ferguson contacted a hunter who had a spike buck in his possession. The deer was tagged with the hunter's wife's tag. Following a short investigation it was

found that the deer was shot by the wife, but was tagged with a restricted combination license kill tag. Due to a strong smell on the subject, he was also asked to turn over any marijuana he had in possession. The subject then turned over two marijuana cigarettes. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel contacted a hunter while investigating an illegal blind and illegal ORV trails. The hunter was asked to show his hunting licenses. He did so showing two unused combination license tags. During the contact CO Wenzel observed blood on the hunter's hands. When asked about the blood he said he had shot a deer earlier. When asked how he tagged it the hunter said he tagged it with his wife's tag. A ticket was issued for using the tag of another.

CO Robert Crisp contacted a subject he had ticketed a week ago for an ORV violation. During this contact, the subject had a loaded 30-06 rifle on his ORV. He was ticketed again.

CO Robert Crisp came across two subjects at dark riding the same ORV. Both were transporting loaded, uncased rifles. Both were ticketed.

CO Robert Crisp was called by a hunter who shot at a buck, but hit a doe. After making contact with the caller and checking the scene, CO Crisp took the deer but warned the hunter. No tickets were issued. The deer was turned over to a needy family in the area.

CO Robert Crisp contacted a hunter with a spike buck that was illegally tagged. After checking further he found the tag was purchased by a Michigan resident for a non-resident from Indiana who had shot the deer but had since returned home. CO Crisp contacted a CO from Indiana and a confession was obtained from the Indiana suspect. Warrants are being sought for all involved.

CO Robert Crisp reports that one subject who took an illegal deer was ordered to pay fines and costs, plus serve 60 days community service and three years license suspension. On another case a hunter who shot a cub bear this fall was ordered to pay \$2000 in fines, costs and restitution, serve five days in jail and receive a three year license suspension.

While patrolling on opening day CO Mike Hammill and Lt. Skip Hagy observed a subject in front of a camp. When the subject spotted them he quickly turned and ran into a cabin to retrieve his kill tag and then attempted to tag his deer hanging in the yard. It was determined that the deer was hanging for quite some time and that the subject was going to continue hunting on his kill tag. A ticket was issued for untagged deer.

CO Mike Hammill and Lt. Skip Hagy encountered two ORVs operating during the quiet hours when the ORVs came around the corner of a two-track at a high rate of speed and almost collided with the patrol vehicle. When caught up to and contacted the

subjects had a loaded gun and several other violations. The subjects were advised of all the violations and ticketed for the loaded firearm and careless operation of the ORVs.

CO Kyle Publiski located an illegal bait pile in Chippewa County. Upon checking the bait on opening day he found a hunter without a license and no hunter orange. Further investigation revealed two friends of the subject who were also overbaiting and hunting without licenses. Enforcement action taken.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of a crew of duck hunters continuing to hunt after hours. The hunters were still on the water and the CO awaited their arrival at the boat launch. No shots were fired after the CO's arrival but upon contact it was found that the hunters had no hunting licenses and were hunting with unplugged guns. Tickets issued.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a continuous hunter harassment complaint. Initially one of the hunters was hunting without a license and issued a ticket. Days later the conflict continued and it was found that one of the subjects had poured gas in the area, set up a blind with a loud radio playing and also laced the entire area with skunk scent. The CO was able to get a full confession and a report was sent to the Prosecutor for review.

CO Kevin Postma encountered a subject exiting the woods with a nice buck that was tagged with his wife's kill tag. The wife was nowhere to be found and the deer was fresh. The subject claimed that his wife shot it when she brought him lunch. Further investigation revealed that the subject's wife doesn't hunt and only buys a license for her husband to use. Tickets were issued.

CO Brett Gustafson and Lt Hagy contacted a hunter over 20 minutes after the close of shooting hours with a loaded rifle. The subject stated that he was worried about all the coyotes in the area he was hunting so he kept his gun loaded.

DISTRICT 3

Emmet County COs Carl VanderWall and Duane Budreau, along with Sgt. Mike Borkovich broke away from regular deer season duties and assisted with the search for an armed robbery suspect who escaped after holding up a Pellston bank. The gunman, who had stolen over \$100,000, had abandoned the stolen vehicle he used during the robbery in a nearby wooded area, and Officers recovered the vehicle later in the day. Law enforcement officers and deputies from multiple agencies are continuing to search for the suspect who at this point remains at large.

A Charlevoix County landowner was ticketed by CO Andrea Erratt for failing to tag a buck that he had killed earlier that day and had transported back to his residence. CO Erratt also warned the man for hunting over too much bait when he was initially stopped while transporting a large quantity of shelled corn to his deer blind.

CO Andrea Erratt received a trespassing complaint from a landowner who had found a gut pile and tracks from an ORV, which had been illegally operated in a wetland located on the landowner's property. CO Erratt tracked the ORV back to a neighboring property where an eight point buck was found. The subject was ticketed for illegal operation in a wetland and warned for recreational trespassing.

CO Andrea Erratt ticketed two subjects who were involved in an overlimit of deer case in which two small bucks and a doe had not been tagged in a legal manner. One of the subjects had killed the deer and the other had unlawfully loaned his kill tags. All three deer were confiscated and given to a local community food pantry.

Antrim County CO Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Borkovich ticketed a subject who had illegally killed a fawn buck. The subject had not tagged the deer and had called a friend to come to the location and tag the deer. Sgt. Borkovich was standing in the dark next to the deer when the two men returned to pick up the animal.

CO Steve Speigl responded to a complaint of recreational trespassing where an individual had operated his vehicle around a gate and fenced area to access posted private property. When interviewed, the man stated to Officer Speigl, "That guy thinks he owns all of that property out there..." as he pointed to the private property. CO Speigl advised the subject that the complainant was indeed the landowner, and issued the trespasser a ticket.

CO Andrea Albert observed a truck slow rolling through a wooded area. A check of the vehicle and hunters revealed two loaded and uncased firearms in the vehicle, and one of the men was wearing a loaded .44 magnum revolver without having a Concealed Pistol License. Tickets were issued to the driver and passenger for transporting loaded firearms in a motor vehicle and a warning was issued for a violation of the CPL Licensing Act.

While patrolling in Antrim County, CO Andrea Albert ticketed the passengers of a slow rolling motor vehicle who were road hunting the area for deer. They were transporting a loaded shotgun, and when the CO made the stop – tried to hide the weapon between two of the passengers. The firearm was seized as evidence and the subjects given a stern safety warning for their behavior and attempt to hide the weapon.

Lt. Jim Gorno responded to a complaint of shots fired in a residential area near Gaylord. Upon arrival Lt. Gorno met with two complainants at the scene. After some questions one of the complainants turned into a suspect. A quick interrogation turned up an illegal deer, rifle, and a safety zone violation.

CO Jon Sklba worked a complaint of an excessive amount of deer bait and contacted a subject who was hunting over it without wearing any hunter orange. The amount of bait was estimated at 250 gallons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Greg Drogowski walked in to a possibly intoxicated hunter, in an elevated blind on state land which had been left out for several years. The subject had been drinking and field sobriety tests were administered. He was not intoxicated, but was ticketed for the illegal blind and an excessive amount of bait. He was warned for littering and advised to clean up all of his trash and to remove the blind. He also admitted to three other illegal ground blinds on state land, which will be removed.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint in the Pigeon River Country state forest regarding unlawful ORV use. CO Bottorff found where a 4-wheeler had driven over a berm, which was blocking a closed trail. Following the tracks on foot, he found two hunters who were not wearing any hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba, CFS Craig Milkowski and Sgt. Greg Drogowski contacted occupants of a camp who were suspected of night shooting deer. It was determined there had been no night shooting; however, violations encountered included an untagged deer, hunting without licenses, failure to wear hunter orange, and an unregistered pistol. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CFS Craig Milkowski spotted a subject sitting in a parked vehicle overlooking a field, with an uncased rifle in his lap. While he watched the subject, CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Greg Drogowski approached and made contact. The subject was a wheelchair bound disabled person. While he did not have a hunt from a standing vehicle permit it was readily apparent that he would qualify. The subject was warned and given the information to apply for the appropriate permit to hunt from a standing vehicle.

CO Mike Feagan contacted a hunter at his residence regarding a deer possibly shot with a firearm out of season. The subject had apparently taken the buck with a bow; however, it had his wife's tag on it. He had also shot a spike buck in firearm season that was tagged with his restricted tag. Enforcement action was taken and the deer tagged appropriately, ending his deer hunting for the year.

CO Jon Sklba and CFS Craig Milkowski found a buck and a doe hanging without any tags on them. Contact was made with the shooter, who "hadn't gotten around yet" to tagging them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Feagan responded to a hunter causality call. CO Feagan was the first on the scene and found one subject in a vehicle, who directed him to the location of the incident. CO Feagan proceeded on foot, and found the victim already deceased. A self-inflicted gunshot wound was the apparent cause of death. Apparently, the victim stumbled and while falling, discharged the firearm. Local deputies also responded, and the incident is still under investigation.

CO Jon Sklba responded to a lost hunter complaint in Presque Isle County. CO Sklba was able to locate the 18 year old after dark, walking down a road. The young hunter had no idea where he was, had left his gun and gear in his blind, and had no idea where the blind was. CO Sklba worked through the chain of events with the hunter which led

to him being lost, and dropped him off at his camp. The CO then searched for and was finally able to locate his blind, gun and gear. The property was returned to the grateful hunter.

CFS Craig Milkowski and Sgt. Greg Drogowski observed a truck coming out of a private camp after dark and made contact. In the bed of the truck were two does, one tagged with a private land tag and the other with a public land deer tag. After sorting through long stories of where and how the deer were taken, a ticket was issued for taking an antlerless deer on private land with a public land antlerless tag.

COs Eric Bottorff and Mike Feagan checked a deer hanging from a buck pole and found that the attached tag was not validated. Believing the intention may be to use the tag again on another deer, the subject was ticketed and the tag validated.

While checking a deer processor CO Matt Theunick found a whole deer with a Wisconsin deer tag on it. The hunter was contacted and it was confirmed the deer was taken in Wisconsin. With Wisconsin being a CWD positive State it is illegal to import into Michigan a deer without the meat being de-boned and the skull/antlers cleared of the brain and all muscle tissue. A ticket was issued and the deer seized. Unfortunately, the deer must now be destroyed.

Sgt Joe Molnar contacted two hunters in a field dragging out a deer. Contact was made and while talking with the hunter, was told the deer was shot over an hour ago, though the license was purchased 15 minutes prior to the contact. One of the subjects then admitted to shooting the buck and then buying his license.

CO Kelly Ross was patrolling an area known to have high levels of road hunting when he made a stop on a vehicle where there was an uncased and loaded rifle. The driver admitted he was just about to shoot a buck when he was stopped.

CO Nick Torsky located a hunting camp in Otsego County where there was a doe hanging. CO Torsky waited until two subjects returned, in separate vehicles, each with a loaded rifle in their vehicle. Both subjects insisted the deer was shot by someone else and in Montmorency County. After waiting longer, no one else showed up so CO Torsky told the two he was taking the doe because it was illegally shot. They again were adamant it was shot in Montmorency County. It was then pointed out it had an Oscoda County tag on it. CO Torsky received a call a short time later and was given a confession by one of the subjects.

On opening morning CO Bill Webster checked a blind on state land where he had previously found a loaded .22 rifle. He contacted a hunter in the blind who was hunting with a bow and arrow and who stated he was a convicted felon. CO Webster asked about the .22 and he denied knowing of it until CO Webster pulled it from the brush. A further search of the immediate area produced a loaded .44 pistol. The hunter was arrested and taken to jail.

CO Bill Webster contacted a hunter in Alpena County on state land who was hunting over bait. Alpena is in the no baiting/feeding zone. The hunter had already filled his firearm deer tag and had bought a license from a friend so he could continue to hunt. He was ticketed for hunting over the bait and hunting without a license.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Joe Molnar checked a buck pole on opening morning and while looking at the first buck they noted that the license was purchased that morning. The hunter was located and interviewed and he admitted to shooting the buck and then purchasing his hunting license.

During the first two weeks of firearm deer season CO Bill Webster encountered eight hunters who shot deer and then bought their hunting licenses. They were ticketed for their violations.

DISTRICT 4

While conducting surveillance for deer shining activity, COs Sean Kehoe and Rich Stowe observed a vehicle park approximately 60 yards from their location and unload several hounds. The subjects were raccoon hunting on farmland without permission and were issued a warning for trespass from the COs. The next evening a complaint was called in on the same crew and this time tickets were issued to address the recreational trespass.

CO Sean Kehoe investigated a recreational trespass complaint of a subject deer hunting without permission but fled the area before the CO could make contact. A records check revealed the subject had an outstanding arrest warrant as well as no deer hunting license. CO Kehoe was able to contact the individual a few days later and he admitted to the trespass and hunting without the license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski and Lt. David Shaw stopped at a camp to check a vehicle that had fresh blood visible. The COs observed the head of a spike buck inside the vehicle that appeared to be untagged. When the COs found no one in camp, they went on foot behind the camp to locate the owners. Directly behind camp, CO Koscinski located a freshly butchered doe. Unable to locate anyone in the woods, the COs returned to the camper and were greeted by a subject in hunting clothing. The subject stated that he was the owner of the camp and that the vehicle in question belonged to his son-in-law who was still out hunting. The COs noted that the subject had deer hair and blood on his clothing. When questioned, the subject stated that the blood and hair was from the spike buck his son-in-law's daughter had shot earlier that morning. Lt. Shaw was able to locate the son-in-law in the woods and recognized him due to checking the son-in-law and his daughter earlier in the day over 30 miles away. When questioned, the son-in-law stated that his father-in-law never touched the spike buck and that the body of the deer was at the processor's. With this information, CO Koscinski was able to get the father-in-law to admit to illegally shooting the doe without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski and Lt. David Shaw were patrolling state land opening morning when they observed a subject with a firearm parked off the two-track. The COs continued on to the road end and then drove back out. Although it had only been a couple of minutes, the hunter was nowhere to be seen. The COs then took a paralleling two-track and stopped to talk to a hunter. Hearing three shots close by, the COs went on foot to investigate. CO Koscinski located an untagged, field dressed four point while Lt. Shaw tracked down the responsible hunter who was still continuing to hunt. CO Koscinski went to bring the patrol vehicle around in order to issue a ticket while Lt. Shaw assisted the subject in dragging the buck back to his vehicle. Upon reaching the hunter's vehicle they observed a gun case and equipment bag on the hood of the truck. The hunter was confused, stating that the firearm and equipment was not his and after examining it stated they belonged to his father-in-law. In the meantime, CO Koscinski met up with the father-in-law who matched the description of the subject who had earlier vanished. The father-in-law stated he was hunting with a crossbow that he left in the woods. A record check confirmed that the father-in-law was a convicted felon. The father-in-law quickly admitted to possessing a firearm when Lt. Shaw radioed that he had located his gun. The case was forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office.

CO Angela Greenway checked four subjects afield with firearms on public land in Lake County. Two of the subjects had no hunter orange, one did not possess a valid deer hunting license and one subject possessed a .22 caliber rifle. At first all claimed to be target shooting until it was pointed out that they had no targets. It was finally determined that all subjects were deer hunting and several tickets were issued to address the violations.

CO Angela Greenway contacted two minors afield during the firearm deer season who were hunting unsupervised. CO Greenway located the father of the minors hunting one mile away. The father stated he was checking on his children by using an ORV to check after the morning and evening hunts. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse investigated a complaint about illegal deer hanging in a subject's garage. A buck and a doe were observed in the garage, tagged with unvalidated kill tags. While checking for identification, CO Converse took two additional deer tags from the subject. These two additional tags had been reported as lost and would have been the proper licenses to tag the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking deer processors, CO Steve Converse investigated the tagging of two spike bucks. In both cases the, subjects tagged the bucks with a license acquired for their spouse so they didn't have to use their regular combination license and then be restricted to deer with 4 points on a side or better. In one case, the subject then went on to shoot a six point buck. In the other case the subject went on to shoot an eight point buck. Both subjects admitted to the tagging violations and tickets were issued for the illegal deer, tagging violation. Both spouses were ticketed for loaning a deer tag to another.

On opening day, CO Carla Soper stopped an ORV being operated illegally with an uncased firearm and buck deer attached. CO Soper observed a combination tag attached to the deer and asked if the subject was the successful hunter. The subject stated "yes" and when asked if he filled his other tag the subject stated he had only purchased one tag. CO Soper ran the tag and it came back to the subject's father who was also hunting in the area. The CO walked back with the son to locate the father and when contacted, the father stated he was the one who shot the buck. When pressed, the father stated he had only purchased his son a firearm license, thinking he would not be hunting much due to being a college student. Then the son stated he wanted to go muzzleloader hunting and the father used one of his combination tags to cover the buck so his son could continue deer hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren and Acting Sgt. Brian Brosky utilized a deer decoy to address road hunting complaints on private property. In one case, a vehicle dropped a subject off to deer hunt. As the pickup proceeded down the road, the driver saw the deer decoy and slammed on the brakes and backed up quickly to pick up the subject he had just dropped off. The subject ran from the field and jumped into the truck with his uncased and loaded firearm. The vehicle stopped right next to Sgt. Brosky who watched the barrel of the passenger's firearm point out the driver's window to scope the deer. Recognizing the deer as a decoy, the subjects panicked with the driver again reversing quickly and dropping the passenger off into the field. Unfortunately for both, the COs observed the entire incident. The driver was contacted seated in his vehicle, still in the middle of the roadway, as he attempted to unload his rifle. Both subjects were ticketed for the possession of loaded/uncased firearms in a motor vehicle.

Acting Sgt. Brian Brosky investigated a complaint of a convicted felon who was gun hunting and taking an overlimit of deer. Sgt. Brosky contacted the subject as he returned from the field empty handed. After questioning, the subject's firearm was located hidden behind the barn and four deer were recovered. One of the deer was a road kill that he possessed without a permit. Two bucks and a doe that the subject had shot were identified. The only license the subject possessed was a firearm deer tag. The subject was lodged in jail on numerous charges.

Acting Sgt. Brian Brosky responded to a recreational trespass complaint that involved a deer shot on private farmland. The landowner observed two subjects float hunting the Big Sable River and, as he watched, one subject shot and killed a large six point buck. The landowner contacted the subjects, who stated, "Too bad buddy, this is public land". As Sgt. Brosky neared the location he observed a pickup truck with a canoe in the bed go by him at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Brosky was able to stop the vehicle with the canoe that contained the six point. Both occupants were questioned and admitted that they took the deer from private property. The deer was seized and tickets issued for the trespass violation.

Acting Sgt. Brian Brosky responded to a complaint in Lake County where a subject had shot an antlerless without a license. After checking the area, it was believed that the subjects left the area and were headed back to a residence in Mecosta County. Lt.

David Shaw offered to check the residence for the subjects while Sgt. Brosky followed up on a tip that the subjects had acquired a license after the fact. Lt. Shaw was able to contact one of the subjects who admitted that the doe was shot without a license. Sgt. Brosky determined that the subjects acquired a crop damage tag to cover the deer. The deer was seized and Sgt. Brosky will seek a warrant through the Prosecutor's Office.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a complaint of two subjects who were seen shooting a deer on private property. Working on very little information, CO Ginn was able to locate the subject vehicle parked behind a nearby residence. The subject was washing the blood from the bed of the truck upon the COs arrival. CO Ginn located two improperly tagged deer hanging behind the residence. The subject confessed to shooting the two deer on private property and borrowing a tag from a friend. The deer were also tagged with licenses from the wrong DMU. Enforcement action was taken to address the illegal deer.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a complaint of dogs running deer. Upon arriving at the subject's residence, CO Ginn located an untagged deer in the bed of the homeowner's truck. The subject later confessed to shooting the antlerless deer without a license and he was also a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Enforcement action was taken and the dogs were turned over to the local Animal Control COs.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a complaint of shots fired late one evening and located a vehicle chasing deer in a field. CO Ginn executed a traffic stop on the vehicle and found that the occupants had been drinking and a passenger was in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Ginn and Brian Lebel partnered up to address ongoing trespassing issues in Newaygo County. The two COs set up surveillance on the private property and heard a shot close to their location. The COs located the hunter attempting to exit the property. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and revealed a hunter in full camouflage, lying in the bed of the truck with an untagged deer that had not been field dressed. Enforcement action was taken.

On opening morning CO Brian Lebel observed an untagged buck hanging at a residence. CO Lebel contacted a subject at the residence, who admitted to shooting the buck, but then quickly changed his story and pointed to his friend and said that he shot it. The friend just scowled and shook his head. The story then changed to his son taking the buck and pulled his son's tag out of his pocket. A quick interview revealed that the non-resident hunter did not want to purchase the non-resident license. The deer was seized and the subject was charged for the illegal deer.

CO Brian Lebel observed several people looking into the back of a truck at a party store on opening day of the firearm deer season. Upon contacting the group, the proud hunter claimed that he shot the large 10 point buck. CO Lebel noted that the deer was tagged with a senior firearm deer license. The younger hunter claimed it was cheaper to put his dad's tag on it. A check of the license system revealed the young hunter

never purchased a hunting license. The large buck was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel contacted a group of hunters conducting a deer drive. Two hunters attempted to sneak away from the group. CO Lebel was able to locate the two subjects and discovered that neither brother had a hunting license. Upon interviewing them both and following them back to their residence, it was determined that one of the brothers had already taken two bucks without purchasing any licenses. The second brother was "out of tags" because he put them on his brother's bucks. The deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was conducting a deer processor inspection and received an anonymous complaint of a subject who had taken three bucks. As luck would have it the named subject had taken a five point to the same processor where CO VanGelderren was conducting his inspection; and the deer was tagged with the subject's spouse's license. CO VanGelderren attempted to locate the subject at his residence and found no one home. Later that day, CO VanGelderren was checking Steelhead anglers and came across his subject. CO VanGelderren followed the subject back to his residence and discovered that he had shot a spike and a three point buck. The subject was ticketed for the illegal deer.

CO Mike Wells received a complaint of an untagged deer located at a hunting camp. CO Wells responded to the camp and located a tagged buck with a tag purchased an hour before CO Wells arrived. A short interview revealed the subject did not purchase a license until after he harvested the buck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells contacted two hunters at a gas station with a doe in the bed of the truck. One of the subjects claimed that he was just getting ready to tag it. CO Wells inspected the license of the subject and confirmed that the antlerless license the hunter was attempting to tag the deer with was not valid for the area the deer was taken from. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells received a complaint from a deer processor that a buck was brought in with a 2010 deer license. Later the same day, a different subject came back to the processor and said he made a mistake and tagged the deer with the wrong combination license. CO Wells tracked down both subjects and conducted interviews revealing that the one subject did not purchase a license for this year and had his friend stop by the processor to put his tag on the illegal deer. Tickets were issued for take deer without a license and loan deer tag to another.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen received a complaint of shooting after dark but was unable to locate any suspects. During a second check of the area the next morning, CO Huspen observed subjects loading a vehicle behind a house near a barn. Upon contacting the

subjects they admitted to shooting the previous night and had several long arms and a pistol in the residence. The owner of the pistol indicated he did not have a registration for the firearm, and in checking the serial number it came back as a stolen handgun. A second subject was taken into custody due to several warrants for his arrest.

CO Bobbi Lively was called to a possible recreation trespass and the investigation led to a nearby cabin. An untagged deer was located at the camp and a second deer with a southern Michigan antlerless tag was located. Members of the camp indicated the shooter was at camp and CO Lively determined he had felony warrants for his arrest. He was found hiding in a bedroom in the cabin. The investigation continues.

CO Mike Hearn responded to a complaint of hunter harassment where a subject indicated the day before the opener that another subject displayed a knife during an argument. The complainant told CO Hearn he had found a blind and a pile of bait near his hunting location, so he gathered up the bait and put it in the blind. That subject was in the area later in the day and saw someone coming from the area of the blind with what he thought was his pop up blind. The subjects argued over who would hunt in the area the next day and a nearby hunter arrived after he heard the argument. The investigation continues with possible charges sought for both subjects.

COs Chuck McPherson and John Huspen observed a subject through binoculars dragging a deer. The COs drove toward the subject who saw the patrol truck and left the deer, entered his vehicle and drove to meet the COs. When the COs asked to check the deer the hunter alluded that there was no deer. They all proceeded to the area where the COs had first observed the hunter and located an untagged three point buck lying on a large pile of bait well in excess of two gallons.

CO John Huspen received information of night time shooting and possibly a doe being dragged out of the woods to a vehicle. The information had a vehicle plate that came back to a local resident. CO Huspen contacted the subject and found blood in the bed of the truck. The subject indicated the blood was from a spike horn deer that his friend had shot earlier, but denied the deer was shot at night. While at the residence CO Huspen observed an antlerless deer that the subject said he shot with a crossbow on a friend's private property in Oscoda County. The deer had been tagged with a public land antlerless tag.

COs Chuck McPherson and Chris Bowen walked two miles into a swamp to check four hunters who each had cut five to six shooting lanes 100 to 200 yards long and eight to 10 feet wide at their hunting blinds on state land. Some hunters were not wearing hunter orange when contacted. They told the COs they went into the area during this past winter and cut extensions on the shooting lanes. The hunters had also left their blinds, scaffolds and their hunting gear out at the site throughout the year because it was so far to bring out at the end of each season.

CO William Cherry ticketed a subject hunting and using two 55 gallon drums of bait plus additional piles of apples and carrots. The hunter was also hunting without a valid license. The same subject had been ticketed in the past for shooting at the deer decoy.

CO Jon Warner observed a deer hanging in a garage on opening morning and contacted the hunter just as he was closing the garage door. The deer had been gutted and hung but the hunter had not validated the tag or attached it to the deer.

CO Jon Warner observed three subjects on an ORV without helmets and two of the riders were holding uncased rifles. As CO Warner approached, the subjects with the rifles jumped off the ORV, and one subject was frantically trying to empty his rifle, but the rounds jammed. The other subject started to run from the scene but was told to stop. One subject had the odor of alcohol on his breath and the other subject was fumbling and having difficulty getting his identification out for the CO. Both subjects had shot deer earlier in the day and had celebrated by drinking a few beers before heading out for the evening hunt.

CO Jon Warner stopped by a camp where several deer were hanging, one of which was untagged. CO Warner observed bait in the back of a pickup and followed tracks from the camp to four separate blinds, all illegally baited. At one blind CO Warner located the hunter who was not wearing hunter orange and was responsible for the untagged deer at camp.

CO Chris Bowen responded to a complaint where a subject observed a vehicle speed up and hit a turkey and drive off. The complainant followed and was able to get the license plate number. While looking for the vehicle CO Bowen contacted two hunters who had loaded and uncased firearms in their vehicle. CO Bowen found a camp and while there three hunters arrived in the suspect vehicle with loaded and uncased firearms in the truck. The driver admitted to running over the turkey. In addition all three had separate license violations.

CO Chris Bowen and Lt. Creig Grey responded to a complaint of a hunter who indicated he had shot a deer, but a second hunter claimed he had killed the deer and tagged it. The COs arrived to find the 11 point gutted and tagged by the second hunter, but blood evidence showed the deer had been shot at the complainant's blind and ran to its current location. The deer was turned over to and tagged by the complainant.

Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez ticketed a subject who was hunting on state land and had killed a doe. The doe was tagged but the tag had not been validated. The subject was attempting to keep the tag so he could re-use the public land antlerless license.

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez responded to a trespassing complaint in Gladwin County. The complainant advised that just after daylight on the firearm opener, a neighbor shot a four point buck on the complainant's property without permission. Upon arrival, CO Papineau and Sgt. Gutierrez interviewed the suspects who admitted to

shooting a deer on the neighbor's property without permission. Both individuals also trespassed to retrieve the deer and didn't think it would be a big deal.

While patrolling COs Mark Papineau and Steve Lockwood stopped a suspicious slow moving vehicle and discovered several loaded firearms. The operator of the vehicle confessed to 'road hunting' for a reported large buck that was seen in the area. The property in the area is all privately owned and the operator stated that he was willing to risk committing multiple violations in hopes of getting a shot at the trophy buck.

While on patrol, COs Mark Papineau and Steve Lockwood observed an object in the middle of a two track in Gladwin County. Upon closer inspection COs Papineau and Lockwood located a spent 30-06 shell casing. Following footprints near the casing, the COs were able to contact a hunter who denied firing his 30-06. Further investigation resulted in the recovery of a dead doe and a blood trail leading back to the roadway. The subject did not have a public land antlerless license, and later confessed to shooting what he believed was a spike buck. The investigation continues.

CO Steve Lockwood found a truck parked on state land with blood in the bed. When a hunter returned to it later on, the investigation led back to the state land hunting camp. Located at the camp were seven deer, several of which were does that were tagged with private land doe permits, and the hunters who shot them were not there. After several interviews and hours spent finding the hunters, the investigation revealed the does were shot on state land and private land antlerless tags were placed on them.

On opening day of firearm deer season, CO Jason McCullough responded to a complaint of a subject who had shot a turkey. When CO McCullough contacted the subject, he confessed to shooting not one turkey, but two.

Shortly after the end of hunting hours, CO Warren MacNeill stopped a vehicle for shining. The driver of the truck had a loaded, uncased rifle next to him on the seat and he had tried to cover it with his hunting coat. Ever observant, CO MacNeill located the loaded rifle.

CO Warren MacNeill had the good fortune of assisting a hunter who was an Iraq/Afghanistan war veteran and had been wounded in action one month prior. He was home recovering from his injuries and surgeries and wanted to go hunting. CO MacNeill assisted him in finding a hunting location on private land in Alcona County where the hunter was able to harvest a nice buck.

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CO Jason A. Smith contacted two vehicles that appeared to be running together shortly after shooting hours opened on the firearm deer opener. An uncased shotgun was found in one of the vehicles and a loaded firearm was found in the other. One of the subjects also did not have a hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith observed a subject hunting on the railroad tracks between the rails. After watching the hunter for a short time, contact was made. The subject was hunting without any hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While CO Jason A. Smith was contacting camps in the state game areas, he located a deer hanging that had a tag that had just recently been purchased. An interview was conducted and the hunter admitted to buying his license after he had shot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason A. Smith and Joshua Wright both worked a trespass complaint where a subject shot a deer on the adjacent landowner's property and started to retrieve it without permission before being confronted by the property owner. Officer Wright located the highly intoxicated subject back at camp and issued a ticket for recreational trespass.

CO Jason A. Smith followed up on a complaint of a subject taking deer without a license. Officer Smith was able to locate two deer that had been shot by the subject. One of the animals was tagged with the subject's father's senior deer license, and the other deer had not yet been tagged, even though it was shot days earlier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of subjects packing out untagged meat from the state game area in back packs. The area was checked a couple of times and the subjects were not located. Sgt. Tony Soave was able to contact the subjects a few days later that were dragging out a legally tagged three point buck. The hunters stated they did shoot a big doe and quartered it up in the field because it was too heavy to drag out.

CO Jason A. Smith received information about an illegal camp in the middle of a section of state land. An early morning patrol was conducted and a subject was located. The subject had multiple warrants and was trying to "live below the radar." The firearm the subject was supposed to have was a smooth bore BB pistol. The subject was lodged on the outstanding warrants.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of a subject who had shot a deer at about 11:00 p.m. while trespassing and in a safety zone. Officer Smith responded to the area and retrieved a spent casing from the roadway and located the point of kill in the field. A subject was located and interviewed and a confession and firearm were obtained. Unfortunately, the shooter (whose hunting privileges were revoked) was no longer on the scene. He had severely cut his hand while trying to dispatch the deer and was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Port Huron. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster and DNR Law Enforcement Chief Gary Hagler were patrolling Saginaw County when they made a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, a loaded uncased rifle and crossbow were found in the cab of the truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling Arenac County when he heard a shot in close proximity to him. As he rounded the corner on the trail, he saw two subjects exiting a pickup truck with a shotgun in hand. The subjects immediately confessed to shooting at a deer from inside the truck. The shooter stated that he was frustrated due to the fact that his season has not been going so well and when he saw the deer, he thought he would attempt to take it. The passenger stated that he just rolled down the window, leaned back and covered his ears as his father shot while leaning over him. The deer was never located but enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster assisted a MSP trooper with a dog that was trapped inside of a body gripping trap. The trooper had to dispatch the dog due to injuries prior to the CO's arrival. During the investigation, CO Foerster determined that the trap was a conibear 330. After making contact with the trap owner, he found that the trap was set on dry land for raccoons, which is illegal for a trap of that size. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling Gratiot County when he found two hunters exiting the woods with loaded firearms well after the legal hunting hours. During the contact, the CO found one of the hunters in possession of marijuana and hunting without his kill tag in possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott Brown received a trespass complaint from a farmer who was busy harvesting corn while watching two hunters enter his property across the road. He stopped what he was doing, went to talk with them and gave them directions to the property next to his where they were supposed to hunt. He watched as they left the area and then returned to his field, parked their truck in the same spot and went back into his field again. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott Brown received a road hunting trespass complaint from a hunter near Ubyly. The driver would drop off the passenger, drive around the section, and wait for his partner to walk back through the properties to his truck, with no regard for the owner of the property or where they might be. According to the complainant, the trespassers had been doing this as long as he could remember. Upon contacting the trespassers at the vehicle, enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott Brown received a complaint about a hunter who had allegedly taken too many bucks this year. A 10 point was tagged and validated hanging in the tree behind the house. Upon contacting the hunter on his way home from the field, a loaded gun was found in the motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott Brown was called to a trespass complaint where hunters were sitting near the fenced property line of a hay field. When deer would come out into the hay field, the hunters would shoot at them hoping they would run into the property where they had permission to be. One of the hunters that leases the property took a night off hunting to try to observe and catch the subject shooting onto their leased property. After the

subject was seen shooting at a group of deer in the hay field, the complainant made the call and enforcement action was taken. A MSP trooper assisted at the scene.

After seeing multiple spots in the state game area that had been inundated with illegal motor vehicle traffic, CO Scott Brown saw a vehicle coming up out of the closed area with two hunters in the back. The two passengers had their guns with them and the driver's gun was lying on the tool box. One of the occupants also had a \$50,000 bond on a felony warrant out of Florida for trafficking cocaine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was checking deer hunters when he encountered a person sitting on the tailgate of a vehicle with a loaded gun next to him. When the CO asked the hunter for his hunting license, the subject said that he was not hunting and the gun belonged to his friend. Officer Wright located his friend a few minutes later who was hunting with his own firearm. A file check of the person out hunting also revealed that he had three felony warrants and was a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. The hunter was lodged in jail and the other subject ticketed for no license.

On opening day of the firearm deer season, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a subject standing in a field without wearing hunter orange. When the individual observed the CO, he ducked down and reappeared with an orange vest draped over his shoulder. When the subject was contacted, he said that the vest got in the way when he tried to shoulder his firearm. A ticket was issued for the violation.

While on patrol, CO Bob Hobkirk checked a subject standing at the back of his pickup. The subject was in the process of validating a kill tag. Upon investigation, the subject had shot two antlerless deer but only had one antlerless license. He had gone and purchased a new antlerless license and had just returned to tag the deer. The hunter was ticketed for taking an antlerless deer with no license.

CO Bob Hobkirk received a complaint regarding two hunters who had witnessed a person chase a deer through a field with his vehicle and shoot it while driving through the field. When CO Hobkirk first met with the subject, he denied shooting from the vehicle and took the CO five miles away to the back of a farm field to show him the deer. The eight point buck was lying in the weeds at the back of the field and was not tagged. After a short interview, the subject confessed to shooting the deer from his vehicle.

CO Bob Hobkirk responded to a trespass complaint. The subject was hunting at the back of his yard and had shot a deer that was in the field behind his residence. The CO contacted the subject just as he returned home from dropping the deer off at a local processor. A ticket was issued for recreational trespass, the head and antlers were seized and the processor was contacted and the deer was donated to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program.

While checking waterfowl hunters, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a deer in the back of a pickup truck with a kill tag that was not validated. When the hunter returned to his vehicle, CO Hobkirk asked when he had shot the deer. He responded, "I, I mean my

dad, shot the deer yesterday morning.” After a short interview, the individual confessed to shooting the deer and having his father buy him a license. He was ticketed for taking an antlerless deer with no license.

CO Seth Rhodea was checking deer harvested on opening day when he located two deer hanging at a camp on state land that had tags bought on opening day during the middle of the day. CO Rhodea returned to the camp after dark and questioned the two hunters about their deer. Both eventually admitted to shooting the deer and then buying their tags. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea contacted several hunters sitting in a vehicle alongside the road in the wrong lane. One loaded firearm was located in the vehicle and the hunter with the loaded firearm was wanted on two felony warrants out of St. Clair County. The hunter was ticketed for the firearm violation, arrested on the warrants and turned over to St. Clair County.

After just starting work, CO Seth Rhodea was following a vehicle down a dirt road when he observed the operator fail to stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was made and upon contacting the driver, a loaded shotgun was found on the seat next to the driver. The driver was warned about failing to stop at the stop sign and ticketed for having a loaded firearm in the vehicle.

While talking with several groups of hunters on state land in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea recognized a hunter that he had ticketed several years prior and who had failed to take care of the ticket. Upon checking the hunter’s name in LEIN, in addition to the CO’s warrant, the hunter also had a warrant for nonpayment of child support, which is the same thing the hunter was taken to jail for when the CO ticketed him several years prior. The hunter was able to post bond on CO Rhodea’s warrant but not on the child support warrant and he was lodged.

CO Holly Pennoni contacted a group of deer hunters coming out of a farm field after the close of hunting hours. The party of hunters included four hunters, two each riding double on ORVs, not wearing helmets or eye protection and all carrying loaded, uncased rifles on their laps. One of the hunters also had a handgun concealed under his coat but did not have a Concealed Pistol License. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Phillip Hudson and Nick Atkin were on patrol when they located an untagged deer hanging from a tractor. Surveillance was set up on the deer. Contact was made with the subjects and during the investigation multiple other illegal deer were located. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin took a RAP complaint where the subject drove around a gate into an area closed to motor vehicles to get his camping material back where he wanted to camp. During the interview, the subject confessed to driving past the gate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin responded to a safety zone violation on opening morning. During the investigation, it was found that the hunter was hunting within the safety zone of a residence and had multiple warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Tony Soave had received prior complaints of subjects hunting in the Tobico State Refuge and decided to check a few areas for possible illegal hunters. Upon checking behind a few residences that adjoin the refuge, Sgt. Soave observed a glimpse of hunter orange back in some thick brush. After walking in and waiting for the hunter to return, Sgt. Soave observed the hunter unload his rifle while standing 10 ft. behind a "Do Not Enter: Refuge" sign. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne contacted two hunters in the woods, just behind a residence, field dressing a large 10 point buck. The CO made contact and found that the deer was not tagged. The younger hunter, the son-in-law, told the CO that the tag was in the house and said he would get it. After the hunter went into the house, the father-in-law stated, "I have to be honest with you, I don't know what he is going to do in the house, because he did not buy a license this year." A ticket was issued and the deer was confiscated.

CO Jeremy Payne received a complaint of trespassing, where the subject was seen in the middle of the complainant's field loading into a tractor a deer that he had just shot. Upon contact with the subject, it was found that the hunter was not wearing hunter orange and that the six point was tagged with the hunter's mother's restricted tag. CO Payne ran the subject through the license system and found that he had a prior violation for possessing an illegal deer. The hunter was again issued tickets and the deer was confiscated.

CO Jeremy Payne made a traffic stop of a pickup truck occupied by two hunters. The CO asked to check their firearms and their licenses, and the hunters handed the CO resident deer firearm licenses. The CO then noted that one of the hunters was wearing a cap that said, "REGISTERED MAINE POACHER". Upon further investigation, it was found that the two hunters were Maine residents and had purchased the Michigan resident licenses illegally. As the investigation continued at their temporary residence, an antlerless deer was found hanging. One of the hunters admitted shooting and tagging it with a friend's antlerless tag because he did not have one. After issuing tickets and seizing the deer, the CO contacted the friend who loaned his tag to the Maine hunter. CO Payne found the friend and a female subject who were dressing another deer. It was determined that this deer was shot by the female subject in the morning without a license. The deer was then tagged with a license that was bought that afternoon. The CO then wrote the female subject a ticket and seized the deer. The friend who loaned his tag to the Maine hunter was also issued a ticket.

CO Quincy Gowenlock observed two subjects walking the power lines in Gratiot County, both in hunter orange and both carrying long guns. The CO asked to see their hunting licenses. One of the hunters handed the CO his valid combination license, the other said he did not have one because he wasn't hunting. The CO asked him why he was

carrying a rifle in the field and he replied that he was holding it for his friend just in case he needed to take a long shot. A ticket was issued for deer hunting without a license.

While patrolling state land in Gratiot County, CO Quincy Gowenlock contacted occupants of a pickup truck driving out of the area loaded to the maximum with freshly cut wood. The CO also observed a chain saw on top of the pile and asked the subjects what they were doing. When the occupants stated they were out cutting wood, the CO advised that cutting permits are not issued in the game area. A LEIN checked showed the driver's license had been revoked. Both subjects were issued tickets for illegal harvest of forest products and the driver was also ticketed for driving while revoked.

CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a complaint of subjects chasing and shooting deer while on an ORV. The CO contacted the subjects, who both denied shooting at the deer while on the ORV, and stated that they shot at the deer from the back of their house. They thought they may have hit the deer and that it might be down and went out on the ORV to check. As they approached, the deer got up and began to run away. They stated that's when they started chasing the deer with the ORV. The driver of the ORV was ticketed for harassing deer with an ORV.

CO Ken Lowell stopped and checked a woman with a seven point buck on opening morning of the firearm deer season. When the CO asked for her tag the hunter stated that she did not have one. The hunter stated that she was going to use her husband's tag. The buck was confiscated and a ticket was issued.

While patrolling state land in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located a hunter who had built a permanent blind into a large tree. The hunter claimed that he did not realize that he could not build a blind on state land. The hunter also had too much bait and hunter orange violations. Tickets were issued.

COs Jeremy Payne and Ken Lowell were patrolling Montcalm County on opening day of the firearm deer season and just before dark located a truck in a field. Upon checking the truck they located a hunter sitting in the truck with a loaded rifle and a beer. The hunter said he was waiting for his brother to push out some deer on his walk back to the truck. Enforcement action was taken for the loaded weapon in the vehicle.

While patrolling Montcalm County on opening day of firearm season, COs Ken Lowell and Jeremy Payne located a couple of deer hanging in a tree at a residence. Contact was made with the owner of the residence and the tags were checked. Both tags were bought on the 15th in the middle of the day. After an interview with the owner of the residence it was found that he and his oldest son shot the bucks and then had his wife and his youngest son bought tags for the deer. Multiple tickets were issued for tagging violations.

While patrolling Maple Valley Township in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located a truck sitting behind a house facing a field. A check of the vehicle revealed a loaded gun on the hood of the truck and the owner of the truck standing next to the gun. The owner

was not wearing hunter orange and said he was just standing next to the gun and that it belonged to a friend. The friend was not around. The subject had no hunting license and was in possession of open intoxicants in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Montcalm County, COs Ken Lowell and Vicki Goss were working state land in the Edmore area. The COs contacted occupants of a vehicle and checked the hunter's guns and hunting licenses. The driver of the vehicle stated that he had shot a nice buck on the 15th at around 8:00 a.m. After looking at his combination license it was discovered that he bought his tags at 8:48 a.m. on the 15th. CO Lowell interviewed him and he finally admitted that he had shot his buck and then bought his tag after the fact. The deer was confiscated and tickets were issued for an illegal deer.

COs Ken Lowell and Vicki Goss responded to a trespass complaint in Pine Township. After interviewing the subject, an untagged deer was located in a barn. The deer was also shot on the neighbor's property illegally and dragged back to the subject's property. The deer was confiscated and tickets were issued for trespassing and possessing an untagged deer.

While working Montcalm County, COs Ken Lowell and Vicki Goss located an ORV in a field after dark. The COs contacted the operator and located an untagged buck on the back. The hunter did have a tag for the deer but stated that he was planning on tagging the buck once he got it to his garage. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling In Montcalm County COs Ken Lowell and Quincy Gowenlock located a vehicle in a farm field after dark. When the COs contacted the driver a deer was located in the truck. The subject had shot the deer earlier that afternoon and had waited until after dark to retrieve the deer because he had no deer licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg was patrolling state land when he contacted three individuals in a vehicle. While talking to the occupants, they advised deer season had been terrible and they wanted to know where all the deer were. CO Lundberg observed a small amount of blood on the driver's pants. After an interview with the driver, it was determined that there were seven deer hanging in his garage, of which three were not tagged. All three occupants of the vehicle had shot an antlerless deer that morning and did not tag any of them. Tickets were issued and the deer were confiscated.

CO Dan Lee responded to a trespass complaint on opening day of the firearm deer season where the subject trespassed on fenced property which is posted as a Hazardous Waste facility. The subject left a clear trail onto the property and the complainant was able to get the subject's license plate. The CO tracked down the trespasser and the nine point buck he had taken while doing so. The subject also had no deer licenses. The deer was seized and tickets were issued.

CO Dan Lee talked to a hunter who heard about a man shooting a 10 point from his vehicle early that day. The CO tracked down the man with the 10 point deer. The man still had the uncased firearm in his truck that he used to shoot the deer, and it was tagged with his wife's tag. The subject also had the tags of his grandchildren and other friends in his truck. The deer was seized and tickets were issued.

CO Jay Person investigated a litter complaint in Midland County of numerous animal carcasses that had been dumped with some other trash. While investigating the scene, the CO found evidence with a name under the seven to ten skinned raccoon carcasses. After some computer work, the CO had all the subject information and an address. Contact was made and the subject admitted to dumping the animals on the property. A ticket was issued for the litter and for possessing raccoons without the proper licenses.

While working state land in Midland County, COs Jay Person and Joel Lundberg came across a large hunting party just finishing a deer drive. As the COs pulled up they observed one individual make a break for one of the trucks and then reappear without his firearm. As the COs interviewed him, and inspected his gun in the truck, it was discovered he forgot to unload the round in the chamber. Faced with the evidence, he advised he had no hunting license and could not believe that he forgot to unload the round in the gun. Enforcement action was taken.

In the early morning hours before the opening of the firearm deer season, CO Larn R. Strawn observed a truck parked in the corner of a field. After closer inspection the CO observed two empty rifle cases and boxes of high powered rifle ammunition in the truck. While scanning the darkness, the CO also observed a portable blind set up in the far corner of the field. Upon checking the blind the CO discovered two hunters with scoped rifles fully loaded in the barrels and magazines. While interviewing the hunters it was clear that not only were they deer hunting several hours before legal hunting opened, the hunters were highly intoxicated as well. Both hunters were without licenses or identifications. The hunters were arrested and lodged at the Isabella County Jail for the violations.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a tip from CO Jeff Walker about a hunter suspected of tagging a deer with his mother's tag. Upon responding and contacting the mother, the CO determined the hunter indeed had unlawfully used the kill tag of another. The hunter explained he just wasn't ready to stop hunting because he already used his first buck tag in the bow season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a complaint of persons trespassing by floating the Chippewa River in Isabella County and hunting from a boat. During his response and investigation, the CO discovered two dead deer, one buck and one doe, at separate locations. The hunters are suspects in the trespassing and killing of both deer. The CO was unable to locate the hunters. Anyone with information about persons float hunting the river or the identity of the hunters are encouraged to call the Report All Poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly observed a hunter come out of the woods dragging a deer. The Sgt. then watched the hunter put the very small deer in a trash bag and load it into his vehicle. When the Sgt. contacted the hunter, he stated, "You're just the person I'm looking for, I accidentally shot a doe that was standing next to a buck I was shooting at." The Sgt. then asked the hunter for his hunting license. The hunter gave the Sgt. his combination regular and restricted licenses. When the Sgt. opened the restricted license he found the sticky backing was full of deer hair, and also saw that it had not been punched out. At this time the Sgt. asked the hunter how many deer he shot this year. The hunter stated only the doe and by accident. The hunter then advised that his friend shot two and he let him use his restricted tag. Tickets were issued for taking an antlerless deer without a license and allowing another to use a deer tag.

At 8:00 p.m. CO Chad Foerster, Chief Gary Hagler and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were dispatched to a complaint where three gunshots were heard and the subjects were in a field with flashlights. Upon arrival the three subjects were stopped in a six-wheeled ORV just before leaving the corn field. The bed of the ORV contained an eight point buck and a 12 ga. shotgun. Further investigation found that shots were fired at approximately 7:55 p.m. and the deer was tagged by a friend and not the shooter of the deer. The reason given for shooting after hours was that the hunters believed the deer was injured from a gunshot around 5:30 p.m.. The reason given for the friend allowing the shooter of the deer to use his tag was because he wanted to continue hunting. Tickets were issued for the tagging violations and the deer was confiscated.

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CO Chuck Towns checked a large group that was conducting a deer drive in the Allegan State Game Area (SGA). One subject was observed attempting to conceal his gun as the CO approached. The firearm was located, and then the subject tried to provide a fake name. Unfortunately CO Towns had ticketed this subject before and remembered who he was. After the subject provided his actual name it was discovered he had no license and several outstanding warrants.

CO Chuck Towns contacted a group headlighting a field. An uncased shotgun was located and seized. Arrests were made for several outstanding warrants, shining illegally during November, shining with a firearm in possession, no licenses and one subject was charged for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

CO Mike Mshar responded to a complaint of a subject hunting with a rifle in the shotgun zone before season. A confession was obtained and two illegally shot deer were confiscated from the subject's barn.

CO Mike Mshar located a group of subjects transporting an untagged deer. A confession was obtained from the four subjects for hunting without licenses and possession of an uncased firearm in a vehicle. It was also determined that the subject who shot the deer had been revoked by the Friend of The Court from hunting.

CO Gary Raak and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers responded to a complaint of a subject shooting an antlerless deer with a muzzleloader the day before the opener. Contact was made with five subjects, who were in possession of two untagged deer. A bloody arrow was also located in one of the vehicles and confessions were obtained for three illegally taken deer without licenses. The deer were confiscated and donated to a local food bank.

While dropping illegal deer off at a local processor for donation to local food banks, Sgt. Jeff Rabbers contacted a successful hunter. While inspecting the deer, the subject told the CO he shot the large antlered deer on opening day at 4:30 PM. Unfortunately the hunting license had been purchased on the same day, after he had shot it and validated just prior to going to the processor. The subject pled guilty to taking the deer illegally and had to pay \$1,000 in restitution and lost his hunting privileges for the next three years.

COs Paul Higashi and Ken Cerny responded to a complaint of subjects not tagging their deer. Contact was made with two subjects who were operating an ORV without helmets, and had loaded guns in the vehicles. One of the subjects had also purchased too many deer hunting licenses.

CO Steve Mooney observed three subjects leave the woods not wearing hunter orange. He contacted the hunters, and it was discovered that they were non-residents and did not have any hunting licenses. When asked about the lack of hunting licenses, they stated that they were too expensive.

CO Mike McGee was on patrol in Cass County, when he observed a subject skinning out a deer in his front yard. CO McGee didn't see a tag for the deer, so he contacted the subject. The subject stated that the tag was in the house, and while inside the house, CO McGee observed the head and cape from another deer hanging in the yard. The hunter subsequently produced an unvalidated archery license for the gunshot deer and further stated that the head and cape was taken during archery season. The subject had only purchased one archery license. The hunter stated that he had only lived in Michigan for four years and had never read any of the hunting rules. Enforcement action was taken for the illegal deer and for failing to tag the archery shot deer.

CO Jeff Robinette and Sgt. Zach Doss were on patrol when a complaint was received of a subject shooting from a motor vehicle and taking a deer while trespassing. The complainant confronted the subject who abandoned a doe in the field. The complainant was able to provide a vehicle description and possible address for the suspect. Contact was made and a confession was obtained for taking an antlerless deer without a license and for recreational trespass.

CO Ken Cerny worked a complaint of a subject taking too many deer. CO Cerny observed an ORV leaving a field with two subjects riding on the ORV and contacted the subjects. One of the subjects, the suspect, had an uncased firearm on the ORV and

had two combination deer licenses. The subject was ticketed for both the uncased firearm and for purchasing too many deer licenses.

CO Steve Mooney contacted a subject dragging an antlerless deer from a field. Upon contact, CO Mooney discovered that the deer was untagged and that the subject was a convicted felon. Sgt. Zach Doss responded to assist and upon investigation it was determined that the subject did not have an antlerless deer license, and admitted to shooting the deer with a shotgun, which was discovered uncased in a vehicle. The subject was ticketed for taking the illegal deer and a warrant is being sought for felon in possession of a firearm.

CO Mike McGee responded to a RAP complaint of subjects hunting from a vehicle. Upon arrival, CO McGee observed three subjects field dressing a deer in a field. CO McGee contacted the subjects when they were leaving the field and all three subjects had loaded firearms in the vehicle. The subjects were ticketed for loaded firearms in the vehicle.

CO Ken Cerny observed a vehicle that appeared to be road hunting in the Three Rivers SGA. CO Cerny contacted the occupants as they parked their vehicle and discovered seven uncased firearms, two of them loaded, in the vehicle. The subjects claimed to be rabbit hunting, but both had shotgun slugs in possession without deer licenses.

Sgt. Zach Doss received a call the night after Thanksgiving by local police officers. They had found a subject fishing in the closed section of the Black River who was in possession of a fish. Sgt. Doss responded and discovered that the subject had been ticketed by CO Mike McGee for netting salmon in September and had been warned this past fall by local police officers about the closed stream. The subject had taken a large male brown trout and was fishing with an oversized unbaited hook.

CO Cary Foster responded to an ORV accident along with local deputies where the driver of one of three ORVs which was trespassing on private property was thrown from his machine causing a broke vertebrae. Further investigation indicates the operators were possibly chasing deer at the time of the incident and charges are pending for trespass and firearms violations.

CO Cary Foster followed up on a complaint handled earlier by the MSP of a subject hunting with a handgun in Ionia County. Feeling there was more to the story, CO Foster waited for the subject at dark and found him leaving the woods with a 30-06 while hunting in the shotgun zone. Further investigation led to a kill site and an antlerless deer taken with the rifle, not a handgun as earlier explained.

CO Cary Foster was called to investigate a complaint of a carcass that was dumped along a road in Ionia County. Upon arrival he found a deer carcass that was ungutted, with a tag attached belonging to a resident a short distance from the scene. When he spoke to a female at the residence, she quickly stated she was not going to lie; her husband shot the deer and tagged it with her tag. A short time after this contact CO

Foster located the husband, who while driving to the processor, had lost the deer from a cargo trailer and was unaware of where he lost it. Further questioning revealed that the deer was actually shot by the 13 year old son with a 223 rifle in the shotgun zone while hunting with his father. The deer was then illegally tagged with the mother's tag. CO Foster further questioned the man to learn he had illegally killed a buck recently with the same 223 rifle in the shotgun zone.

CO Cary Foster located a 13 year old deer hunter walking down a railroad track on public land with a firearm after he had wandered away from his stand. Foster was able to locate the young hunter's father who was not within visual supervision of his son and had allowed him to hunt on public land with a firearm.

A RAP complaint was received and dispatched to the Muskegon County COs of a boat with multiple occupants shooting waterfowl while under power on Muskegon Lake. Sgt. John Jurcich, COs Greg Patten, Ivan Perez and Chris Simpson initially responded to separate locations and began surveillance of the activity. The COs observed the operator continue to approach resting waterfowl while the occupants fired at birds on the water then net the birds they shot. As the vessel approached the ramp, COs observed the hunters continue to unload firearms that were loaded while underway. Once ashore, COs established that two adults on board were the fathers of the five minors ranging in age from 9 to 15 years old, only one of which had completed hunter safety training. Each of the youth hunters were licensed as apprentice hunters with the nine year old unable to legally hunt this season in Michigan. When interviewed by COs, the parents admitted they had taken the young hunters out in an attempt to bag birds as "They did not kill much during the duck season this year". A search of the vessel and interviews of the adults lead to the discovery of large quantities of lead shot shells on board, two unplugged shotguns of the four that were in use and 22 coots that were killed illegally during the incident. COs seized firearms, ammunition, optical equipment and game illegally taken and the adults were ticketed for hunting waterfowl from a vessel under power, possession of lead shot, and possession of unplugged guns while hunting waterfowl. Numerous verbal warnings were issued and Sgt. Jurcich spoke to the young hunters on the importance of hunter safety training and regulations relating to safety and wildlife protection.

In response to several calls to the RAP line related to snagging and retaining foul hooked whitefish at the Muskegon and White Lake Channels, Sgt. John Jurcich conducted a plainclothes patrol late one night and ticketed seven anglers for retaining foul hooked whitefish at the Muskegon Channel.

Sgt. John Jurcich responded to a request for assistance by local police officers at the scene of an injury accident where a subject struck a utility pole on the opening day of deer season. COs found a button buck wrapped in plastic in the rear of the Illinois resident's vehicle. Sgt. Jurcich arrived to inspect the untagged gunshot deer and a computer check indicated the operator did not have an antlerless license. Sgt. Jurcich and the local officers interviewed the vehicle owner at the hospital where he was being treated and submitting to a blood draw for operating under the influence. He explained

to Sgt. Jurcich that a person, who he did not know, in Newaygo County, put the deer in his vehicle with another person he did not know. They were to deliver the deer to a third unknown person in Muskegon Heights but after being carjacked and struck in the head, he drove into the utility pole. Three firearms in the vehicle were tagged with evidence tags from the Allegan County Sheriff's Department, where this subject was arrested the previous day for driving under the influence. He was ticketed for illegal possession of an antlerless deer and transported to the Muskegon County Jail.

After locating a hunter in Kent County with a loaded firearm 25 minutes after shooting hours, Sgt. John Jurcich could hear an ORV running up and down a nearby road. A short time later, Sgt. Jurcich found the operator riding in the dark on a county road on an unlicensed ORV with no tail light, no helmet or eye protection. Balanced on the front fuel tank and being held with one hand by his father was an infant. The father explained to Sgt. Jurcich that the ride helps put the baby to sleep.

CO Greg Patten and Lt. Dave Vansumeren were patrolling the Muskegon SGA when they contacted a subject dragging out an antlerless deer that was untagged. The hunter held a Newaygo County, not a Muskegon County antlerless license and was ticketed for the harvest of this illegal deer.

CO Greg Patten ticketed a taxidermist who accepted and a hunter who imported a full head of a whitetail deer taken in Kansas and brought to Michigan in violation of CWD regulations.

CO Greg Patten ticketed the father of a young hunter for leaving his son in a tree stand with a 30-06 rifle while hunting deer, with only a cell phone for communication and no visible supervision. CO Patten also ticketed the parent of a 15 year old found operating an ORV down the center of a county road without supervision, training, and no helmet or eye protection.

CO Ivan Perez conducted a follow up investigation to a gunshot complaint after dark in Ottawa County handled by local deputies. Overnight deputies contacted a subject who had shot a deer with a rifle after dark behind his house and CO Perez used this information to charge the individual with the illegal taking of a deer.

CO David Rodgers took his kids hunting with him on opening morning of the firearm season in Kent County. While retuning to their vehicle, a shot was fired very close in their direction and a doe ran within 10 feet of CO Rodgers and his children and the animal appeared to have been hit by a gunshot. A truck quickly drove into the orchard and past CO Rodgers where he was able to engage the occupants in conversation briefly so they would stop. He observed four persons with three uncased firearms in the vehicle and was able to detain and disarm the occupants as his kids looked on. CO Steve Orange was called to the scene by CO Rodgers and they worked together to ticket the hunters for trespassing, uncased and loaded firearms and the illegal taking of a deer.

CO David Rodgers, in response to years of complaints on a small group of violators in Kent County, continued to work trespass and road hunting complaints as usual this season. One night a truck passed a cornfield where CO Rodgers was waiting in the dark when a small light came from the driver's window. A second pass by the suspect vehicle also led to the use of a light and the vehicle continued on. A traffic stop was conducted a short distance away and CO Rodgers located a flashlight, 223 rifle and a 20 ga. shotgun with slugs in the vehicle of a well known violator.

CO Steve Orange was responding to a complaint of illegal wood cutting in the Rouge River SGA when a dirt bike passed him with the operator not wearing a helmet. CO Orange conducted a traffic stop only to note a pickup truck stopped with the cycle. As the investigation unfolded, the driver of the unregistered, uninsured truck was the 10 year old son of the cycle operator. CO Orange attempted to speak with the cycle operator but he was so intoxicated that he could barely speak. The MSP responded to assist at the scene and further investigation found the driver to be wanted on five outstanding warrants, his driver's license had been revoked due to numerous drunken driving offenses and he was operating a stolen motorcycle. The 10 year old driver was turned over to a family member and the father was arrested on numerous felony and misdemeanor charges, including allowing the minor to drive. I

DISTRICT 8

On the opening day of firearm deer season CO Kyle Bader responded to a complaint of a 15 year old trespassing, shooting a deer without a license, hunting unaccompanied and without taking a hunter safety course. Charges are pending.

CO Kyle Bader stopped a truck that was moving slowly and failed to use a turn signal. There were two deer in the back and only one was tagged. The tag, which was on the buck, was not validated. CO Bader determined that the hunter was planning to use it again. The antlerless tag was still in the hunter's wallet. After CO Bader explained his ticket he made sure the subject notched and attached both tags.

On Sunday, CO Kyle Bader inspected a deer processor and found a suspicious looking tag. When he located the owner he was still feeling the effects of too much drinking from the night before. The subject quickly admitted to purchasing his license after he shot the deer and took the ticket without question just so he could go lay back down.

CO Kyle Bader observed two hunters riding four wheelers on the roadway without helmets. One hunter was holding an uncased bow and the other had his shotgun uncased in a rack on the front. CO Bader followed them to their vehicle and observed two deer which were tagged with licenses purchased at 12:30 p.m. of the same day. One of the hunters admitted to shooting the deer in the morning then going to town to purchase the licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader assisted local deputies with a complaint of shots fired where the complainant had identified the juvenile suspects and had called their father. CO Bader

responded to the subjects' address and interviewed the juveniles. The 15 and 16 year olds borrowed a truck, headlighted a buck and took three shots at it with a 12 ga. shotgun. Enforcement action was taken by the other agency.

CO Brad Brewer investigated a trespass complaint where a subject had shot a deer on the complainant's property and then fled the area. CO Brewer found the blood trail and the point where the deer was shot and the location from where the hunter was shooting. The complainant never saw anyone so he had no idea who it was or which direction they had gone. CO Brewer found tracks in a cut bean field that led toward a neighbor's house. CO Brewer interviewed several people at the home who all claimed they were out hunting the morning in question but never saw anything. After talking with a subject passing through the area, he obtained the name and address of a person of interest. Several minutes later, this subject called CO Brewer and confessed to shooting the deer and trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of a deer shot with a firearm prior to the firearm deer opener. He arrived at the site of the complaint and located the deer in a barn with an obvious bullet hole. The homeowner tried for a while to convince CO Goss that it had been hit with a car. After being shown the gunshot damage to the deer the subject admitted to shooting it prior to the season.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a trespass complaint where a subject had shot at a deer on the neighbor's property and covered it up with cornstalks to hide it. The subject had picked up the spent casings but had forgotten about the sabot and slug in the tree. The subject was shown the evidence and confessed to his actions. He was also hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller handled a complaint where a young girl heard a loud noise in her bedroom opening morning. She later realized that a bullet had penetrated her bedroom wall. CO Miller's investigation is still ongoing, but it appears that a hunter was shooting at deer that were crossing the field and he unintentionally shot at the house. There were no injuries.

CO Derek Miller responded to a complaint of two subjects not wearing hunter orange and trespassing on University of Michigan property. CO Miller waited for the subjects until dark and found them not wearing hunter orange and in possession of firearms loaded after hours. They stated that they were not hunting on U of M property and that they were on private land. However, when they left the woods, they became turned around and exited on U of M property. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Derek Miller and Jason J Smith received a complaint of two subjects hunting with rifles and in possession of an untagged deer. The COs responded and located the two subjects who were father and son. They had a doe tagged with a combination license kill tag, which was not validated. Originally, they told the COs that the son shot it with a shotgun and dad might have also hit it using a muzzleloader. The COs inspected both firearms and discovered that the muzzleloader had not been fired in some time. They

interviewed the subjects separately and received full confessions from the dad that he was hunting with a rifle and no license and killed the deer. The COs then noted that the tag on the deer was purchased at 3:30 p.m. Further interview with the son resulted in a confession of shooting the deer before purchasing the licenses. Warrants for both subjects are being sought.

CO Derek Miller finalized a complaint by interviewing a juvenile subject about a bullet he fired that hit a house across the street from where he was hunting. He was hunting with his uncle who advised that he did not shoot in the direction of the house across the street, but that his nephew had fired three shots opening day and that one of them was in the direction of the house. The juvenile handed CO Miller several boxes of slugs he had and one matched the slug found in the house. He was advised of the dangers of not knowing what is beyond his target.

CO Derek Miller located two ORVs operating on a public roadway. Neither of the subjects had eye protection or ORV licenses. CO Miller wrote them both for not having the ORV license and advised them that it was illegal to operate ORVs on the roadway and it was also illegal to operate them during certain hours in the firearm deer season.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller's first contact of the firearm deer season resulted in the discovery of recreation trespass, no hunter orange and hunting without a license. This particular hunter was sneaking onto county property. Enforcement action taken.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller were patrolling on back roads when they observed a couple of deer hanging near a barn. As the COs approached, they immediately saw that none of the deer had been tagged. As they attempted to make contact with the occupant, the COs could hear someone run down a set of stairs inside the building. The COs found out why that person inside was in such a hurry. There was a fourth untagged deer located inside. The hunter inside managed to tag the hook that the deer was hanging on. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller responded to a complaint of a young hunter trespassing on private property. The COs responded to the location and discovered that the juvenile was not only trespassing but was unsupervised, had no hunting license, was hunting with a rifle in the shotgun zone and had harvested a deer. Enforcement action taken.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller responded to a complaint of a subject hunting while intoxicated. The COs located the hunter who attempted to hide a shotgun within a tree. The hunter had been drinking and failed his field sobriety test. The COs lodged the hunter in the county jail for hunting while intoxicated.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller responded to a poaching complaint that CO Smith had been working for the last couple of years. The COs discovered that a father had shot a deer with a rifle in the shotgun zone and had his son go into town and buy a tag. Neither had licenses at the time they were hunting. The son had purchased a

combination license and tagged an antlerless deer with the restricted tag, not realizing that this was also a violation. Confessions were received and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J Smith responded to a complaint of a deer hanging underneath a deck without a tag. When CO Smith arrived, the deer was gone because the subject had started processing it in the kitchen. The subject showed CO Smith a tag that was lying on the back of his vehicle, which was not validated. CO Smith believed that this one tag had been used several times. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J Smith observed two hunters get out of a vehicle and start hunting from the roadway. CO Smith found that they had permission and checked their licenses. The 15-year-old hunter looked very nervous and told the CO that he had left them at home. After the CO educated the young hunter, he was glad to run home and grab the license.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller contacted roughly 20 hunters pushing deer on state land. The COs questioned one hunter as to why there was blood in the back of one of their trucks. This led to a confession of a deer that was at another location which was improperly tagged. The COs also arrested one of the hunters on a warrant and he was turned over to local deputies.

On the firearm deer season opener CO Rick Villerot worked on a complaint that he had scouted out over the weekend. He located the three hunters, two were trespassing, and one was not wearing hunter orange. All three of them were hunting on an overlimit of bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rick Villerot responded to a RAP complaint of a subject who had boasted on Facebook of shooting three deer. After locating the residence, CO Villerot contacted one subject with blood on his clothing standing near a parked truck. CO Villerot located four untagged deer hidden behind the subject's truck. The subject was uncooperative and was lodged on four counts of illegal possession of untagged deer.

While parked and talking with his Sergeant over the cell phone, CO Rick Villerot observed a subject in a tree line with no hunter orange. CO Villerot asked to see his hunting license and the subject replied that that would be a problem because he did not have one; that he was a non-resident. While writing the subject a ticket for hunting deer without a license and failing to wear hunter orange the subject's cousin walked out from the woods and advised CO Villerot that he too did not have a license. The second subject was also written a ticket.

CO Rick Villerot contacted a subject on Thanksgiving Day on his way out to his stand. A radio check revealed he had purchased two combination licenses. It indicated that he had lost his license; however, the previous tag had not been voided. The subject had also reported a lost license last year. The investigation revealed the hunter had not lost his license, but had bought another to use. He was issued a ticket.

CO Rich Nickols, on firearm deer season opening morning, checked a spot that he's checked for the past two years but could never find anyone hunting. There were two tree stands that had been baited both seasons and CO Nickols first observed bait this year in mid September. CO Nickols contacted a subject hunting in one of the stands who admitted to putting the bait out last year and putting it out early this year. The second stand belonged to the subject's wife. Enforcement action was taken.

Following a processor inspection, CO Rich Nickols interviewed a subject who had purchased his tag eight minutes before the end of shooting hours and validated the tag the same day. The subject had no problem telling CO Nickols about the deer he shot and that he shot it a little after 5:00 p.m. When CO Nickols asked him why he didn't buy a tag until 5:39 p.m., the subject became speechless and eventually let out a nervous laugh and said "boy, you guys are good."

CO Rich Nickols inspected several deer processors during the first few days of the firearm deer season. He found ten instances of licenses purchased after the season started and then were validated the same day. CO Nickols has followed up on three so far and two of them have been illegal deer.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Rich Nickols spotted four deer hanging in a garage. The owner was located behind the garage burning processed deer carcasses. While Sgt. Bahlau was speaking with the subject, CO Nickols checked the deer tags on the deer hanging and found that none of them were validated. After a lengthy and thorough investigation, CO Nickols and Sgt. Bahlau determined that the deer were legally taken but not properly tagged. The investigation is continuing due to the subject's spotty record keeping. Follow up investigations will be conducted on the hunters who turned in deer that were improperly tagged.

CO Damon Owens and Sgt. Troy Bahlau kicked off the season opener by setting up surveillance in an area where a subject was allegedly hunting deer from his vehicle with a rifle. The COs contacted two subjects before hunting hours who had loaded firearms before legal hunting hours, no hunter orange, and hunting with a rifle in the shotgun zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens responded to a safety zone complaint and located a subject who was hunting well within the safety zone of residences as well as an active elementary school bus stop. Other violations discovered were bating in excess of restrictions and hunting without a license in possession. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens, Jeff Walker, and Todd Thorn responded to a complaint of a subject who had taken a 10 point deer with a rifle in the shotgun zone. As CO Walker dealt with the illegal deer suspect, COs Owens and Thorn located a second subject in the woods in full camouflage hunting with a 20 ga. shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens was contacted by off duty CO Shane Webster who stated that a trespass complaint was in progress near an area he was hunting. CO Owens located

the suspect vehicle in the area. Both COs interviewed two subjects who stated they had shot a doe and lost the blood trail while tracking it. Ironically an eight point buck had been recovered on the property of the trespass complaint that had been freshly shot at the same time the subjects indicated they were shooting at the doe. After interviewing the subjects, they admitted that while shooting at the doe a round or two may have went onto the other property and hit the antlered deer. A report will be sent to the prosecutors' office requesting charges for the recreational trespass resulting in an illegal deer. A ticket was also issued to the other subject for hunting without a license.

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster responded to a complaint of subjects in a residence allegedly using a spotlight to shoot deer. At the residence, the COs located a contractor spotlight in the subjects' back yard directly in front of a window with sliding wooden panels. The subject stated he and his family enjoyed watching the deer as they are so beautiful. Also located within 10 yards of the spotlight was an excessive bait pile of apples and corn. No indications of a deer being poached were located. The subject was advised by the COs that his story was not adding up. The paraphernalia was photographed and a ticket was issued for the excessive bait.

CO Damon Owens investigated a complaint of subjects hunting too close to a residence. After meeting with the landowner and the subjects, the safety zone complaint was invalid. However, the subjects were trespassing on farm property to retrieve the deer that had been shot. The safety zone complainant was also the landowner of the farm property. Tickets were issued for recreational trespass.

While on patrol during the firearm deer opener CO Dan Daniel Prince observed two subjects hunting out of a pop-up blind without wearing hunter orange. Upon making contact, one of the hunters did not have a valid deer license. A ticket was issued.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a RAP complaint of a felon in possession of a firearm who was illegally deer hunting. A local deputy assisted on the complaint. CO Prince and the deputy were able to locate the deer hunter who was hunting on private property from a tree stand. The convicted felon was hunting without a license and had shot a deer. A warrant will be submitted to the prosecutor's office.

CO Daniel Prince and Chief Gary Hagler patrolled a remote area of private property in Livingston County after receiving a complaint of hunters using high powered rifles in the area. CO Prince and Chief Hagler contacted a subject hunting without a firearm deer license. The hunter stated that he thought he could use his archery kill tag since he did not fill it. The hunter was issued a ticket. CO Prince and Chief Hagler also issued two tickets to individuals hunting state land after hours.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a trespass complaint and observed a subject hunting with a crossbow without any hunter orange. The hunter thought the hunter orange requirement only applied to deer hunters using a firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy and Lt. Sherry Chandler responded to a safety zone complaint on the opening day of firearm deer season. The complaint turned out to be unfounded, but a tip from the hunter who was suspected of hunting within the safety zone returned the COs to the complainant's house. The occupant was taken to jail for an outstanding illegal deer warrant from the 2010 season.

CO Pete Purdy is investigating a hunting incident where a 14 year old was shot in the hand and had to have the hand amputated while hunting with his father. The initial investigation appears to indicate that the firearm discharged when the two were handing the firearm back and forth while crossing a ditch.

CO Shane Webster received a complaint from a wildlife division employee who had received a call from a landowner near the state game area. The landowner had stated she had a run-in with people cutting trees on her land the day prior and those individuals had stated they thought they were on state land. The complainant stated she once again heard a chain saw and believed the individuals were once again cutting wood on state land without a permit. CO Webster responded to the area and received information on the subject's vehicle which led him to a group of deer hunters camping in a parking area. The individuals had a large stack of cut wood which they claimed was for campfires during the hunting season. They stated they only cut wood that was already down and they thought that this was legal. They were educated and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster received a complaint that a person had taken an overlimit of bucks. The complainant advised that they had seen an individual post three different bucks in pictures this year on Facebook. CO Webster received the Facebook images and was able to see that the individual had posted an eight point buck in late October, a second eight point buck the Saturday before the firearm opener, and a large 10 point buck the morning of November 15th. COs Webster and Damon Owens contacted the subject and located the 10 point buck and the second eight point at his residence. The eight point deer was tagged with the subject's relative's tag and initially the subject stated that he had not taken the eight point, stating he only took the first eight point in October and the 10 point. Upon being interviewed with the photographs of him holding all three bucks claiming them as his own the subject confessed to taking an overlimit of bucks and borrowing another's kill tag. Charges are being sought through the prosecutors office.

CO Shane Webster received a call from an individual stating he had a young man hunting on his property who, soon after hearing shots, was surprised to see another hunter walking very near his tree stand that he couldn't identify. The complainant stated he had been having an awful time with trespassers and was tired of it. CO Webster responded to the area and located the subject who had returned to his blind on his side of the fence. After interviewing the subject, CO Webster received a confession to just stepping over the fence, then going approximately 20 yards into the neighbor property, and finally going about 80 yards onto the neighbors property. The subject stated he had shot at a deer and wanted to see if he hit it. CO Webster searched the area and no blood trail was found. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Jackson County, CO Shane Webster stopped at a residence where he witnessed subjects hanging a deer. CO Webster began to congratulate the successful hunter and asked when he shot it. The individual stated he shot it at about 8:30 that morning. CO Webster checked the tag on the deer and asked the hunter, if he had shot the deer at 8:30, why was the tag purchased at 10:45. The subject confessed to taking the deer before buying a hunting license. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Pete Purdy responded with other departments and K-9 units to help locate a 14 year old who, while hunting with his father and getting into an argument with him, gave his dad the firearm and walked away. The father, not wanting to stop hunting, decided to hunt another seven hours before calling 911 to help locate his son. The 14 year old was located just before dark walking down a back road.

While working another incident, COs Brian Fish and Shane Webster observed an ORV following a truck on the roadway at a high rate of speed. COs Webster and Fish began to pursue the ORV in an attempt to make a stop. The ORV operator turned around and headed back in the direction of the COs. CO Webster activated his emergency lights and sirens, but the ORV operator simply evaded the patrol vehicles and fled in the direction from which he had come. The COs turned around and pursued the ORV, giving commands on the public address system to pull over. They observed the operator look back and simply keep going down the road at a high rate of speed. CO Webster was able to pull alongside the ORV as it entered a field off the roadway. At that time the operator decided to give up and stopped his ORV over a mile and a half from where the pursuit had begun. The COs placed the operator in custody and found he was operating with his driver's license revoked. He was lodged in the county jail and is facing charges of felony flee and elude and operating while license revoked.

While on patrol, CO Shane Webster encountered a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway after dark with a door wide open. As CO Webster approached he observed a subject run out of the woods and jump in the vehicle. CO Webster turned on his emergency lights and pulled the vehicle over. CO Webster contacted the driver and immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The operator had just come in from hunting and stopped at a friend's house for "some beers". Sobriety tests showed the operator to be intoxicated. The vehicle was impounded and the subject was lodged in the county jail.

On the opening day of the firearm deer season, CO Todd Thorn was filling up his patrol truck at a local gas station when a man drove a vehicle past his patrol truck and parked nearby. There was a six point buck lying on the roof of his vehicle. CO Thorn contacted the driver and inspected the deer on the roof. The six point buck was tagged with an antlerless tag. The man stated that he had shot a doe during archery season and used his regular combination license kill tag and all he had left was the doe tag and his combination restricted tag. When the man was asked why he used his antlerless tag on the antlered deer, he stated that he could not read and didn't know what tag he

had placed on the deer. Upon further investigation, there was a loaded firearm in the vehicle, marijuana, and the vehicle was not insured. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn and a MSP trooper responded to a complaint of a convicted felon hunting without a license or hunter orange. The Officers were able to locate the hunter who was indeed hunting without a license or a sufficient amount of hunter orange. The man hid his firearms in the woods and refused to take the officers to them. Enforcement action was taken and the suspect was lodged in the county jail.

During an early morning patrol, CO Todd Thorn saw an ORV being operated in his direction before sunrise on a busy two lane highway. The operator pulled the ORV off the road and drove through a field. CO Thorn followed the ORV and noted there were two passengers and that neither were wearing helmets. The ORV was stopped and the riders were contacted. The riders were a father and his 12 year old son on their way to their hunting location. Neither of them had a hunting license or any form of ID with them. CO Thorn then followed them back to their vehicle where the hunting licenses and ID were located. The father stated that he knew he was not supposed to drive his ORV on the roadway, but did not have any other way of getting to his hunting location. A ticket was issued to the father.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau, while en route with a deputy to a complaint, observed a truck parked in the middle of the roadway next to a field known for road hunting. Sgt. Bahlau and the deputy turned around and contacted the subject in the truck. No firearm was found but further investigation revealed the subject to be highly intoxicated at 11:00 a.m., and in possession of two deer in the back of his truck, one untagged the other with a borrowed tag on it. Enforcement action was taken and the subject lodged for operating while impaired..

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Al Mendez responded to a possible road hunting and trespass complaint near the Jackson, Ingham and Eaton County lines. Sgt. Bahlau was able to track down the subject's residence, but the subject was not home. While checking the area, Sgt. Bahlau located an untagged deer hanging in a barn. The subject's wife was asked to contact her husband and have him come home. CO Mendez arrived, noting that he had complaints on these same subjects. The subject arrived and jumped out of the truck with a friend's kill tag in his hands to put on the antlerless deer. After further interviews by the COs the subject admitted to getting the tag from his friend after his wife called him and told him that the COs were waiting for him at his residence. The friend was also called over to the house to get his ticket.

DISTRICT 9

CO Linda Scheidler and Chief Gary Hagler received a complaint of subjects hunting in the city limits of Flint and trespassing. The COs responded to the subject's residence and talked with the homeowner. They were advised the subject did not hunt; however, he allowed another subject to hunt behind the property. The COs walked to the back of the property and found the fence was cut and a trail leading onto City property. The

COs followed the trail which led them to two subjects dressed in full camouflage and not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska pulled into Brandenburg Park on Lake St. Clair and observed a boat running at full speed with the passenger shooting at ducks that were resting on the water. The subjects continued pushing the birds toward another subject in a layout boat. The COs made contact with the three subjects and ordered them to shore. The driver of the vessel was issued a ticket for rallying ducks and the passenger for having a loaded firearm in a motorboat. These are the same subjects who were written by the COs a couple weeks prior for not having life jackets in rough seas.

CO Ben Lasher was working on Harsens Island on the third day of the firearm deer season when he decided to check some waterfowl hunters. He contacted three hunters who were in a boat, none of whom had life jackets. The CO contacted another group of hunters in the managed area and one of them had too many shells in his possession. In both cases enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher received a call from a property owner who found a trail camera on his property. The property owner developed the photos that were taken on the trail-cam and provided them to CO Lasher. The property owner and the CO were able to establish a suspect based on the photos. CO Lasher contacted the subject, who could not dispute the photographic evidence from his own trail-cam. Some of the pictures were of the subject trespassing and putting bait out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher was patrolling near the Port Huron SGA on opening day when he observed a subject "slow-rolling" down a dead-end road. The CO waited for the vehicle to come back down the road and he made contact with the operator. There was an uncased 12 ga. shotgun on the passenger's seat. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in St. Clair County, CO John Borkovich heard rifle gunshots. The CO got out on foot and started to walk through the woods in the direction of the shots. The CO came across a hunter, who informed the CO he had seen subjects walking in the direction of the shots and not wearing hunter orange. The CO continued on and observed two subjects in full camouflage with rifles. The CO quietly approached the subjects and got to within 10 feet before he announced his presence. The CO secured the .300 Win magnum, which was mounted on a bipod, and a .270. After some questioning, the CO determined there were four more subjects out hunting illegally. The CO rounded up all six of the subjects and called in back up. Five out of the six subjects were illegal aliens in possession centerfire rifles in the shotgun zone. Five of the subjects did not have hunting licenses and were not wearing hunter orange. Two of the subjects had felony and misdemeanor warrants for their arrest. Once the scene was secure, the CO found two deer that were illegally taken, turkey decoys, and litter in the areas where all the subjects were hunting. The illegal aliens also were in possession of body armor. The U. S. Border Patrol was called in and they took custody of the five illegal aliens, who were transported to a federal facility in Detroit. There were nearly 30

violations in all between state and federal laws. CO Borkovich took enforcement action and is working with the Border Patrol with the federal investigation.

CO John Borkovich was on foot patrol when he observed a dark lump in a tree. The CO sneaked up to within 15 yards of the "lump" which happened to be a deer hunter with a 12 ga. and no hunter orange. When the CO contacted and identified the subject, the CO remembered the subject from two years prior on an illegal turkey case. The subject's hunting privileges were still revoked from the incident and he was ineligible to purchase a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich was patrolling by foot in northern St. Clair County when he observed some movement. The CO watched a doe meander through the woods. Being a hunter, CO Borkovich waited to see if a buck was following behind. A few minutes later, the CO saw movement again and thought it was a buck. He got a better look and observed a subject dressed in full camouflage with a shotgun. The CO caught the subject off guard. The subject stated he was stalking a doe and if he were wearing hunter orange, the deer would see him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson and Sgt. Tom Wanless received a call of a subject who shot a small buck in the shotgun zone with a high powered rifle, while trespassing and not wearing any hunter orange. The complainant stated the subject admitted he did not have a hunting license. When the COs arrived the complainant and a local police officer were on scene with the deer. The complainant stated when he told the subject he was calling the police, the subject took off with his rifle because he did not want his \$1500 gun taken away. Using a metal detector, the COs recovered the .22-250 casing from under the blind. The COs attempted several times to contact the subject at his residence; however, no one would answer the door. The following day the COs made contact with the subject's mother and found out the subject is 16 years old but was not home. Sgt. Wanless was finally able to track down the subject and interviewed him with his mother present. A full confession was given. The subject stated he did it because he was hungry for venison. A juvenile petition will be filed.

The morning of the firearm deer opener, CO Ken Kovach contacted a hunter, who was hunting in a restricted area. The subject had a felony warrant for his arrest for a parole violation and was a convicted felony in possession of a firearm. A warrant is being sought.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of a subject who shot a deer at night over a lighted bait pile. The subject allegedly shot a buck with a 10 ga. shotgun. The slug went through the deer and wounded a cow on adjacent property. The CO followed up the next day and the tag on the deer was still not validated. A warrant is being sought for hunting after hours, in a safety zone, with the use of a light, excessive bait, reckless discharge, and fail to validate a kill tag.

CO Kris Kiel conducted a deer processor inspection and found a four point buck with a validated tag for Thanksgiving Day; however, the license was purchased at 2:30 p.m.

that same day. CO Kiel tracked the subject down and interviewed him. The subject admitted to shooting the deer at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. He stated he originally tagged it with an antlerless license; however, when he got home, the subject's dad told him he needed to put the proper tag on it before taking it to the processor. The subject purchased the license on his way to processor. Enforcement action was taken.

On Thanksgiving morning, CO Todd Szyska and Sgt. Tom Wanless stopped a slow rolling vehicle for a traffic violation. The truck was also driving up and down the same road near Wetzel State Recreation Area. Upon contact, the COs observed a long gun case in the bed of the pickup truck. The two subjects did not have hunting licenses and had not purchased licenses in over two years. The operator had a CPL and was carrying a 9 mm pistol and failed to disclose that to the COs. A search of the vehicle recovered another shotgun behind the seat and a toy pistol painted all black under the passenger seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska and Sgt. Tom Wanless observed a large group of hunters getting ready to push a large field of Christmas trees for deer in the shotgun only zone in northern Macomb County. As the COs approached one of the subjects took his long gun and tried to hide it by putting it behind his leg. When CO Szyska asked to see it, the hunter produced a Ruger .44 magnum rifle. CO Szyska asked to see his hunting license and the subject produced several deer licenses but stated he was hunting coyote. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher worked the managed waterfowl hunting area on Harsens Island the Saturday afternoon after Thanksgiving. During the drawing, CO Lasher advised all the hunters of the importance of navigation lights after dark and only taking out the maximum number of shells. During and after the hunt, CO Lasher contacted several of the hunters. Two of them still had too many shells. In both cases, enforcement action was taken.

On his day off in Sanilac County, CO John Borkovich was pumping gas at a gas station when he observed a woman pull in next to him wearing hunting clothing. The CO asked if she had any success and she replied they got two bucks. The CO asked if they were big and she stated they were little ones. While in the store, CO Borkovich overheard the woman asking the clerk for two "buck tags" and the clerk sold her a combination license after explaining the woman could not purchase two "buck tags". The CO copied the license plate of the subject's vehicle. The following morning CO Borkovich responded to the address from the registration of subject's vehicle. He found the subject's husband in a tree stand with no hunter orange and no hunting licenses. He also received consent to see three deer hanging in the barn; a spike, four point, and a doe. None of the deer had kill tags on them. The couple admitted they shot the bucks before purchasing the combination licenses and they had an antlerless permit; however, they never tagged any of the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach investigated an anonymous complaint where a subject shot a record book 13 point buck in Lapeer County without a license. The subject entered the buck in

a local and statewide buck pole and he had a very detailed story of the hunting episode. The part he left out was that he did not have a hunting license. After a discussion with CO Kovach, the subject admitted he did not have a license and provided a statement as to the real story. A warrant will be sought.

While en route to Pointe Mouillee SGA, Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Lacelle Rabon observed a vehicle speeding and tailgating vehicles in heavy traffic on I-75. The driver would tailgate a vehicle and flash the high beam lights until the vehicle moved and when that vehicle got behind him and flashed his lights, the subject driver would spike the brakes nearly causing an accident. He did this twice and when Sgt. Green moved in behind the vehicle and flashed his lights the subject spiked his brakes again. He was stopped and issued a ticket for careless driving.

COs Mark Ennett and Dan Walzak responded to a snagging complaint in Flat Rock on the Huron River and watched several individuals and noted the violations. CO Ennett ticketed two of the anglers for snagging fish and retaining foul-hooked fish. They claimed they were new to fishing, and did not know that fish could not be caught in that manner. They were dipping the rods into the water at the foot bridge, and then swirling the rods around until a fish was hooked. CO Walzak ticketed another angler for snagging, and one more for fishing without a license.

CO Mark Ennett was checking lands adjacent to the old Nike Air Base on opening day when he found an eight point buck laying dead about 40 yards from a hunter in a tree stand. While checking the hunter, CO Ennett discovered the hunter had left his license and kill tag in his truck which was a mile away. CO Ennett ticketed the hunter for failing to immediately tag a deer, and warned him for hunting without a license in possession. CO Ennett recognized the hunter from five previous encounters dating back to 2001. This subject had received four tickets from CO Ennett, and one from CO Purdy and some of the charges in the past included being afield without a license in possession.

CO Mark Ennett responded as the closest officer to a Monroe County complaint of a dead body found just outside a residence. CO Ennett assisted the MSP in a search of the house and property. The preliminary investigation showed the victim had either fallen backwards off his front porch steps, or had some type of seizure. A passerby noticed the victim from the road and called in.

Checking a deer hunter on opening day, CO Dan Walzak asked for the individual's hunting license and identification. The hunter handed CO Walzak his deer license and a Michigan ID card. As the hunter was putting his gear into his vehicle, the CO asked him if he was hunting with anyone else or if he was alone. The subject stated that he was alone and when the CO asked him if he had a driver's license, the subject stated that he did not. Further checking revealed that the subject's driving privileges were suspended and he also had seven outstanding misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken on the warrants.

CO Dan Walzak was checking anglers on the Huron River in Flat Rock when he observed a subject retain a foul hooked fish, set his fishing rod down on the ground and then net several fish which ended up in his bucket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon was on routine patrol when he observed a pickup truck parked on a railroad right-of-way. The truck was not occupied and a bow was sitting on the floor between the front seats. A male subject came out of the wooded area a short time later. He admitted to having a sidearm on his person and produced a concealed weapons permit. The subject was questioned about being on the property, and he did not know who the owner was. The subject was advised about recreational trespass and issued a ticket for railroad trespass.

CO Lacelle Rabon observed a vehicle parked in a wooded area with two male subjects standing next to the truck. As CO Rabon approached on foot, he saw an uncased rifle that turned out to be loaded with four live rounds. The subject who stated he owned the rifle was questioned about the rifle and he stated he was not hunting with the rifle, he just brought it along. The subject was advised that he was in a shotgun zone and enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler and Dan Walzak assisted local police officers on the firearm deer opener with a trespasser who was hunting on private property and fled from private security. Township officers set up a perimeter of the property while the COs searched the woods for the subject. While searching for the first subject, another trespasser was encountered hunting from a tree stand. The subject was issued tickets for hunting without a license and failing to wear hunter orange and given verbal warnings for excessive bait and utility trespass. The subject was arrested by the local officers for trespassing.

CO Mike Drexler checked three waterfowl hunters as they came in at Pointe Mouillee SGA. Two of the hunters were using unplugged shotguns and one hunter was also using lead shot to take waterfowl. Tickets were issued and 27 lead shotgun shells were seized.

CO Mike Drexler was patrolling Pointe Mouillee SGA when he observed one subject deer hunting from a dike. The dike the hunter was illegally hunting from also happened to run along the edge of a wildlife refuge area, which the hunter was directly facing. A ticket was issued for hunting from the dike and the hunter was also educated on the boundary of the wildlife refuge.

CO Mike Drexler was on patrol when he observed a hunter exiting his blind along a farm field. The CO contacted the subject who was only able to produce an archery deer license. The subject told the CO that he didn't know the license requirements as it was his first year hunting. A computer check revealed the subject had purchased deer licenses in previous years. A ticket was issued for hunting without a license.

CO Brandon Kieft conducted a traffic stop on a pickup truck the night before the firearm deer season opened. There was processed deer meat in a cooler in the bed of the truck along with a garage bag of deer guts. The driver of the vehicle claimed he had shot a deer two days prior and had just picked up the meat in a nearby town. Both occupants of the vehicle were in possession of open intoxicants and the driver failed standard field sobriety tests. The passenger was ticketed for possession of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and the driver was arrested and lodged in the county jail for operating while intoxicated.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted a hunter who had just shot at a buck on private property he didn't have permission to hunt. The hunter claimed the property was state land until CO Kieft pointed out the many tree stand violations the hunter would have if it were state land. The hunter eventually admitted that he knew he was trespassing. The hunter had four prior DNR violations and was ticketed for recreational trespass.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a residence to follow up on a complaint of trespassing and failure to wear hunter orange. While talking with the two subjects, CO Kieft observed blood on the tailgate of the truck. A quick look into the open garage revealed a button buck hanging without a kill tag attached. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft followed up on a dumping complaint involving a deer carcass in the Lapeer SGA. While checking the dump site, CO Kieft located a deer license that was left with the carcass. The hunter who dumped the carcass was tracked down and interviewed regarding the issue. As CO Kieft began asking questions about what was done with the deer he had recently killed, the hunter dropped his head and said, "I left the tag on this time didn't I?" A ticket was issued for littering on state land.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a safety zone complaint involving a deer hunter who was sitting in a pop-up blind within 100 yards of a residence. As CO Kieft approached the blind, he noticed the hunter was not wearing any hunter orange. Further investigation also revealed that the hunter was firearm deer hunting without a license. A ticket was issued for firearm deer hunt without a license and hunt within the safety zone, and a verbal warning was given for no hunter orange.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling Highland Recreation Area when he located a vehicle parked in an area closed to hunting. CO Shively tracked the subject through the woods and located him hunting in the closed area. As CO Shively was checking the subject through LEIN, he was found to have a felony warrant with nation-wide extradition for lewd/lascivious molestation out of Florida. Arrangements were made and the subject was lodged at the Oakland County Jail for extradition and was ticketed for hunting in a closed area.

CO Ben Shively stopped a vehicle shining in November in northern Oakland County. As CO Shively approached the vehicle, he observed blood on the license plate and in the bed of the truck. While questioning the driver about the blood, he stated he had shot a deer the day before in Menominee County and had brought it home that day.

While obtaining the driver and passenger's licenses the driver handed CO Shively both of his hunting licenses for the deer season. When questioned about what tag was on the doe, the subject just dropped his head. CO Shively followed the vehicle back to their residence where he inspected the untagged doe. The driver and passenger were ticketed for shining in November and the driver was also ticketed for failing to attach/validate kill tag.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling Highland Recreation Area when he located a vehicle parked in an area closed to hunting. CO Shively checked the area and located two subjects hunting in the closed area. CO Shively escorted the subjects back to their vehicle and ran a check of both subjects through LEIN. Both subjects came back with suspended drivers licenses. Both subjects were ticketed for hunting in a closed area and a licensed driver was called to pickup both subjects and the vehicle.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of a subject firearm deer hunting without wearing hunter orange. CO Shively located the subject in camouflage hunting in a marsh. The subject had a shooting vest that only had orange on the back and was hanging on the back of the chair she was sitting on. She also did not have her hunting license in her possession. CO Shively met the subject at her residence and issued a ticket for not wearing hunter orange and gave a verbal warning for not having her hunting license in possession. CO Shively also gave the subject a new hunter orange vest that was orange on all sides.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of a subject in Macomb County bragging that he shot a doe without a license and that it was in the back of his truck. CO Shively went to the subject's residence and waited for him to return. CO Shively made contact with the subject who did have a doe in the back of his truck but it was tagged. The subject stated that he had shot the deer in Alcona County last night and was at work all day. Inspection of the kill tag showed the subject purchased the tag 20 minutes after the close of hunting hours. When presented with evidence of the date and time on the tag, the subject confessed to taking the deer without a license. The deer was seized and donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger and a warrant will be sought out of Alcona County for taking a deer without a license.