

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
11/16/08 – 11/29/08**

DISTRICT 1

CO Jason Wicklund investigated a complaint of a wolf being shot. A subject was contacted and when questioned about the animal, produced a photograph of him holding a juvenile wolf. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked an ongoing complaint of recreational trespass. The complainant witnessed several individuals hunting his land and located an area where an ORV was used to haul a deer off his property. A check of the area by the COs turned up a vehicle with an ORV in the back covered in fresh blood. Two hunters were contacted who admitted to hunting but did not know where they were in relation to the complainant's property. A check back at their camp turned up two illegal deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy received an anonymous tip that an individual had shot 11-13 deer this year and that parts of these deer were being dumped behind his house. The COs responded and contacted the subject's wife, who told them that her husband was out hunting. A check of the area around the house led to several untagged deer as well as a turkey. The COs waited for the subject to return and contacted him as he pulled into the driveway. Three out of the five guns in the vehicle were loaded, and when asked for his hunting license, the subject produced his wife's tags. CO David Painter responded and the COs searched the subject's property which turned up three more deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy were checking hunters when they observed a small doe lying off to the side of the road under some pine trees. A check of the doe showed that it had been shot and there were fresh boot tracks leading up to the deer. A hunter was contacted nearby and when questioned about the deer, denied knowing it was there. The COs checked his camp and as they pulled into the yard, they located a subject field dressing a deer. The deer was not tagged and the subject was questioned about his buddy down the road. The individual stated that his buddy shot two deer the previous day and only tagged one of them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked an area of past complaints several times over the past two weeks hoping to catch the individuals using the blinds. Just as they were leaving, a subject pulled up on an ORV with multiple ORV violations and a loaded rifle. The subject was ticketed last year and was once again educated on land use rules and baiting laws.

COs Jason Wicklund and David Painter assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a firearm complaint at a camp. The COs assisted with setting up a perimeter around the camp while troopers attempted to contact the individual inside. Once contact was

made, it was determined the individual involved was a convicted felon, intoxicated, and in possession of marijuana. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Iron County jail.

CO Brian Bacon stopped at a camp to check two deer that were hanging. A check of the tags on the deer revealed tagging violations on both of the deer.

CO Ryan Aho contacted a hunter in an illegal blind who had made an illegal ORV trail to access his blind. The subject also had over the two gallon limit for bait and enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter stopped to check a camp that had violations in the past. A check of a spike horn buck revealed an antlerless tag on the deer. CO Painter followed an ORV trail a short distance from the camp and contacted a hunter on his way back to camp on an ORV. The subject was not wearing a helmet, driving an unregistered ORV, transporting a loaded rifle and also hunting without a valid license. CO Painter questioned the subject back at the camp and found two other deer that had been shot and tagged illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman investigated a hunter harassment complaint in which a hunter took exception with another hunter who he perceived to be hunting too close to his spot on public land. The victim's blind was destroyed and the property within the blind was stolen. A subject was contacted which led to an admission and the recovery of the missing property.

CO Marvin Gerlach had a trial scheduled regarding a recreational trespass case from earlier in the fall in Menominee County. One of the subjects failed to appear, which resulted in a bench warrant for his arrest. The second involved party pled guilty just prior to the trial.

CO Dave Miller reported ticketing one subject for hunting over too much bait. The following day, he bumped into the subject again and ticketed him for transporting a loaded gun in a motor vehicle.

CO Jason Niemi investigated a complaint in Menominee County. He checked a hunter at the complaint location who did not have a deer kill tag of his own. The investigation led to two subjects being ticketed for loaning and using tags of another.

CO Dave Painter investigated two cases involving the taking of two large bucks in Iron County. CO Dave Painter and Sgt. Marc Pomroy stopped back at a camp with a large buck on the buck pole that was checked the previous night. CO Painter interviewed camp members the following morning and obtained a confession that the buck was shot by a different hunter who had used another's license. The investigation into another large buck taken in Iron County revealed a subject who had used his wife's tag on the buck so he could continue to hunt with his license.

CO Grant Emery and CO Jason Niemi are both investigating complaints where a bear was shot during the firearm deer season. The investigations continue.

CO Ryan Aho and Sgt. Marc Pomroy contacted a hunter who was not wearing hunter orange. A check of the subject's deer license found the hunter to be using a tag of another hunter.

CO Brian Bacon worked a complaint of ORVs being operated during the quiet period of firearm deer season. CO Bacon contacted six ORV operators who were operating illegally and found one of the subjects to be concealing a .45 cal. pistol. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Trey Luce and Jason Niemi worked an illegal road hunting complaint in Menominee County. The COs contacted the occupants of a vehicle who appeared to be road hunting. The subjects were initially found to be in possession of an uncased and loaded rifle. Further investigation resulted in arrests for non-residents purchasing multiple resident deer licenses and an illegally taken deer from earlier in the season.

COs Marv Gerlach and PCO Mark DePew checked a camp that they had received a complaint on from last year for taking deer illegally. They ticketed two subjects for a variety of violations, which included non-residents purchasing resident licenses and for failing to tag four different deer.

DISTRICT 2

CO Reid Roeske contacted one subject who was a felon in possession of a firearm. CO Roeske is working with the local Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Agent in the investigation.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon ticketed a subject for blocking a roadway in an attempt to prevent access by other hunters.

COs John Wenzel and Reid Roeske contacted a subject near the "Y" intersection of a roadway who was seated in his car with the window open. When they contacted him, they asked how the season was going. He replied that he was just watching for deer. An uncased, loaded 30-06 was observed on the seat of the car. The subject also did not have a hunting license. Tickets were issued.

CO Derek Miller took action on a young hunter who did not have a license or kill tag with him. He stated he left it home on his dresser. CO Miller told the young hunter he would meet him at his residence and look at the license. CO Miller stopped by the residence later that night and was informed by his mother that she had not seen him since that morning. Early the next morning Officer Miller stopped at the residence and the young man answered and handed the CO a license that was time stamped an hour after CO Miller had checked him in the woods.

CO Mike Hammill received information that a camp in Mackinaw County had three does hanging on their buck pole, and that they were shot on nearby public lands. CO Hammill went to the camp and contacted three hunters who stated they shot the deer on their property. Their stories kept changing as to who shot what deer, because some of the kill tags did not belong to them. After realizing what they were saying did not make sense, they confessed to shooting the deer on public lands and using the kill tags of another. Enforcement action was taken.

While on foot patrol, CO Kyle Publiski came across an active but empty blind. Looking over the set up, he located a four point buck that was untagged, field-dressed and hanging in a tree a short distance from the blind. CO Publiski returned later in the day and issued a ticket to the subject who shot the deer.

Responding to a dispatch call of trespass CO Kyle Publiski and a local deputy arrived in time to apprehend an individual just after he and the grandkids had dragged the doe from the complainant's field. The deer was untagged and the subject had no antlerless permits for that Deer Management Unit (DMU). Enforcement action was taken

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a complaint of hunter harassment in the form of damage to a deer stand. While investigating, he located a dead doe minus the backstraps on a subject's land near his bait and blind. With assistance from CO Nick Atkin and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly, a confession and witness statement were obtained. Charges are pending.

CO Gerald Thayer persisted on a complaint of ORV trespass on Neebish Island where the trespassers were proving a bit elusive. Repeated attempts to apprehend paid off with two trespassers ticketed and also charged with having a loaded gun on a motor vehicle.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a call from Ontario Conservation Officers who had stopped an Ontario citizen from re-entering the province with an unprocessed whitetail, a violation of their CWD regulations. They had also located a processed doe that the subject claimed was killed by him in Michigan, but it was sporting a tag belonging to a downstate Michigan resident. CO Publiski intercepted the subject as he returned to Michigan. An interview confirmed the above and a ticket was issued. COs Jair Kollasch and Sam Koscinski provided the south end of this double team by investigating the supplier of the tag.

DISTRICT 3

While following up on a complaint of a subject blocking trail roads on state land, CO Michael Feagan observed an untagged antlerless deer at a residence. The subject came out with deer tag in hand stating he was just about to tag it. Upon examining the tag, CO Feagan found it to be the subject's father's tag and for a different DMU. Enforcement action was taken.

Cheboygan County COs are investigating a complaint of an elk carcass that was butchered and thrown out along the road. It was apparently killed during deer season.

A bait flight provided additional bait sites on top of those already found on patrol and by citizen complaints. All area COs followed up on bait complaints, contacting several subjects and issuing tickets.

CO Richard Stowe obtained confessions from two subjects during the investigation of an illegal killing of a deer at night with the aid of an artificial light.

CO Richard Stowe received a complaint of three deer carcasses dumped into the Ocqueoc River; one still had a tag on it. Follow up produced a confession and a subsequent littering ticket.

During a night deer hunting activity flight, a vehicle was observed shining and head lighting in a remote area of state land. COs Eric Bottorff and Richard Stowe located the subjects and stopped them. The subjects stated they were lost and trying to find a hunting location, although they were also attempting to find a good place to hunt in the morning. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Greg Drogowski stopped an ORV coming out of state land. The ORV was brand new and the operator was given the benefit of the doubt and several verbal warnings and instructed on ORV regulations. A week later, CO Bottorff found the same subject operating the ORV in the Pigeon River Country State Forest during prohibited hours for firearm deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff located an ORV operating on the rail trail which is prohibited to any wheeled motorized vehicles. As soon as he stopped them, another ORV pulled up. Violations included uncased firearms, driving while license suspended, operating in a prohibited area, no helmets, and operating with multiple passengers (four on one ORV). Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Stowe is investigating an illegal killing of deer complaint, where the deer was actually shot in the basement of a house under construction. Apparently, deer were coming to the straw or hay used in construction of the new house, which was in the basement portion.

CO Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Greg Drogowski observed two subjects on an ORV riding with uncased guns. Upon contacting the subjects as they pulled into their camp, COs found both firearms to be loaded. The subjects also had bait out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint of an elk tangled in a fence. With the landowner's assistance, CO Bottorff cut off hundreds of feet of wire fence from the exhausted bull elk's antlers, head, and neck. The elk was left at the scene to recover,

but a follow up check in the morning, unfortunately, found the elk dead. It was salvaged and the meat donated to the local food pantry.

CO Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Greg Drogowski checked a baited site far back on an illegal motor vehicle trail on state land and tucked away into a swamp. The hunter was found at his vehicle just preparing to go out and re-bait the stand. After initial denial, the subject finally admitted it was his baited site and received a ticket for baiting deer in the Lower Peninsula. As the COs were leaving, the subject was shaking his head, still surprised he had been found out, and stated, "Hey guys, good job!"

CO Eric Bottorff contacted occupants of a vehicle coming out of the woods two hours after dark. CO Bottorff observed blood in the bed of the truck, but the driver denied shooting any deer yet this year. After interviewing the subject he admitted to dumping a deer carcass on state land. He was ticketed for an untagged deer and given a verbal warning for litter.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski contacted a hunter walking down a two-track in a snowstorm about an hour after dark. The hunter stated he was glad to see a CO, as he had been tracking a deer and after it got dark was now lost. A quick license check showed a green deer tag (green colored for 2008) and his ID card numbers matched the deer tag numbers. The subject was given a ride, and an attempt to find where he started from and find his partner who had dropped him off took the better part of an hour. His buddy was finally located, and he departed, happy to be found and on his way home. Sgt. Drogowski then ran a file check on the subject and found him to have valid driver's license, and no good reason to have an ID card. There was also no record of an ID card. The subjects were stopped on their way out of the woods and another check of his deer license showed it to be from the year 2000 (the last year it was green in color). The subject had folded over the "00" portion and used the expired ID card to purchase the deer tag in 2000, now also using it as his ID. The subject was given credit for effort, but also issued a ticket for deer hunting without a valid license. His stack of 2000 licenses and expired ID card were also seized.

CO Nick Torsky responded to a complaint and contacted a resident who was warned last year for feeding deer. The subject was informed of the rules regarding feeding birds which is what he said he was doing last year. CO Torsky told the subject the feed must not be accessible to deer. A ticket was issued as the feed was still accessible to deer.

CO Nick Torsky and Commercial Fish Specialist John Morey responded to a complaint regarding the illegal posting of state land. The COs located private property and the state land boundary lines which showed that the private owners had improperly posted several acres of state land. They also had put in food plots on state land, built permanent stands there and were baiting for deer. Tickets were written for the illegal posting of state land and for hunting deer over bait.

CO Joe Molnar received a complaint of road hunting where a subject shot from the vehicle to kill a deer. A trooper with the MSP stopped the vehicle and CO Molnar

located the antlerless deer and obtained a confession from the hunter who shot from inside the vehicle. During his first year as a CO, Officer Molnar had arrested the shooter for taking an illegal deer.

CO Bill Webster contacted a landowner after receiving information he was feeding deer. CO Webster found the illegal feed and contacted the landowner who said he was just feeding deer, although CO Webster observed nearby a conveniently placed .300 Winchester magnum rifle with magazine laid ready for action.

CO Bill Webster & Sgt. Chris Morris responded to a baiting on state land complaint on a remote section of state land. The subjects were using an ORV to haul in bait. COs Webster and Morris located a hunter who entered a camo blind near a bait pile. A ticket was issued.

COs Joe Molnar and Bobbi Bashore from District 5 doubled up on the last day of the firearm deer season and checked a father and son who had an untagged doe hanging. Child support warrants were out for the son while the father admitted he did not have a valid antlerless kill tag. The deer was seized and he was charged for taking a deer illegally.

DISTRICT 4

Area COs conducted an airplane flight over Oceana and Newaygo Counties and were directed to ten various arrest situations. A truck was observed in a field and Sgt. Scott Wilk was able to contact three subjects with three antlerless deer. One had been shot by a subject without an antlerless permit and tagged with the license of a juvenile who was not there. CO Brian Lebel and PCO Robert Crisp were directed behind a wood lot and discovered two subjects with two antlerless deer. One subject shot both deer but had only one antlerless tag. COs Mike Bomay and Jeff Ginn were sent to check a vehicle that had pulled out of a residence and was shining. When the vehicle was stopped, the driver was in possession of a loaded .357 Magnum and a loaded 30.06 rifle. COs Ryan Rademacher and Troy Mueller checked a slow rolling vehicle on a two track and observed a rifle pointing out the driver's window. The driver was unable to get the round out of the chamber in time and the passenger didn't even try to unload the rifle between his legs. CO Troy VanGelderren was directed to a vehicle with a deer that turned out to be a doe tagged with the license of another. The shooter did not have an antlerless permit. CO VanGelderren gathered information that led him to a barn where three more deer were discovered. One was a doe, shot without an antlerless permit. One was an untagged buck. The third deer was tagged. Enforcement action was taken in all incidents.

COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells responded to a Newaygo County complaint of untagged deer hanging in a barn. Nine total deer were discovered; five of which were tagged by the shooters with borrowed tags. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn and Sgt. Scott Wilk responded to a Newaygo County complaint where a hunter came upon a subject gutting a doe on federal land, who fled upon seeing the hunter. CO Ginn found a fresh gut pile and ORV tracks leading off through the woods. He followed the tracks to a nearby residence and determined that no one was home at the time. Sgt. Wilk watched the house while CO Ginn returned to the woods to mark some locations. The subjects returned with a vehicle full of carrots, and when Sgt. Wilk questioned the two, was shown an untagged doe on the back of their ORV in the barn. The subjects did not have an antlerless license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Bomay observed a fresh deer hanging in a Mecosta County yard. The deer had just been hung and tagged with a license that had been purchased within the half hour. The subject admitted he did not have a license when he shot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller responded to an Osceola County bait complaint and discovered an untagged antlerless deer hanging in the subject's garage. The shooter admitted he did not have a deer license of any kind. Enforcement action was taken.

Retired CO Gene Carrigan contacted CO Troy VanGelderren regarding a shot he heard at 7:00 p.m. near his residence. Footprints were found from the road onto former CO Carrigan's property to a kill site. A certain vehicle had been seen in the area by a neighbor and when Officer VanGelderren searched the area, observed a vehicle in a driveway that fit the description. Further investigation revealed an untagged deer that the subject admitted shooting from the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn came upon a Newaygo County camp with two deer hanging. An examination of the tags revealed that one deer was tagged by a camp member and the second deer was tagged with a freshly purchased firearm tag from the camp member's mother. The subject admitted shooting both deer. He did not have a license for deer number two. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells responded to a Newaygo County complaint where a man had seen a subject shoot from a vehicle and kill a deer. The plate number from the complainant was incorrect. CO Wells patrolled the area until he found a truck parked in a yard with a partial plate match. Further investigation revealed a gunshot deer tagged with an archery tag. The subject admitted shooting from his truck window and not having a firearm deer license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Sam Koscinski and Jair Kollasch responded to a complaint in Wexford County regarding someone shooting a deer on private property from a motor vehicle. The complainants provided license plate information and a description of the vehicle. The plate information turned out to be partially incorrect, but RAP personnel checked the information several ways and found the correct plate to match the description. The COs went to the owner's residence and obtained a confession. The incident involved two juveniles, the father of the juveniles, and their uncle. The uncle shot the deer from the vehicle, and then the two juveniles were dropped off to drag the deer out to the road.

The complainant observed the two juveniles and ran them off the property. The deer was recovered by the COs and several charges are pending

CO Mike Borkovich and PCO Mark Papineau ticketed a subject in Leelanau County for trespassing. The subject, who did not have a hunting license, shot at a deer on private property. This was the subject's fourth deer related offense in several years.

CO Mike Borkovich and PCO Mark Papineau were contacted by a hunter in Leelanau County about a stolen 10 point buck. The hunter shot the beautiful 10 point and left to get his father to help him get the deer out. But when he returned, the deer was gone and drag marks were observed out to the road.

CO Diane Drogowski and PCO Kevin Postma, Grand Traverse County, observed a truck coming through a field with two hunters standing up in the bed. When the hunters saw the COs, the uncased firearms were passed to the subjects inside the vehicle. Two tickets were issued for possession of a loaded firearm in motor vehicle and one for transporting an uncased firearm. Two verbal warnings were also given.

CO Diane Drogowski and PCO Kevin Postma ticketed a hunter who had been baiting his stand since October. When the COs asked how many other hunters were in his party, the hunter stated, "two". The COs located another hunter's vehicle parked nearby, and in the bed of the vehicle were three 50 lb. bags of shelled corn. The COs followed the foot tracks in the snow from the vehicle to the hunter's stand. The second hunter was the twin brother to the first subject who was ticketed.

CO Diane Drogowski and Sgt. Michelle Wiegand followed up on a baited stand in Grand Traverse County that CO Drogowski found several days earlier. CO Drogowski found a small plastic bag containing shelled corn and when the COs went to the illegal stand observed a vehicle parked in the area. Foot tracks down the road and a trail of shelled corn that had fallen out of a hole in the bag led to the hunter in his stand. The subject was not wearing hunter orange, had a permanently attached tree stand, screw-in tree steps, and was hunting over bait. Enforcement action was taken. While the COs were dealing with this hunter, a vehicle drove up to the COs occupied by two hunters. The COs observed that two firearm cases in the vehicle were partially unzipped. Further checks of the firearms led to the discovery of a loaded rifle. The driver was issued a ticket for possession of the loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. The passenger was ticketed for making a false statement to purchase her hunting license. The female hunter had not taken a hunter safety class as required.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Kevin Postma were doing follow up at a Wexford County deer processor and discovered an antlerless deer tagged with a Saginaw County antlerless tag. The COs believe it was a licensing purchasing error but the tag was also not validated. The hunter was ticketed for failing to validate the kill tag.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Kevin Postma were on patrol when they heard a shot near their location. The COs tracked down two subjects standing at the bed of a pickup truck

and observed a deer head sticking out the back. When the two subjects saw the conservation officers, they immediately closed the tailgate. Further investigation revealed that the deer was a road kill, but the subjects did not have a permit for the animal. The accident was verified through the sheriff's department. PCO Postma interviewed the second subject after discovering two deer carcasses in the yard. The subject admitted to shooting the two button bucks as they walked through his yard in Benzie County. Benzie County is closed to the taking of antlerless deer and the subject was issued a ticket.

CO Jair Kollasch arrested a hunter for hunting while intoxicated in Wexford County. When CO Kollasch checked the subject, he noticed a strong odor of alcohol, and the hunter subsequently failed the field sobriety tests. The subject refused the data master test at the jail, and a search warrant for his blood was obtained.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a report of an overturned vehicle and found a handicapped person trapped in their wheelchair behind the steering wheel. A Mason County Deputy arrived shortly thereafter and the two officers managed to free the victim who was uninjured.

CO Brian Brosky was on patrol just after sunset when he observed a vehicle leave a two track and enter the highway without lights. He stopped the vehicle and found that the two hunters had left the woods and driven away without unloading or casing up their rifles.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint that a person had shot an antlerless deer from a vehicle and had driven off. The vehicle was located and the subject was found to be intoxicated and in possession of a loaded rifle and two felony child neglect warrants. Follow up by CO Troy Vangeldren at a residence in Oceana County resulted in the discovery of three bucks that had been taken by the subject's brother.

COs Angela Greenway and Carolyn Dice were attempting to locate a bait pile in Lake County from complaint information when they encountered a person hunting without a license. At first the hunter stated that he left it at camp but after the COs could not verify the license purchase, the hunter admitted to not purchasing a license. The hunter said that he did not think he would be checked since he was hunting on private land and believed he could get away with taking a deer without a license.

COs Carolyn Dice and Angela Greenway were patrolling a rural location in Lake County when they located ORV tracks going down the road and into a driveway. They followed the tracks to an ORV with an uncased firearm lying across the seat. While speaking with a person at the cabin, they observed a blood trail that led to an untagged deer hanging. The COs walked up to the deer and observed a bait pile behind the barn. Tickets were issued.

CO Carolyn Dice was patrolling when she observed a 4x4 truck climbing hills. The driver saw CO Dice and turned off the vehicle lights in an attempt to hide in the trees. CO Dice contacted the driver and ticketed him for operating off road.

CO Steve Converse responded to a complaint of road hunting in Manistee County and located the suspect vehicle. CO Converse stopped the vehicle and found a loaded firearm in a gun rack behind the seat.

CO Steve Converse was patrolling along a Manistee County two track when he observed a person pointing a rifle over the hood of a truck at an antlerless deer in a small field. The person shot and dropped the deer. CO Converse walked out and met the hunter at the downed animal. The hunter was a non resident who had taken the deer without a license.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint from a person who had heard a shot and found an untagged doe hidden under a log. By the time CO Converse arrived, the deer was gone but there were drag marks leading to a nearby residence. CO Converse followed the drag marks to the residence and located a second gut pile. Examination of the second gut pile revealed that the additional animal was female. An interview with a person at the scene resulted in the identification and telephone number of the person who had taken the deer. Further investigation revealed an overlimit of bucks by a second person who was attempting to help the initial hunter by lending him antlered animals to cover the gut piles that CO Converse had found.

On an evening patrol, CO Carla Soper observed a large glow from a fire behind a house in Manistee County. CO Soper investigated and found that the owner of the residence was burning demolition materials, as well as large appliances, carpet, and mattresses. The subject was ticketed for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Carla Soper investigated illegal bait that consisted of sugar beets. CO Soper contacted the subject while he was hunting and found he had also placed out a mineral block, purchased too many deer licenses, and was hunting from an illegal blind. While speaking with the subject, he claimed that he was "set up" and was not responsible for the bait. CO Soper walked with the individual back to his vehicle. As they were nearing the subject's truck, he once again stated that he did not put out any bait and that she would find it was purely ironic that his truck was full of beets.

CO Ryan Rademacher received information that a subject from Newaygo County had been shining and shooting deer in Lake County. COs Rademacher and Mike Wells, along with Sgt. Scott Wilk, set up surveillance on the subject's residence. Two days later the subject returned home and was met by CO Wells. The subject explained that he did not hunt but had been given deer hides from friends. He produced eight hides from the back of his truck, but refused the CO access to his vehicle or outbuildings. CO Wells left to get a search warrant and Sgt. Wilk, who was hidden nearby, watched as the individual ran to his vehicle and removed two large plastic wrapped items from the back. The man then hoisted two skinned deer carcasses onto his shoulder and started

walking off to a neighboring property, where he was arrested by Sgt. Wilk. Two more deer were found in the subject's pole barn, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was inspecting a deer processor in Newaygo County and located an antlerless deer tagged with a buck tag. When he went to the tag owner's residence, the man produced an arrow with a small amount of blood on the tip and stated he had taken the deer with a bow. CO Wells pointed out that the deer had obviously been shot with a gun. The man admitted he had shot the deer without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel and PCO Robert Crisp, while investigating a trespass complaint, came upon a truck with fresh blood in the back. The trespassing subject was located and, when questioned, admitted that he just shot another deer and was tracking it. The deer was found and proved to be antlerless. The hunter had just returned from buying an antlerless tag; and a computer check found that the subject had purchased a total of nine antlerless licenses and a combination license. The subject bought the Mecosta tags after shooting two deer. The blood in the truck belonged to another antlerless deer that was at a nearby processor. CO Mike Bomay went to the processor to recover the deer, and while there, a truck pulled in with six deer in the back whose heads had been removed. Some of the deer were mule deer. The group of men had Wyoming licenses and said they had left the heads at a taxidermist. When CO Bomay asked the men if they knew they could not bring full carcasses and heads back from Wyoming due to CWD, the men explained that they were aware of that but since CWD was already here, they weren't worried about it. Enforcement action was taken against all involved for the illegal importation of non-butchered deer.

CO Troy VanGelderren, along with local law enforcement, responded to an Oceana County road hunting complaint. A subject was located and checked and found to be in possession of an untagged doe and a loaded rifle. CO VanGelderren allowed the shooter to tag the deer and keep it. Later in the week, CO VanGelderren received a complaint of deer carcasses being dumped on private property. While investigating the dump site, he recovered the tag he had allowed the road hunter to use on the untagged doe. Enforcement action was taken for both the hunting and littering offenses.

CO Troy VanGelderren was patrolling in Oceana County when he observed vehicle lights over a hill and heard a gunshot from the area of the vehicle. CO VanGelderren approached the vehicle and found that the driver had gotten out and fired onto public land. CO VanGelderren located a dead antlerless deer nearby. The shooter did not have an antlerless license, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells found an antlerless deer during a Newaygo County processor inspection that was tagged with a receipt for an antlerless license purchase, but not the actual tag. Through the computer, CO Wells discovered that a purchase attempt was made and then voided out. When CO Wells went to the subject's residence, he was met by the subject who had fresh blood on his hands. The man had a second antlerless deer hanging without a tag. The man stated that since he had "tried" to buy the original

antlerless tag that he had at least showed good faith. CO Wells pointed out the lack of good faith in taking two antlerless deer without any tags. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells received a phone call from a license dealer stating that a man had come in and bought a firearm license and accidentally left it in the store. CO Wells collected the license and drove to the man's house to give him back his tag. When he arrived he found the man cutting up an antlerless deer in his garage. The man did not have an antlerless license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky, Angela Greenway and Carolyn Dice, worked a decoy deployment in Lake County on the last day of firearm season. The COs observed as subject exited his vehicle waving his arms and clapping his hands at the decoy. The COs realized that the subject was no threat to the resource when they heard him yelling to his passenger in the vehicle that it was the last day of the season, and he didn't want anyone to poach it from the roadway.

COs Angela Greenway and Carolyn Dice were checking hunters on the shoulder of the roadway when they observed a vehicle coming toward them in the wrong traffic lane. The COs stopped the vehicle and found the driver and passenger to be intoxicated and in possession of open alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse witnessed two subjects walking across a road, both in possession of firearms. As CO Converse approached the subjects, one subject passed off his firearm to his friend and stated that he wasn't hunting. CO Converse asked for licenses, and as expected, only one subject had a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Steve Converse, Carla Soper, Sam Koscinski, and Jair Kollasch worked a group patrol for a decoy deployment. While working the decoy, a snowmobile sped past their location whose operator was not wearing a helmet. CO Converse stopped the snowmobile, and found that the operator had a rifle and was on his way to his hunting location. CO Converse asked for a deer license, and the subject stated he had forgotten it at his residence. CO Converse followed the subject back to his residence and also found a deer with a tag that hadn't been validated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper was given a RAP complaint of antlerless deer at a deer camp without tags. CO Soper responded to the location, and saw an antlerless deer lying on the floor of a garage without a tag. Upon further investigation, it was found that there were three more in the bed of a pick up. Four individuals from the camp had each taken a doe without a license. The deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Diane Drogowski contacted a subject operating a snowmobile in Grand Traverse County during the firearm deer season. The subject was operating during the prohibited hours; other violations included operating while his driver's license was suspended, no snowmobile trail permit and expired snowmobile registration.

CO Diane Drogowski and Sgt Michelle Wiegand contacted two hunters who failed to unload their firearms well after the hunting hours had closed. One of the hunters also was not wearing hunter orange.

CO Diane Drogowski followed up on a baiting complaint on private property in Grand Traverse County. CO Drogowski located the bait pile and a second much larger bait pile and attempted to contact the property owner. On the second attempt to make contact, the CO observed a pickup truck parked in the driveway, and the bed of the truck was full of apples. Upon contacting the property owner he stated that he was going to be hunting in Upper Peninsula and assured CO Drogowski that he did not have any bait on his property. When the CO advised the property owner that she knew different, he stated that the piles of apples were just so that kids could see deer. The subject was ticketed for the baiting violations.

CO Diane Drogowski was contacted by the caretaker of a captive cervidae facility regarding the taking of a deer from a motor vehicle. The caretaker's husband, a local sheriff's deputy, observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. A gun barrel was pointed out the passenger side window and shots fired at a buck in the field on the complainant's property. The driver of the vehicle then exited the vehicle and laid the firearm across the hood of the vehicle and shot at the deer again. The deputy contacted the two subjects and identified himself as a deputy. The two subjects questioned his status as a deputy, so the deputy had them follow him to his residence where his patrol vehicle was parked in the driveway. CO Drogowski arrived and contacted the subjects at the complainant's residence. Interviews were conducted, a four point buck and firearm seized, and the driver was ticketed for recreational trespass and possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

CO Jair Kollasch issued a ticket to a parent of a juvenile for allowing the youth to operate a snowmobile unsupervised. The snowmobile also was unregistered and had no trail permit.

CO Jair Kollasch was contacted by CO Kyle Publiski for assistance with an investigation by Canadian Wildlife officers. An antlerless deer was seized at the US/Canadian border, and a subject attempting to cross the border had an antlerless deer with tag belonging to a second subject who was from Wexford County. After CO Kollasch interviewed the subject who the kill tag belonged to, it was determined that he had loaned his antlerless tag to the first subject. The subjects were ticketed for the loan/borrow license violation.

CO Jair Kollasch was contacted by the MSP from Cadillac who had a vehicle stopped in Missaukee County. The troopers had a subject who was a felon in possession of firearms; two loaded rifles were found in the vehicle, along with hunting gear and blood on the vehicle. Upon interviewing the subject he admitted to hunting and shooting two bucks. The two bucks were found hanging at the subject's residence and seized. The subject was lodged on the weapons charges.

CO Mike Borkovich and CO Mark Papineau received a complaint of several hunters who were trespassing and deer hunting on South Fox Island (closed prior to November 30th). With the assistance of CO Andrea Erratt and Sgt. Jim Gorno, four hunters were met at the boat launch as they returned from South Fox Island. Upon interviewing the subjects, the hunters were ticketed for trespassing, no hunter orange, hunt without a license – no permit for South Fox, and an unregistered watercraft.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn contacted several young hunters who were in their vehicle. The hunters appeared panicky when contacted. A closer look revealed open intoxicants in the car and none of the occupants were of legal drinking age. In addition, the subject in the back seat had a loaded rifle in his lap. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobbi Bashore contacted a hunter who was hunting over a bait pile on state land and not wearing hunter orange. The subject had purchased an archery license and later purchased a combination license. The subject had also placed bait on his private property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson received a deer bait complaint involving a property owner who had 500 pounds of shell corn and was using a tractor with a broadcast spreader to distribute it over a large hay field. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO Seth Rhodea contacted a subject whose hunting privileges had been revoked due to a previous hunting violation but had purchased a hunting license anyway. The subject admitted to having purchased the licenses because he wanted to test the retail license sales system to see if he would get caught.

CO John Huspen and PCO Seth Rhodea had a second complaint of a hunter purchasing deer licenses while his hunting privileges were revoked. When the COs arrived at the subject's residence, they observed a pile of carrots in the yard and the subject had six more bags of corn, carrots, and sugar beets in the garage. The subject indicated the bait was for his rabbit. He also told the COs he wanted to test the retail license system to see if it would allow him to buy a hunting license.

CO Bobbi Bashore contacted two hunters, one of whom had failed to bring his deer license with him and also had an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. The second hunter had a loaded shotgun in the vehicle and admitted to CO Bashore that he had just finished smoking marijuana and had more marijuana in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Cherry responded to a complaint of a subject shooting a goose out of season. CO Cherry spoke with the subject's grandmother who told CO Cherry that her grandson had shot a goose with a .22 cal. rifle and she proceeded to retrieve the carcass from the trash and the goose breast from the refrigerator. The subject was out hunting at the time so CO Cherry returned later and the subject produced a waterfowl

license purchased after the incident. However, he failed to purchase a small game license and a Federal Waterfowl Stamp which are also required to hunt waterfowl. The subject had also shot within a safety zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz continues to investigate a trespass complaint involving a subject who shot a doe from a blind on the complainant's property and then dragged it to the neighbor's property to gut it.

CO Chris Bowen followed fresh ORV tracks through state land and wildlife plantings and also located tracks indicating the ORV had been to baited blinds. CO Bowen contacted a 16 year old hunter who was hunting without an adult present at the first blind. The youth's father was located at the second baited blind. Both subjects had also been riding the ORV without wearing helmets.

CO Mike Hearn contacted a hunter who stated he had been successful in harvesting a doe the previous day. The hunter seemed nervous while showing CO Hearn his deer license. When asked to see all of his licenses, the hunter showed an unused antlerless deer tag which was determined through the license system to be the only antlerless license he had purchased. The hunter admitted to tagging the doe with his small game license and saving his antlerless deer tag. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Seth Rhodea and CO John Huspen contacted a hunter who had two bucks hanging at his cabin. The four point was shot on Thanksgiving Day and the six point had been shot the day they made contact. Further investigation revealed the subject had shot a doe in archery season and tagged it with his regular deer tag. He decided to continue to hunt after he shot the four point and after he shot the six point buck, he told his wife to go and purchase a license which he used to tag the second buck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Cherry received a complaint of a subject shooting a doe in an area for which public land doe permits had not been issued. The complainant confronted the subject and took down his license plate number. CO Kris Kiel went to the subject's downstate residence and contacted a family member who provided him with the subject's cell phone number. CO Cherry left several messages for the hunter to return his call. The subject finally called the CO after he returned home but denied having shot the deer. The subject met the CO and finally admitted to shooting the deer and then took CO Cherry to several false locations to retrieve it. The subject had apparently tagged the deer with his Oakland County antlerless deer tag but, after being contacted by CO Cherry, he thought better of it and removed the tag, dumped the deer and headed for home. CO Cherry eventually located the deer which was seized along with the firearm.

CO Bobbi Bashore contacted two hunters, one of whom had warrants for his arrest. There was fresh blood in the snow and in the second subject's vehicle. The hunter told CO Bashore the blood in the snow was from a doe he had shot on November 16th and the blood in the vehicle was from a neighbor's deer he had butchered a while back and had just dumped the carcasses. CO Bashore located an untagged doe at the subject's

residence which he finally admitted to having shot the previous day but did not possess an antlerless license with which to tag the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

On his day off, Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez responded to a shining/shooting complaint. By the time Sgt. Gutierrez arrived, a trooper from the MSP had stopped the subject vehicle and located a deer in the back. Further investigation revealed that two subjects had been out shining and shot six deer that night. A full confession was obtained and arrests were made.

CO Brian Olsen was checking hunters when a vehicle pulled up beside him. The CO observed an uncased firearm in the vehicle and blood in the bed of the truck. The subject stated he had shot the deer earlier and had it at the motel; however, he was still in possession of his tags. Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez assisted and responded to the motel where he located the deer which the subject had tagged with his mother's license. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Olsen responded to a complaint of a vehicle shining in Roscommon County. In addition to shining in November, the subject had an untagged four point buck in the back of his truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg located a parked vehicle with three empty gun cases inside. CO Lundberg waited for the subjects to return to their vehicle. When the first one arrived and told the CO he was the only one hunting, CO Lundberg was suspicious. A short while later, CO Lundberg located the other two subjects who had an untagged deer and an illegally killed doe in their possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg stopped a truck and found an untagged deer in the back. The driver admitted to shooting the deer and not having an antlerless license. An arrest was made.

CO Joel Lundberg responded to a lost hunter complaint. The subject had a cell phone but didn't know his specific location, only the general area. CO Lundberg set out on foot about midnight and when the lost subject spotted the COs flashlight, he was safely escorted out of the woods.

CO Joel Lundberg and Lt. Creig Grey responded to a vehicle that was shining and spotted by the DNR airplane. The vehicle was stopped on state land near the hunters' camp and a .22 rifle was located in the cab. Further investigation led to an untagged deer hidden back at the camp and another deer at a residence. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Kyle Bader found a subject tracking a deer on state land. A short investigation revealed that the subject had shot a doe but did not have an antlerless license. They located the deer and an arrest was made.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Kyle Bader talked to local sheriff's department deputies regarding a subject who had been arrested by the deputies and was bragging to them about all the deer he had shot. A few days later, CO Lockwood and PCO Bader checked with the subject who was out hunting and determined he still had all of his deer tags. When asked about what he had told the deputies, the subject confessed to not having tagged the deer he had bragged about to the deputies. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Shane Webster stopped a subject who was riding an ORV with an uncased loaded rifle. When asked for a hunting license, the subject stated he was not hunting; he was just looking for deer. He also told the COs that if he had seen a deer and happened to shoot it, his buddy would tag it for him because he had already used all of his own tags. An education and ticket were given to the subject.

CO Tami Pullen was working on a bait complaint and located the subject. Not only was he baiting, he had no licenses and was not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tami Pullen stopped a truck that had blood in the bed. The driver told the CO that he had not had any success during the season. Further investigation revealed that the subject had an unused antlerless tag in his possession. CO Pullen asked the subject about the blood and he confessed to shooting a doe but not in the correct area for his license. An arrest was made.

CO Rebecca Hopkins was the closest unit and responded to a domestic violence complaint where a woman had stabbed her husband and punctured his lung. Following the stabbing, the woman fled the scene and made it to a nearby neighbor's house where she holding them hostage with her knife. CO Hopkins was able to talk the subject out of the neighbor's house and was soon assisted by MSP troopers who were able to take the woman into custody without further incident.

DISTRICT 6

While on patrol, CO Holly Pennoni came across a father and two sons deer hunting after legal hunting hours ended. All the hunters' guns were still loaded. A ticket was written to the father for hunting after hours.

CO Holly Pennoni received a littering complaint of someone dumping the carcasses of seven deer with all of the body parts. CO Pennoni located a deer kill tag on one of the legs and followed up with the hunter. Examination of the kill tags revealed that two licenses had been purchased after legal hunting hours ended for that day and were validated for the same day of purchase. The investigation resulted in two hunters admitting to using kill tags of another hunter and an untagged deer was found at one of the residences while interviewing the third hunter. Tickets were written for the tagging violations as well for littering.

CO Holly Pennoni ticketed a deer hunter for hunting on railroad tracks and admitted he did not have permission to hunt any of the adjacent private property.

CO Holly Pennoni observed a deer hunter walking down the side of a road with his firearm slung over his shoulder. The hunter got to his vehicle and without unloading or casing his firearm, got into his truck and began driving away. Upon CO Pennoni stopping the vehicle, the hunter was observed unloading the rifle while he was driving and then jumped out when the CO approached. He stated "you got me with an uncased rifle". Five live rifle rounds were found on the seat and floor of the vehicle. The hunter was ticketed for the violation.

While driving down the road looking for deer hunters, CO Holly Pennoni observed a pile of bait under a spreader feeder behind a house. Upon contacting the homeowner, CO Pennoni discovered that he had an outstanding warrant. The homeowner was ticketed for the bait violation and was lodged on the warrant.

On November 16th, CO Robert Hobkirk received a RAP complaint of subjects shining and shooting at the Gagetown State Game Area. CO Hobkirk patrolled the area but could not locate the vehicle. CO Hobkirk had backed into a location where he could watch the location of the shots fired. Shortly after hiding his patrol truck, the vehicle drove by his location. The shooters had returned to look for a lost cell phone they dropped at the scene. The owner of the vehicle confessed to shining and taking a shot at an antlerless deer from his vehicle. A passenger in the vehicle was arrested and lodged in jail on an outstanding warrant and the driver was ticketed for shooting from his vehicle.

While patrolling Sanilac County, CO Robert Hobkirk received a baiting complaint from another conservation officer from an adjoining county. As CO Hobkirk arrived at the baited location, a vehicle was pulling out of the camp. The vehicle quickly turned around and drove back into the camp. A stop was made on the vehicle and a rifle was found inside the vehicle in an area that is closed to using rifles. A passenger in the vehicle had an outstanding warrant for child support and was lodged on the warrant. Enforcement action was taken with the driver.

CO Robert Hobkirk had received a complaint of subjects shooting from a vehicle numerous times at a particular intersection. CO Hobkirk was watching the intersection and observed a vehicle slowly driving down the road after dark. The vehicle turned around and worked the area again. When the vehicle finally passed CO Hobkirk's location, he proceeded to stop the vehicle and contacted the two occupants. They had both been drinking and had an uncased firearm in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

As CO Robert Hobkirk was working the second week of deer season he observed three hunters dragging a deer out to the road. Recognizing the men as individuals he had given a warning to for trespassing on this same parcel of land three years ago, he contacted them. The hunters claimed that they were only on the property because it

was easier to drag the deer in the open field. A quick backtrack of their footprints and a call to the landowner resulted in a trespass ticket to the father and warnings to his two sons.

CO Joshua Wright received a RAP complaint of a hunter driving an ORV down the Saginaw Bay shoreline with two deer on the back of the ORV. The witness was able to get a license plate number of the truck belonging to the ORV operator. Upon contacting the hunter at his residence and finding specks of blood on his vehicle and on the ground leading up to his garage, CO Wright found two untagged deer and the hunter admitted to shooting one of the deer in Tuscola County and only having an antlerless license for Bay County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith responded to two shining and shooting complaints in Sanilac County. Upon checking the area the next day, CO Smith found untagged traps and was able to locate and ticket the trapper.

CO Jason Smith investigated two recreational trespass complaints. Tickets were issued to a group of field goose hunters for hunting private property without permission. On a separate complaint, a deer hunter was ticketed on a different piece of property for the same violation. On an unrelated trespass complaint, CO Smith also arrested and lodged the trespasser on warrants for manufacturing marijuana.

CO Jason Smith responded to two road hunting complaints and ended up not locating any vehicles in the immediate vicinity but stopped a vehicle about a mile away and ticketed the driver for having a loaded gun in the vehicle.

CO Jason Smith was patrolling the back roads in Tuscola County when he observed a group of hunters walk out of a field after dark with blood on their hands and clothing. Further checking revealed an untagged deer still lying in the field. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person and PCO Matthew Theunick responded to a homeowner who reported his house was shot with a .20 gauge slug. Upon arrival, the homeowner showed the COs the hole in the side of the house that almost went all the way through into his daughter's bedroom. The homeowner advised the COs that he contacted the hunter and got a name. After a short search, the subject's address was located and an interview followed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person and Midland County deputies investigated a fatal hunting accident where a 33 year old male was shot and killed by another deer hunter. The investigation continues.

COs Larn Strawn, Jeremy Payne and Lt. Ron Utt all responded to a complaint of illegal baiting at a hunting camp in Isabella County. The COs were expecting multiple hunters and violations at the camp. While investigating the complaint and walking the property, the COs discovered individuals hunting near spin cast feeders. The feeders were full of

shelled corn feed pellets and minerals. They also found pumpkins, mineral blocks, and apple flavored syrup on the ground. The feeders were strategically placed beneath tall pine trees, and were camouflaged with spray paints and fake tree limbs and branches resembling pine trees. The hunters claimed they were holding out for an emergency reversal of the baiting restrictions and therefore had not plugged in the feeders. The feeders appeared to be disconnected; however, the COs observed bait still spread on the ground. A closer look at the feeders revealed connected batteries on the inside of the feeders. After realizing the extent of the deceptive efforts of the hunters, the COs took a much closer look at activities at the camp. The COs discovered a fresh blood trail and an illegal deer in addition to the baiting violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Larn Strawn observed a truck and a van stopped in the middle of a road. The vehicles were parked head on facing each other and were blocking the road. CO Strawn then observed the driver of the truck get out and walk to the van. Upon observing the traffic violation, the CO approached the vehicles and contacted the drivers. The CO observed an uncased scoped rifle on the seat of the truck. A closer look at the rifle revealed it was loaded in the chamber and magazine. When questioned about the loaded gun, the driver explained he had just loaded it and was preparing to walk out into the field to hunt. The CO asked the hunter if he was planning on leaving his truck in the middle of the road. The hunter said he still had about a mile or so to drive. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was dispatched to a recreational trespass complaint. During the investigation that followed, the subject was located with an illegal deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Vicki Goss observed a subject skinning a deer in his shed. The CO approached as he quickly walked toward her explaining that he didn't think the deer was "good" so didn't want to waste a tag on it. His son was frantically trying to attach a tag on another doe in the pickup parked behind the house. Tickets were issued to both.

CO Vicki Goss responded to a RAP complaint of a deer shot in a field from the roadway. The landowners attempted to chase down the subjects, got a partial plate and description of the vehicle. A search for the vehicle that night was not successful. The following day the landowner spotted the vehicle at a residence. The CO responded and discovered a loaded firearm still in the vehicle. Subjects played the "blame game" but follow up with the truck owner and the resident of the home finally resulted in a confession from one subject. A ticket was issued for the loaded firearm.

CO Vicki Goss contacted a subject who was very evasive on her investigation of an alleged trespass from the opening day of the firearm deer season. The deer the subject took was legally tagged and he had permission from the landowner to hunt the property in dispute. His evasiveness was due to pending warrants for child support. Enforcement action was taken.

Troopers with the MSP stopped at a residence to check on an illegal burn. Walking past the barn they discovered three deer hanging without tags. CO Vicki Goss responded to their request for assistance and discovered the homeowner had shot a buck and doe without a license. Three hides were lying on the floor for which he stated two were does he shot earlier in the season. A check of the license system showed he had purchased two antlerless licenses but one license was still in his pocket. The other doe was shot by his friend who also did not have an antlerless license. Tickets were issued for the illegal deer and tagging violation.

As CO Vicki Goss was on patrol, she observed a vehicle traveling slowly toward her and swerving from side to side. The CO observed him for awhile when he quickly pulled into a parking lot. The CO positioned her vehicle behind him as he attempted to back out. At this time, the driver saw the CO and attempted to unload his rifle. A ticket was issued for a loaded firearm in motor vehicle.

CO Vicki Goss responded to a RAP complaint of two untagged bucks in a garage. The subject was gone when she arrived, but the girlfriend showed the CO the deer. One was tagged but not validated and the other deer was partially processed and missing the tag. The subject was reportedly hunting in another county. Upon his return hours later, the CO found that the tag was validated and in his possession. A ticket was issued for not validating the one tag and a verbal warning on not leaving the other tag with the deer until the deer was all processed meat.

While investigating a trespassing complaint in Isabella County, CO Jeremy Payne contacted a hunter who purchased both a combination and archery license, which is illegal. The hunter harvested two deer during the 2008 season. CO Payne seized the subject's third deer license and took enforcement action.

CO Jeremy Payne was requested to assist the MSP with a road hunting complaint. Three subjects were stopped for hunting from a vehicle while using a light to locate deer. The subjects shot one deer and confessed to additional violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne was requested to assist the Mt. Pleasant Police Department with a traffic stop where the officer discovered an uncased and loaded rifle in the vehicle along with an untagged deer. A search of the subject's residence revealed an additional deer. The subject is a convicted felon and was lodged with numerous felony charges along with the two illegal deer charges.

COs Phil Hudson and Jeremy Payne responded to a reckless discharge of a firearm complaint. The COs located the rifle round that hit a nearby residence. The COs contacted the subject and discovered that he was involved with a deer drive of a corn field. The subject did not know which direction he was shooting when he shot numerous times and harvested two deer. It was further revealed that the subject tagged both deer with licenses that did not belong to him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne issued a ticket to a subject who purchased a deer license and gave it to a non resident who wanted to hunt deer in Michigan.

CO Dan Lee and PCO Matt Theunick responded to a baiting complaint and found a pile of beets in front of a blind. No hunters were there and no one was home at the residence on the property. The COs responded later in the week after dark and contacted the landowner. He started to formulate a story on how the bait wasn't his but when he saw the two large bags of beets on the tailgate of his truck in plain sight of the COs he admitted to the offense. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the Crow Island State Game area, CO Dan Lee and PCO Matt Theunick watched two hunters coming down a dike between private property and the state game area refuge after dark. Upon contact with the father and son, the COs found that both subjects were still in possession of loaded guns. CO Lee had arrested both hunters previously for violations such as trespass, loaded gun after hours, and violating state game area rules. Tickets were again issued.

While patrolling near the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge on a cold early morning, CO Dan Lee and PCO Matt Theunick observed a truck with its windows down and driving slowly. The COs stopped the vehicle and found that the driver had a shotgun in the cab with no case anywhere. When the COs removed the firearm the subject advised them that the gun was loaded and the action was broken so it could only be unloaded through the barrel. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Ken Lowell located a vehicle in a field next to a deer. While making contact with the driver of the vehicle, the CO observed an uncased firearm in the back seat. The CO also saw that the antlerless deer was untagged. Upon further investigation it was found that neither the driver nor the passenger had an antlerless license for that particular management unit. When asked about a tag, the driver said that his father was bringing a tag for the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located two hunters going into a wood lot off the road. When the CO slowed down to make contact, one hunter started walking back into the yard of the residence. The CO then asked the hunters for their hunting licenses. The hunter who headed back to his residence explained that he did not buy one this year because he never sees the DNR on his road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell received a call from central dispatch of a subject who was hunting deer from his ORV. Upon arrival, CO Lowell found the subject looking for the deer he shot at from the ORV. The subject did not have a deer license and missed the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Phillip Hudson and Ken Lowell were working a late night shining patrol in Montcalm County when they came upon a slow moving vehicle in a state game area. The two COs got behind the vehicle and were following it for a short distance when the

operator started shining a small woodlot. Upon stopping the vehicle, a loaded uncased rifle was discovered in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that this was the subject vehicle in multiple complaints in Montcalm and Gratiot County for illegal shining and shooting. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Zach Doss responded to a trespass complaint in Van Buren County. CO Doss tracked the hunter who had trespassed on nine different properties. When contacted, the hunter advised he was tracking a deer and had no firearm or kill tags in his possession. Further investigation revealed that the hunter had stashed his firearm in the snow prior to being contacted by CO Doss.

CO Zach Doss got called out on a shining and shooting complaint in Van Buren County. CO Doss contacted the complainant who showed him where a small antlerless deer had been shot by the shiners. CO Doss sat on the location where the deer was shot and a short while later the subjects returned. CO Doss contacted the subjects as one of them was out in the field looking for the deer. This turned out to be a father and son out poaching deer. The subjects were also trespassing.

CO Mike McGee heard a single shot after legal hunting hours. CO McGee located the vehicle, where the hunter who had fired the shot was parked, and waited for the subject to return. The hunter returned with a buck with spikes, which was tagged with his combination restricted license. Upon further investigation, the hunter admitted to shooting a four point buck earlier in the season.

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Bob Torres checked two subjects exiting their vehicle to go hunting at the Boyle Lake State Game Area. Upon approaching the vehicle, two uncased shotguns were observed with one of the shotguns being loaded. Further investigation revealed only one subject had valid hunting licenses. Both subjects had their driving privileges suspended and the subject without a hunting license also had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for his arrest.

CO Ken Cerny contacted a hunter getting ready to leave just after hunting hours. CO Cerny observed a rifle in the vehicle. He also observed approximately six 5-gallon buckets in the vehicle along with some carrots and corn. Investigation revealed the subject had been baiting for the past two weeks and was using a rifle in the shotgun zone.

CO Jeff Robinette received a complaint of a subject who was trespassing. The trespasser had left prior to his arrival, but CO Robinette was able to get a name for the subject based on a vehicle plate. CO Robinette went to a local deer processor and located the trespasser as he dropped off his deer. Investigation revealed the subject had tagged the buck, which was shot while trespassing, with his father's tag. The subject had already filled his firearm deer tag earlier in the season.

During a flight for bait, a large pile of apples was observed on private property. CO Andy Bauer contacted a subject hunting over the apple pile. When asked why he was hunting over bait, the hunter stated he knew the apples were there but since he had not put them there he thought it was okay to hunt over them.

CO Ken Cerny responded to a complaint where a hunter claimed a shot buzzed over his head. Investigating, CO Cerny located the subject who had shot over the head of the hunter. The subject was a 16 year old with no supervision who was hunting without a license.

CO Ken Cerny responded to a complaint of a hunter who had shot a house. Arriving at the scene, CO Cerny observed a sabot slug that had gone through a door, through a wall, and ricocheted around the laundry room before coming to rest on the floor. No injuries occurred and CO Cerny was able to track down the hunter. The subject stated he shot at a running deer approximately 95 yards away from the residence.

CO Mike McGee received a complaint of subjects shooting at ducks from a motorboat on the St. Joseph River. CO McGee located the subjects and observed four guys in a boat shooting at ducks while underway.

COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney contacted several subjects conducting a deer drive in Van Buren County. Upon contact with the group, one of the subjects fled the area. COs tracked down the subject and located an antlerless deer improperly tagged with a firearm license.

To address frequent complaints of snagging during the fall whitefish spawning run, Sergeants John Jurcich and Dave Shaw, along with COs Gerard Goulette, Chris Holmes, Pat McManus, Mike Mshar, Steve Orange, Greg Patten, Ivan Perez, Jeff Rabbers, Dave Rodgers, Chris Simpson, Chuck Towns and PCO Jared Ferguson conducted an undercover operation. Ten undercover COs supported by four uniformed COs worked the channel at Muskegon and White Lakes. Four hours of cold, dark surveillance resulted in 17 arrests and 77 whitefish seized. During the operation, COs Mshar and Towns observed two subjects snag over 30 whitefish using homemade snagging rigs consisting of heavy wire with attached weights that suspended treble hooks on each end. Sgt. Dave Shaw and PCO Jared Ferguson observed one subject place only his legally caught fish on the pier. The subject was observed walking back to the breakwall rocks with a snagged fish and would return empty handed. The COs were able to uncover nine snagged whitefish from under the snow at the base of the rocks.

Sgt. Dave Shaw was sitting on a field early in the morning when he heard numerous rifle shots that sounded like a deer drive. Sgt. Shaw observed a group of hunters at a cattle farm. Upon observing the patrol vehicle approach, subjects started hiding guns. Sgt. Shaw identified the subjects and observed blood on the clothing of several of the hunters. Sgt. Shaw called for the assistance of CO Chris Simpson, who checked for deer at one of the subjects' residences. At the residence, CO Simpson observed additional evidence of deer that had been taken. COs Greg Patten and Steve Orange

arrived at another residence and along with Sgt. Shaw and CO Simpson recovered seven antlerless deer, all untagged. Six of the antlerless deer were recovered hidden in a chicken coop. Illegal deer were recovered bringing the total of illegal deer in the investigation to nine. A father and son from Ohio were later interviewed in Grand Rapids and admitted to illegally killing six of the deer. Charges issued included hunting without licenses, tagging a deer shot by another, possession of an untagged deer and illegal possession. The investigation continues with warrants to be sought.

CO Ivan Perez and Sgt. Dave Shaw stopped to check five subjects who were starting a deer drive. Upon seeing the patrol vehicle, the subjects were observed hiding their guns. Two subjects were issued tickets for hunting deer without a license. Warrants will be sought against a third subject for felon in possession of a firearm and hunting without a license.

CO Ivan Perez and Sgt. Dave Shaw responded to a trespass complaint where a deer had been taken. Evidence indicated that a buck had been shot and dropped in its tracks. An unknown subject then dragged the deer onto adjoining property where it was field dressed. The COs tracked the drag mark and blood spots to a residence in the area. At the residence, the COs found an eight point buck tagged with an antlerless tag that had not been validated. The subject stated he shot the deer on property where he had permission to hunt and then tracked it to the private property. When examining the wound, Sgt. Shaw pointed to the high neck shot and complimented the subject on making such a fine shot. The subject quickly replied that the "deer dropped right in its tracks". The subject was ticketed for the tagging violation and recreational trespass and the deer seized.

COs Gerard Goulette and Ivan Perez observed three subjects enter the woods carrying firearms, with only one of the subjects wearing hunters orange. Utilizing the fresh tracking snow, the COs were able to contact the hunters and address two of the subjects hunting without licenses and the hunter orange violations.

CO Dave Rodgers investigated a possible illegal deer complaint. CO Rodgers recovered two illegal deer that were taken after dark with a crossbow over a lighted bait pile. Two subjects admitted to illegally taking an eight point buck and a doe by shooting out an open window. Tickets were issued for the illegal deer.

CO Dave Rodgers located a tree blind overlooking a large bait pile that had fresh blood and spent 30.30 cal. rounds on the ground. CO Rodgers contacted the subject at his residence and obtained a confession of an illegally taken antlerless deer.

CO Dave Rodgers investigated a RAP shining complaint and talked with the registered owner of the vehicle, who was reportedly shining. Before leaving, CO Rodgers asked if there were any deer on the property and was informed that there was a processed doe out back and his friend's untagged buck in the garage. A call to the friend prompted the homeowner to confess to not tagging a buck he had shot.

CO Steve Orange worked a complaint of a subject attempting to have a commercial deer processor take in a deer harvested in Illinois in violation of the CWD control regulation prohibiting the importation of whole deer from CWD positive states. CO Orange seized the buck deer and determined that the animal was in violation and issued a ticket on the CWD control regulation. CO Orange observed that the buck was tagged with an antlerless license and that it appeared that the antlers were recently broken off. CO Orange is currently working with Illinois DNR on a possible illegal deer.

CO Chuck Towns responded to a 911 call when three hunters capsized a 12' boat along a remote section of the Kalamazoo River and used a cell phone to call for help. CO Towns used his jet boat with the assistance of the Allegan County Sheriff's Department to run the river after dark. The three hunters were located on an island where they had built a fire after getting out of the water. All three were safely transported off the river avoiding a cold overnight stay in wet clothing.

COs Mike Mshar, Chuck Towns, and Patrick McManus conducted an inspection of a deer processing facility in Allegan County and located eight animals with suspicious or improper tags. To date, follow up investigations have led to four tickets being issued for loaned or borrowed licenses or licenses being purchased after the animal was harvested.

CO Mike Mshar was conducting a processor inspection when a subject arrived with a large ten point buck for processing. The subject went on to describe to an employee how and when he bagged the ten point as CO Mshar listened to the story. Upon examination of the tag affixed to the deer, it was determined he had purchased his license after taking the deer on opening day. A ticket was issued for taking a deer without a license.

COs Mike Mshar, Chuck Towns, and Patrick McManus responded to a complaint of deer hunters conducting a drive within the Todd Farm Unit Refuge. After rounding up the subjects and conducting their investigation, they determined two deer had been killed in the refuge and two more had run outside during the drive. COs were able to issue multiple tickets, to include two illegal deer, hunting in the refuge, use of toxic shot and arrested one subject wanted on an outstanding warrant.

CO Gary Raak observed a subject bent over in a field working in the headlights gutting a deer. When he contacted the hunter he found the subject had taken a doe without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Jeff Goss responded to a RAP complaint that a subject had killed a trophy eight point buck with a rifle during the archery season in the shotgun only zone. CO Goss located the illegally taken buck in the subject's garage and the investigation showed that the animal was killed with a rifle and not archery equipment as the subject claimed. CO

Goss located a loaded .35 Remington rifle, a loaded .22 rifle and a crossbow in the subject's blind. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted two subjects who were field dressing a deer behind an ORV. Upon further investigation, CO Brewer located an uncased, loaded shotgun on the ORV and noted that the deer was untagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss contacted a subject who was illegally hunting from his motor vehicle with a loaded firearm. Further investigation revealed an untagged deer in the subject's barn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer assisted local deputies with a complaint about a subject hunting while intoxicated. While discussing the situation with the complainant, the subject drove by the officers. The subject was found to be driving and hunting while under the influence of liquor. Enforcement action was taken.

While working an illegal baiting complaint, CO Jason J. Smith and an agent with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) contacted four subjects afield. One subject admitted to placing the bait, one subject had no license in possession, one subject had never purchased a hunting license, and one subject was hunting with a rifle in the shotgun zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith responded to a complaint and located a juvenile subject hunting over bait, within the safety zone of a residence, without adult supervision, and without a license in possession. The father who was supposed to be supervising his juvenile son was found at a separate location violating the same laws. Enforcement action was taken.

Acting on a complaint, Sgt. Joe Kellam located two subjects with loaded firearms 30 minutes after legal shooting hours the day before the firearm deer season opened. The excuse of needing the loaded guns for "protection" was not validated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols watched two subjects put their loaded and uncased guns in the cab of the truck. The subjects got in the vehicle and began to drive away. CO Nickols stopped the vehicle and observed the following violations; operate a motor vehicle without a license (operator was 15 years of age); possess loaded/uncased firearms in motor vehicle; hunt without a license (the passenger was the 11 year old brother who could not legally hunt firearm deer); hunt without adult supervision; and tagging a deer with the license of another. The father of the juvenile subjects was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

On opening morning of firearm deer season, CO Damon Owens located two subjects with loaded firearms before hunting hours opened, illegally hunting over a gross amount of bait, and hunting without wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens responded to a recreational trespass complaint and contacted three subjects who were trespassing. One subject was afield with a firearm and no hunting license, while another subject was hunting with a handgun that was loaded with more than the legal number of rounds allowed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens contacted a subject who had his 4x4 truck stuck in a field with an untagged deer in the bed of the truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens contacted a subject who was hunting under the influence of a controlled substance. Enforcement action was taken.

During the firearm deer season, CO Damon Owens observed a large plume of dark smoke coming from a residence. Upon further investigation it was revealed that the homeowner was remodeling his house and decided to burn toxic materials including; drywall, paint cans, mattresses and metal chairs. Enforcement action was taken.

Three days before firearm deer season opened, CO Dan Prince contacted a subject who was hunting over more than 300 pounds of bait. The subject was also hunting with a 45-70 single shot rifle in the shotgun zone. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Dan Bigger contacted a subject sitting in a motor vehicle with the engine running and a loaded gun on the seat next to him. The subject stated he was getting ready to go out to his hunting blind when the COs pointed out that he did not possess any warm clothes for the weather. The subject admitted that he did not have a blind. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Dan Bigger observed a subject in full camouflage moving from tree to tree. Upon contact, the subject stated that he was just going for a walk in the woods, until the COs pointed out his firearm a few trees back. The subject admitted to hunting without a license and not wearing hunter orange while hunting over bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy contacted a father and son team who were sitting in their vehicle with the engine running overlooking a wooded area with uncased and loaded firearms on their laps. The operator/father had driven to the location on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Jeff Walker were following up on a baiting complaint when they observed a subject operating an ORV while carrying two uncased firearms. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Rich Nickols contacted two subjects who were still hunting over 40 minutes after hunting hours had ended. One of the subjects did not possess a valid deer hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Damon Owens investigated the theft of a subject's pop up hunting blind. The COs did not locate a stolen blind but they did locate an untagged four point buck. The subject stated that he was saving his unused kill tag for later in the season. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Damon Owens responded to a shots fired after hunting hours complaint. The offending subject stated he did not have a watch so he did not know what time shooting hours ended, but it didn't really matter as he used a spotlight to locate the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger responded to a complaint of two subjects trespassing while hunting but not wearing hunter orange clothing. When CO Bigger caught up to the subjects, he detected the odor of marijuana and located a bag of what appeared to be marijuana. Neither of the trespassers were wearing hunter orange or had hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While following up on a RAP complaint from before the firearm deer season, CO Dan Bigger contacted the subject at his residence and received a full confession. The subject confessed to shooting a buck with a .300 magnum rifle on November 9th and turned over the meat and antlers to CO Bigger. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy and PCO Jonathon Sklba received a RAP complaint that there were numerous untagged deer hanging in a barn. Upon arrival, the COs observed five deer hanging and four of the deer had unused kill tags still on the backings placed in the ears of the deer. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that the subjects were planning on reusing the kill tags later in the season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rick Villerot responded to a complaint of a raccoon bite. Upon investigation, it was revealed that a subject had taken a raccoon from the wild and was keeping it in captivity illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rick Villerot was patrolling and observed a barrel of a gun sticking out of the passenger side window of a pick up truck. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that occupants of the vehicle were road hunting with an uncased and loaded shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss assisted a Calhoun County deputy at the scene of a road hunting incident. The investigation revealed that a 30-30 rifle was used to kill a deer at night from a vehicle with a spotlight. The untagged deer was recovered as was the rifle and spotlight. All totaled there were 15 violations encountered by the officers. Enforcement action was taken.

While responding to a complaint, CO Jason J. Smith located a subject hunting from a tree stand that was overlooking bait, the hunter was not wearing hunter orange and did not have his license in possession. A second subject was also located hunting over bait in a ground blind and also not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted two subjects in a pick up truck and located the carcasses of two untagged deer. Further investigation revealed that the deer were shot on opening day and the licenses were purchased after the animals were killed. Two more deer were located at the subject's residence also illegally tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on a RAP complaint, CO Brad Brewer contacted a subject who stated that he had not taken any deer during the season. Further investigation revealed deer blood and hair in the subject's vehicle and in his garage. The subject confessed to killing a deer on opening day with out buying a license because he stated he didn't think he would be successful. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer received a complaint about hunters hunting without the required hunter orange. Further investigation revealed the subjects hunting without orange and an untagged deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith contacted occupants of an ORV who were not wearing helmets and were carrying four uncased guns on the ORV. Neither of the subjects had hunting licenses and one of them was carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Ennett contacted a group of four hunters coming out of the woods 30 minutes after hunting hours. Three of the four hunters had loaded firearms. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Walzak responded to information of a disabled vessel with three persons aboard, one adult and two young children, off the Lake Erie Metropark launch ramp. High winds had driven water away from the ramp area and the vessel was stuck in very shallow water with a dead motor. With the help of an angler at the ramp, CO Walzak was able to motor out to the disabled vessel and get a line to them. The vessel was pulled free and towed in to the launch ramp. The boater stated that the kids really wanted to go fishing. He also stated that he will think twice before going out in such weather again.

CO Lacelle Rabon received two RAP complaints about individuals feeding deer for viewing. CO Rabon spoke to each subject and explained why feeding deer has been banned. Both subjects removed the pumpkins and apples from their property. After a follow-up on these complaints and re-visiting the locations, the subject with the pumpkins replaced the feed with a salt lick and a bottle filled with corn. The second individual removed the apples from his property and placed pumpkins in a circular four foot high fence to keep the deer out. This investigation continues.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted a subject coming out of the woods after legal hunting hours. After checking the subject, CO Kieft found he did not have a hunting license. Later in the week, CO Kieft was following up on a baiting/no hunter orange complaint. He located the subject in a tree stand on state land and found it was the same person he had issued a ticket to four days earlier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kieft was checking a processor and found a deer that was tagged with a kill tag validated for November 15th. CO Kieft observed that the tag was purchased at 8:00 p.m. on November 15th. When CO Kieft interviewed the subject, he confessed that he shot the deer then went and bought the kill tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kieft responded to a complaint that a subject killed a deer and was heard saying, "I don't have my tag on me". Upon arrival, CO Kieft found the subject at his vehicle. The deer had been field dressed but had not been tagged. The subject removed a tag from his wallet and validated it after he was issued a ticket for fail to immediately attach a kill tag.

CO Todd Szyska issued a ticket to a dad who had his 14 year old son out duck hunting with him. He allowed the boy to shoot at ducks even though he did not have a hunting license. The boy and his father were chasing down a bluebill (scaup) cripple with their boat. CO Szyska watched the youth try for the scaup with the shotgun and when they saw the CO, the shotgun was hastily handed back to the father who finished off the bird. When the hunters came back in to their decoys, CO Szyska checked them and learned that the father did not buy the 14 year old a license and he had not taken a hunter safety class. Enforcement action was taken.

While on waterfowl patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Todd Szyska came across a group of Muskie boats. He approached a 26' vessel with eight rods out. Only the captain of the vessel was on board. The captain was surprised to see a CO out on the water in November. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Tom Wanless observed a vehicle parked along the road against the flow of traffic. As he approached the vehicle, the CO observed a subject dressed in camouflage in the brush next to the road. Contact was made with the subject who was checking a trap line. The subject did not have a valid license and enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler contacted a complainant who informed her of a subject attempting to hunt deer from a house with the aid of bait. CO Scheidler recognized the subject's name and responded to the location and found a pile of corn behind the house. She also found one of the windows in the house near the bait to be missing. The window had been replaced with a piece of wood with a hole cut in it. The subject became unruly and CO Scheidler requested assistance. When backup arrived, the two officers walked behind the house to find the window reinstalled and the subject cleaning up the bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a complaint of a subject hunting on Hunter Access Property (HAP) with a rifle. The complainant informed the CO that he'd gotten frost bite from watching the subject illegally hunt and had to go to the hospital. CO Scheidler set up on the subject and caught him without hunter orange and no HAP registration card. The "rifle" was actually a .410 shotgun with a scope. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher observed a vehicle parked across the road from an alfalfa field. The CO made contact with a subject in the vehicle and found an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. The subject stated he was eating lunch but wanted to be ready just in case.

CO Ben Lasher handled several recreational trespassing complaints. While patrolling along the railroad tracks, CO Lasher observed a group of hunters in a field. One of the subjects was operating an ORV which had a deer on it. CO Lasher made contact and found the doe was not tagged. The operator stated the tag must have fallen off. A few minutes later CO Lasher contact a few other hunters in the group and one of them produced an antlerless tag for the deer. The stories were conflicting and CO Lasher is investigating the incident for a possible illegally taken deer.

CO John Borkovich contacted a subject who was in possession of an untagged deer. The investigation revealed the subject was trespassing when he shot it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich followed up on a subject who had an untagged three point buck. After talking with the subject on the phone, the subject purchased a hunting license and was going to tag the deer with it. The subject admitted to hunting and taking the deer without a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich observed three deer hanging from a tree at a residence. They were all four point bucks and none of them were tagged. The CO contacted the homeowner, who admitted one of the deer was his and the other two were shot by two of his friends. He also admitted to shooting a spike during the archery season. A check revealed that the subject had a combination hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich responded to a recreational trespassing complaint. The complainant's neighbor was caught on the property hunting over approximately 500 pounds of corn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson responded to several recreational trespassing complaints. On one of the complaints, the subject used the excuse that he thought he was on state land. The caretaker told CO Schwiderson that he had kicked the subject off of the same property once before earlier this season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Jon Sklba were requested to assist local law enforcement on a traffic stop where there were some hunting violations. The COs confirmed the operator shot a button buck, which was untagged and in the trunk. The subject thought that the processor would help him tag it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach stopped a vehicle that was "slow rolling" for a traffic violation. He found three uncased firearms in the vehicle, including one which was next to the front seat passenger with the action open. Two of the occupants did not have valid hunting licenses. CO Kovach also stopped the ORV which was following behind the vehicle and had numerous violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While off duty, Sgt. Tom Wanless was out hunting when he heard a shot from an area where he found a subject baiting earlier in the year on adjacent property. Sgt. Wanless walked over to the blind and no one responded when he asked if anyone was inside. Thirty yards from the blind, Sgt. Wanless found a freshly shot doe. Sgt. Wanless contacted CO Linda Scheidler who had been working the illegal bait and asked her to respond. While waiting for CO Scheidler, Sgt. Wanless observed a subject with a light get out of the blind and walk to the deer. Sgt. Wanless contacted the subject who was surprised to see him. CO Scheidler arrived a short time later and enforcement action was taken.

CO Scheidler was requested to assist local law enforcement on a reckless discharge of a firearm investigation. The original complainant was using binoculars to watch a deer through her picture window when she heard a gun shot and her window broke. She then felt something hit her on the foot. Looking down she saw a bullet. The local police were able to catch the 16 and 17 year olds who were shooting at the deer the complainant was watching. The 16 year old admitted to shooting at the deer. He did not have a hunting license. A warrant is being sought.

CO Scheidler responded to a recreational trespass complaint where a subject shot a deer that went onto his neighbor's property and he retrieved it without permission. CO Scheidler followed the drag marks back to the subject's property and found the subject hunting in a pop-up blind. The subject admitted to trespassing. He was also hunting without a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ron Pinson inspected several meat processors in the St. Clair County area. At one processor, he found 17 deer with tagging violations. He will be following up on those deer. At another processor, he found two untagged deer that the owner claimed were highway killed deer. The subject stated the sheriff's department handled the car/deer crash and issued the permits for the deer. CO Pinson contacted the sheriff's department who did not have record of the incident. The subject admitted she did not have valid permits for the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher was testing out his new motor by responding to a deer baiting complaint on an island in Lake St. Clair. While en route he observed a subject in a small boat who had been waterfowl hunting. When the CO signaled for the subject to come to him, the subject started to unload his firearm. When CO Lasher contacted the subject, he inspected the firearm which had a slug stuck in the magazine. The subject had two firearms; one for waterfowl hunting and the other for deer hunting. Besides the slugs

and buckshot, the subject also had lead shot in his pocket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich and Sgt. Tom Wanless observed two subjects walking through a field dressed in camouflage carrying long guns. When one of the subjects was asked why they were not wearing hunter orange, he replied "I never wear orange on my property". One of the subjects did not have a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich and Sgt. Tom Wanless observed a Polaris Ranger pull out on to the road from a field, drive a short distance down the road and turn into a driveway. As the operator got out of the Ranger he looked at the COs as they were driving up the driveway. He ran back and got inside the Ranger then came back out. Upon contact, the COs observed an uncased shotgun in the Ranger. While questioning the subject, he admitted the gun was loaded until he saw the COs. The subject had shot a deer and failed to tag it. The COs observed blood in the back of the Ranger and were told the subject had hauled two deer for his neighbor. Following up on information, the COs contacted the neighbor who had two untagged deer hanging in his backyard. This subject admitted to shooting both deer; however, he only had one license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling, CO John Borkovich observed a deer head in a garage where a subject was standing. CO Borkovich contacted the subject and found the deer was not tagged. The subject stated he did not want to tag the deer because over the counter antlerless licenses were sold out for his area and he wanted to hunt during the muzzleloading season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Al Schwiderson and Linda Scheidler contacted two subjects on private property who were hunting over large bait piles. The subjects stated they did not think they would be checked because their hunting blinds were so far off the road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and Sgt. Tom Wanless responded to a recreational trespassing complaint. The complainant stated the subject shot a deer on the complainant's property. The COs determined the subjects were trespassing and will be seeking a warrant. While the COs were investigating the complaint, they observed a subject in camouflage with a rifle attempting to quickly leave the area. Sgt. Wanless contacted the subject who was a 14 year old with a .22 rim fire rifle and no supervision. The juvenile did not have a hunting license and had not taken hunter safety. The COs will be following up with the parents of the subject this week.

On Thanksgiving Day, CO Mark Ennett observed a hunter sitting under a tree wearing a lot of hunter orange. Next to hunter was a person sitting wearing all camouflage clothing. CO Ennett contacted the hunters and informed the one hunter of the orange violation, and he came up with several reasons why he was not wearing any orange. He was wearing an orange fanny pack; he was sitting next to his cousin and thought

that was okay; he did not think the orange rule applied to private property; it was expensive enough as it was without having to buy more equipment; his grandmother said he did not need to wear orange on her property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett contacted a hunter on private property who had decided to ride the railroad tracks on his ORV all the way from Lenawee County until he found a suitable place to hunt. He had no permission and did not know who owned the land. He had no helmet and the ORV was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett came across a small game hunter on the railroad tracks just outside of Monroe. He claimed he was hunting adjacent private property, but did not know who owned it and did not have permission. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Walzak assisted CO Linda Scheidler with the interview of a subject for taking deer in Illinois and importing them to Michigan without first de-boning the meat. The subject was cooperative and agreed to be interviewed. He freely admitted to bringing the deer back to Michigan stating that de-boning the meat never occurred to him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft and Sgt. Arthur Green investigated a baiting / trespass complaint in northern Oakland County. The COs found the bait along with some blood and tracked footprints and sled marks to a nearby house. The subject was not home. A few hours later, the complainant called Sgt. Green and reported the subject had returned. CO Kieft responded and enforcement action was taken.

While following up on a baiting complaint, CO Brandon Kieft contacted a subject who repeatedly denied being the one who hunted over the bait. He was, however, in possession of an uncased .410 bolt action shotgun in a motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on a complaint, CO Brandon Kieft contacted a hunter wearing no hunter orange and hunting over a bait pile. When asked if he was hunting alone, he stated, "No, I have my son with me too." The youth, hunting under an apprentice license, was not within sight or sound of his father and was also hunting over a bait pile. After further investigation, it was determined that the father had not taken hunter's safety either. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft observed two hunters with flashlights loading up a large rope near a vehicle on private property in Oakland County. As CO Kieft approached the vehicle, he observed blood, but didn't see any deer. CO Kieft then located a six point buck in the back of the hunter's vehicle. After discovering the deer, one of the hunters said "Oh....I was just getting ready to tag him." Further investigation revealed the two hunters had dragged the deer up a steep hill; field dressed it in the woods, and then loaded it into the vehicle without a tag attached. When asked why they didn't tag the deer earlier, they stated that they "forgot." A further search of their vehicle revealed two loaded firearms. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was conducting a shining patrol in an undeveloped subdivision in Oakland County where he has received numerous trespass complaints. CO Shively had parked his patrol vehicle back into the wood line off a trail when a vehicle entered the area and exited the road onto the trail in front of CO Shively. CO Shively activated his emergency lights and the vehicle proceeded down the trail and over a steep hill before stopping. CO Shively contacted the driver and located an open container of beer spilled onto the floor and a full 30 pack of beer. The subject stated he saw the no trespassing signs but wanted to blow off some steam and drink some beer. Enforcement action was taken.

Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler and CO Ben Shively stopped a pickup truck in the Bald Mountain Recreation Area with two hunters riding on the bed rails of the truck. Once the vehicle stopped, the rear passenger inside the vehicle was seen making quick movements. Upon contact with the five occupants, a loaded and uncased 12 gauge shotgun was located next to the rear passenger which he had covered up with a hunter orange vest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively responded to a baiting complaint and located shelled corn spread behind a house near a ladder stand in an area closed to hunting. CO Shively was unable to make contact with anyone. Upon returning the next day, CO Shively found ten gallons of sugar beets that had been spread in the back yard since the previous day. Contact was made with the homeowner and enforcement action was taken.

On Thanksgiving Day, CO Kris Kiel contacted a subject who was hunting over a half of a pickup truck load of sugar beets and a few carrots. The subject said he knew he couldn't bait but didn't know how to hunt without it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel was watching a boat launch for duck hunters and watched as a subject unloaded his shotgun at the dock. After making contact, the subject admitted driving across Lake St. Clair with the firearm loaded. He also had an unsigned federal stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mark Papineau checked a deer processor and found five untagged deer brought in by four different hunters. The processor admitted that they were never tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska contacted an individual who was duck hunting with his 15 year old nephew. The subjects were in possession of five bluebills (scaup); the limit is one per person. CO Szyska asked them if they had a hunting guide and they stated they did, so he opened it up and explained the law to them. Enforcement action was taken.

On the last day of firearm deer season, Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Todd Szyska were on patrol in Armada Township when they contacted a hunter walking on the road with a loaded firearm. When asked for his hunting license, he produced an antlerless deer license. The license was not his and belonged to a subject CO Szyska had previously

issued tickets to for taking a buck during the early antlerless season earlier this year. Contact was also made with the proper owner of the deer tag. Enforcement action was taken.