

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

CO Brian Bacon contacted two separate subjects cutting firewood in Dickinson County. Both individuals failed to obtain the required firewood permit, one was in possession of an uncased/loaded shotgun and one had open intoxicants in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett Gustafson stopped two landowners in the Matchwood area shining on the 13th of November from a Ranger ORV. The passenger had a .22 hornet with him in the cab. The subjects were arrested for shining with a weapon.

CO Brett Gustafson and Sgt. Steven Burton issued several tickets on opening day, including loaded guns on ORVs, hunting with a license, illegal tree stands and unregistered ORVs. One warning was also given for too much bait.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy, along with COs David Painter and Jason Wicklund, assisted the US Forest Service with several problem areas in the Ottawa National Forest. Among the many violations were several dozen illegal stands, litter, illegal operation of ORVs, illegal cutting of timber, and over limits of bait. The COs also obtained a confession to an illegal deer shot from one of the stands.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to a 911 call from a hunter who had fallen from a tree stand. The CO was quickly able to locate the individual and assist the paramedics and search and rescue with the recovery. The hunter sustained two broken legs in the fall due to a faulty safety harness.

CO Dave Painter stopped to check a tent camp in remote Iron County. An odor of marijuana was noted and two baggies of marijuana along with illegal prescription pills were found and seized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter tracked down two persons responsible for two large bait piles. One subject was very familiar to CO Painter as he was ticketed last year for the same offense. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon ticketed an individual who had started his deer bait in early September.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a hunter who had driven his ORV through a wetland. The subject had also cut numerous trees for a shooting lane. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho ticketed three individuals on opening day of deer season for having loaded or uncased firearms in a motor vehicle.

CO Ryan Aho finished an investigation from earlier this fall. A confession was obtained from a subject who was observed trying to shoot a grouse from the window of his truck. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Marv Gerlach and Terry Short contacted subjects at a camp during the deer season opener and discovered that four of the hunters were hunting without licenses. They also seized an untagged deer that one of the hunters had shot.

CO Jason Niemi was contacted by a conservation officer from Montana. A Michigan resident had picked up a road killed elk with a 7x 8 rack despite being told not to by a passing motorist. CO Niemi was able to interview the subject and retrieve the antlers. The subject will have to make an appearance in a Montana court for picking up road kill without a permit.

COs Mark Leadman and Sgt. Pete Wright walked two miles into a remote camp the night before the deer season opener. Baiting and blind violations were addressed. Two of the campers were also arrested for hunting deer prior to the opener when they returned to camp on their quads with loaded deer rifles.

CO Jason Niemi and Sgt. Pete Wright investigated an untagged deer violation that a MSP trooper discovered when he stopped a truck after dark for no taillights. There were two deer in the bed of the truck with a third untagged buck hidden under the toolbox and bags of corn. The subject admitted to shooting a six point on the opener. He then shot a four point the next day and didn't want to put a tag on it, as it was supposed to be an eight point. A ticket was issued.

CO Jason Niemi received a complaint that a subject had illegally shot a nine point buck a month earlier during the bow season. A follow up interview revealed that the subject had shot the deer in the evening and bought a license the next day. A ticket was issued.

CO Jason Niemi and Sgt. Pete Wright contacted a subject hunting at a location with a very large amount of bait. The subject stated he didn't place the bait but that a couple of odd persons had showed up at daylight and tossed it out to mess with him. When asked to explain the empty bait bags in his truck, he explained that he had picked up their litter. He finally confessed that it was his bait and produced 10 different resident kill tags that he had purchased using his Michigan ID card. His problems were further enhanced when the COs discovered that he was an Illinois resident. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Derek Miller received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of a deer shot from a motor vehicle. CO Miller responded to the scene, collected evidence and found a freshly shot doe lying in the field. CO Miller and a local deputy interviewed subjects a short time later who confessed to shining and shooting the deer from the vehicle. Charges for recreational trespass and illegally taking a deer are being sought.

COs Derek Miller and Mike Hammill contacted two individuals who were hunting deer the evening before the opener. Both were hunting out of season and using excessive amounts of bait. Tickets were written to each hunter.

CO Kellie Nightlinger contacted a subject who was hunting without his deer license in possession. CO Nightlinger ran a file and found the individual had his licenses but he was also a felon in possession of a firearm. The subject's firearm was seized and he was lodged at the Mackinac County jail.

CO Kevin Postma was on patrol and observed a shiner driving down the road on an ORV. CO Postma pulled out behind the ORV that had no working lights and no ORV license. CO Postma contacted the occupants and found the driver didn't have a helmet and the passenger had an old helmet with a spotlight taped to the top of it. A ticket was issued for shining deer during November and multiple verbal warnings were given for ORV infractions.

CO Kevin Postma and Sgt. Greg Drogowski observed a truck driving erratically and at high speed and turn onto a two-track. CO Postma followed the vehicle for a short distance before activating his emergency lights. Upon contacting the driver he was asked if the gun in the truck bed was unloaded, and he stated "the one in the back is". A loaded .44 magnum revolver was found hidden beneath a towel on the front seat next to the driver. The shotgun in the bed of the truck was also fully loaded and the safety was off. He was also in possession of marijuana and prescription drugs belonging to another. The firearms and drugs were seized and warrants are being sought.

COs Gerald Thayer and Kevin Postma contacted a husband and wife hunting on Neebish Island who were acting very nervous. The COs found a deer with the wife's tag on it. CO Postma interviewed the two hunters and received a confession that the husband was doing the shooting and his wife was using her kill tags on the deer once the husband shot them. Tickets were issued for the tagging violation and an excessive amount of bait.

CO Kyle Publiski and Chief Gary Hagler were working the Drummond Island area on the opening day of deer season. Upon following an illegal ORV trail to an illegal blind, CO Publiski checked a hunter who was not wearing hunter orange. When the hunter was asked to produce his hunting license his pistol fell out of a bag that was sitting next to him. Both CO Publiski and Chief Hagler made sure

the hunter didn't have any ill intentions with the pistol and checked his CPL permit. Tickets were issued for no hunter orange and the ORV violation.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon responded to a complaint of a shot fired at 12:30 a.m. in Delta County. At the scene he found a dead buck that had been shot through the shoulders, and was found near the yard of the subject, who denied involvement. The deer was seized and given to a needy family. Evidence was obtained at the scene and a report submitted for prosecution.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon checked an illegal blind prior to deer season and found excessive amounts of bait at the site. He checked the inside of the blind, and while there, the person who placed the blind and the bait came to the site and put additional bait on the pile. As the subject approached the blind, CO Fitzgibbon contacted him. Violations included carrying passengers on an ORV, no helmet while operating an ORV, operation in prohibited area, placement of an illegal blind and excessive amount of bait. A ticket was issued as were several warnings.

Sgt. Darryl Shann responded to a complaint of a dog caught in a coyote trap. The dog had dragged the trap onto the complainant's property. The dog was injured, but no bones were broken. After checking the trap and locating the owner, it was found to be a legal trap. The complainant was advised about the leash law. The trap was returned to the owner.

CO John Wenzel and Sgt. Darryl Shann, working under the plane during a bait flight, contacted a camp owner who had excessive amounts of bait/feed placed near the camp. The pile of pumpkins was set in front of a flood light on a direct line of sight from the side window of the camp. A ticket was issued for excessive deer feed.

CO John Wenzel and Sgt. Darryl Shann contacted a subject on state land with a truckload of pine boughs. When asked where they had been cut from, the driver of the vehicle stated the boughs were from somewhere else. A very brief check of the surrounding area found fresh signs of boughs having been cut. A ticket was issued for possession of boughs without a permit.

CO John Wenzel, just prior to the firearm opener, contacted a subject with a loaded shotgun on an ORV and issued a ticket. On opening day, he again contacted the same subject in an illegal blind and hunting over an excessive amount of bait. A ticket was issued for the bait, and a warning was given regarding the illegal blind.

CO Robert Crisp and Sgt. Darryl Shann contacted three subjects in blinds on public land that had been left out all year. Their excuse was that with the early snow last year, they were unable to remove the blinds. One of the subjects lived less than two miles away and had all summer to remove the blind. Tickets were

issued and a deadline was given to remove the blinds this year, regardless of weather. All the blinds were a very short distance from the two track road they drove in on.

DISTRICT 3

COs Carl Vanderwall, Andrea Albert, Duane Budreau, Andrea Erratt, Steve Speigl and Sgt. Jim Gorno participated in a shining flight before firearm deer season ticketed four subjects for shining and/or weapons violations.

CO Andrea Albert watched a duck hunter attempt to call and shoot ducks while motoring down a channel in an Antrim County waterway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert checked a firearm deer hunter on opening day. The hunter exhibited suspicious behavior and smelled of burnt marijuana. He was subsequently arrested for hunting under the influence of drugs. CO Albert also ticketed subjects for baiting and not wearing hunter orange.

CO Carl Vanderwall stopped a vehicle whose occupants were shining deer in November. Upon stopping the vehicle a 30.06 rifle was located and two subjects ticketed. The story goes that they were looking for their dog...with a rifle.

CO Steve Speigl was called to assist local deputies who had pulled over a vehicle with an untagged deer at 2:00 a.m. Further investigation revealed that the deer was shot in the eye with a 17 cal. HMR rifle at night over a bait pile. The subject was arrested and the rifle seized.

CO Steve Speigl was checking an oversized permanent illegal blind on state land. During his approach the hunter who was occupying the blind met CO Speigl at the door with driver's license in hand and asked that he leave the ticket in his truck so he could continue hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Duane Budreau sifted through ten bags of litter on state land to find some names. His investigation required contacting three different people in two counties. Eventually CO Budreau ticketed a subject who broke into tears over the incident.

CO Duane Budreau ticketed four subjects hunting over bait in Emmet County. One subject was ticketed for a bait violation on the same day 10 years earlier.

Sgt. Jim Gorno checked a hunter dragging an untagged spikehorn buck back to his truck. A quick license check revealed that the hunter had only purchased two antlerless deer tags and had no license for the buck. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling for shiners, CO Andrea Erratt and retired Lt. Walt Mikula observed a car make a u-turn and shine a field next to them. The subjects watched an eight point buck and a doe with the headlights of their vehicle until the deer ran out of the field. CO Erratt stopped the vehicle and ticketed the individuals for shining during November.

On opening day of firearm season, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County ticketed four individuals for hunting from illegal ground blinds on state land. The hunters in the blinds were warned for hunting over bait and driving their ORVs cross country on state land while riding double with no helmets or ORV licenses.

CO Andrea Erratt and Sgt. Jim Gorno checked a landowner hunting behind his house over carrots and a salt block. He said he did not know who put the bait out, but decided to hunt over it. He was ticketed for hunting over bait.

CO Andrea Erratt and Sgt. Jim Gorno received a safety zone complaint and checked several hunters exiting a field. One hunter said his 11 year old grandson was hunting with his rifle. CO Erratt explained that the 11 year old was too young to hunt with a rifle and ticketed the man for possessing his rifle during firearm deer season without a license.

CO Mike Feagan received a vague complaint regarding shots heard and a deer carcass found. CO Feagan, with assistance from CO Matt Theunick, was able to identify an individual who was found processing a freshly killed deer. The subject had no deer licenses and also admitted to taking the deer from the original complaint. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Stowe responded to a complaint of a deer shot with a firearm and found a house under bank repossession. The rear bedroom of the house had been converted to a hunting blind, with a shooting rest on the window ledge and bait piles in front of each window. CO Stowe seized a gun shot deer and two loaded firearms from the house. The investigation continues.

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint of a possible elk carcass dumped near Mackinaw City. CO Theunick responded to find only a rib cage, spine and leg. DNA has been submitted for analysis and the investigation continues.

While working an area that had received multiple shining complaints throughout the fall, CO Matt Theunick was able to contact a vehicle shining the complainant's field. Tickets were issued for shining during November.

CO Mike Feagan had a busy opening day of the firearm deer season, working problem areas that were identified throughout the fall. Various tickets were issued for illegal deer bait, illegal ORV use, illegal blinds, and illegal cutting of forest products.

CO Eric Bottorff received a complaint prior to firearm deer season regarding a subject with seven prior resource-related convictions. CO Bottorff worked the area on opening day and contacted an unsupervised juvenile who was with the subject. When questioned, the subject also admitted to placing the deer bait at the unsupervised youth's blind. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick continued to work on curbing illegal use of the "rail trails" in Cheboygan County. Their first two stops of vehicles operating illegally on the trail resulted in tickets for a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and an antlerless deer taken in a county with no antlerless permits.

COs Rich Stowe and Craig Milkowski responded to a complaint of an elk shot in Presque Isle County on the firearm deer opener. They responded at dusk along with COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick to find a wounded elk, which was dispatched and salvaged for donation. Investigation of the elk, which had been shot three times, led into the following morning. The COs were able to identify the shooter, who was back in his blind hunting the following morning. The subject stated they had lost light the previous evening and he was just about to get back on the blood trail of the "deer" he had shot the previous afternoon. The 26 year old first time hunter had apparently failed to properly identify his target as being a whitetail deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joe Molnar contacted an archery deer hunter in a tree stand on state land without his name and address and who could not produce his hunting license. Further investigation revealed he used his restricted combination license on a six point in violation and produced his regular archery tag. Enforcement action was taken. CO Molnar also wrote individuals at a hunting camp who put a bird feeder within 20 yards of a deer hunting blind. The feeder was about 18 inches off the ground.

CO Mark DePew received a complaint of a hunter who had shot a deer the week before the opening of the firearm deer season. The subject's vehicle was identified as well as the area where the deer was shot. The subject was apprehended and the deer was located hanging in his garage and already skinned out. CO DePew was assisted by Sgt. Chris Morris, a written confession was obtained, and the deer and the 30-30 rifle used were seized for condemnation.

COs Joe Molnar and Bill Webster worked together and checked a youngster hunting unsupervised over bait. After locating the father, also hunting over bait, the COs interviewed them regarding their hunting success. The son shot a buck and then bought his deer hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster ticketed a hunter who just happened to be dumping his bait as the CO watched from behind some brush. The hunter was also operating an ORV on state land in a closed area. CO Webster wrote several hunters who

were using ORVs to reach their blinds on state land. Most of these hunters also were in illegal tree stands or illegal blinds, while others were hunting over bait.

CO Kelly Ross stated the highlight of the deer season for him was assisting an amputee on opening weekend of the firearm deer season. CO Ross, along with another hunter, tracked the five point buck shot by the amputee through some knee deep water. Then they dragged it out for the successful hunter. The amputee, on crutches with one leg, stated he lives for deer hunting and was so pleased and was very emotional.

CO Mark DePew and Sgt. Chris Morris worked together on opening day and wrote several tickets for hunting over bait in a closed county. Other violations were encountered including one hunter who transported his firearm uncased on his ORV on state land in a closed area, without a helmet, hunting over bait, and in a blind without his required name and address. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew and Sgt. Chris Morris received a tip about a deer hunter who had a warrant out for his arrest for taking a deer out of season with a firearm. The information indicated the subject was supposed to be hunting opening day in the Gaylord area without a license. On opening morning the subject's camp was visited and CO DePew located the subject still in bed. Sgt. Morris located seven hunters and explained the situation and enough money was collected for the subject's bond.

DISTRICT 4

COs Brad Dohm, Steve Huff, Sean Kehoe, Sam Koscinski, Justin Vanderlinde and Acting Sgt Mike Borkovich worked pre-deer season baiting surveillance flights in Benzie, Grand Traverse and Wexford Counties and found 31 illegal baiting sites. By the evening of opening day, 23 individuals were ticketed with several pending investigations underway. One of the sites had several hundred pounds of shelled corn sprinkled into green food plots while another had over 1,000 pounds of pumpkins at one location.

COs Jair Kollasch and Sam Koscinski are working with local deputies on the investigation of an accidental shooting of a bow hunter as he entered his vehicle. A centerfire rifle bullet struck him in the shoulder as a result of two men who were target practicing nearby. The man is in critical condition at a Grand Rapids hospital.

CO Sam Koscinski apprehended a subject who was hunting illegally with a crossbow, failed to purchase a hunting license, failed to tag a deer after killing and had two valid misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. The subject was lodged in the Wexford County jail.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Corporal Brad Dohm had a busy deer opener in Benzie County. The pair had a total of 16 baiting complaints, made 15 arrests, caught subjects without hunting licenses, hunters borrowing and loaning kill tags, transporting an untagged deer and also had a marijuana narcotics arrest.

CO Angela Greenway and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth received a complaint about a shot heard the previous night and the existence of a deer hanging at a nearby residence. The COs responded, were given permission to inspect the deer and determined that the animal was killed by a firearm. Several persons were interviewed and the person who shot the deer ultimately confessed and turned over the firearm that was used.

CO Angela Greenway and Sgt Kevin Hackworth received a complaint from an off duty deputy who was hunting and detained two persons who illegally shot two antlerless deer near his hunting blind. The two subjects admitted to driving by the location and shooting at the deer. Neither had an antlerless license. One of the subjects admitted they normally shoot antlerless deer every year whether they get tags for them or not.

CO Jim Espinoza responded to a Mason County property after receiving a complaint from the landowner that a person who he had previously kicked off of the property had returned, left bait near his blind and was once again hunting. When the subject saw CO Espinoza he began running to his vehicle. A foot pursuit followed and the subject escaped. A local Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper was familiar with the subject and helped CO Espinoza locate him at a relative's residence. The subject gave himself up and was ticketed for the violations.

CO Jim Espinoza received a call from a local deputy reference an ORV/utility vehicle that he had stopped for illegally operating on the roadway. The persons on the ORV had an uncased firearm and were sitting on two untagged deer. CO Espinoza responded to the location and ticketed the subjects for the tagging violations and the uncased firearm.

CO Jim Espinoza was revisiting an illegal baiting site when he encountered two teenagers hunting. Neither of the two had kill tags, so he followed them to a nearby residence. On the way, he contacted another subject hunting without a license. While at the residence, he inquired about the bait that was placed on the property and located the person responsible. Tickets were issued.

CO Mike Wells, Newaygo County, responded to a complaint of an illegal deer where a 10 point buck was tagged by a female subject, but was actually killed by the female's father. The investigation also revealed that the father did not purchase a license and that the family possessed nine illegally obtained antlerless permits.

CO Mike Wells, Newaygo County, responded to a complaint of baiting and found that a subject had a trailer full of turnips and a baited blind. CO Wells wasn't able to make contact with anyone at the residence at that time, and went back later only to find the trailer gone. He followed the tracks and found a subject feeding the neighbor's horses the turnips. He approached the individual and told him that he knew the turnips were not intended for horse feed, and told him he was aware of the deer bait already at the stands. The subject admitted that he was baiting and said he spotted the CO earlier and was just trying to get rid of the feed before getting caught. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells located a juvenile operating an ORV unsupervised on a county roadway with no helmet. CO Wells followed the juvenile back to a deer camp where he drove past two baited blinds. While CO Wells was there, he discovered an untagged six point buck and an untagged doe. The owner had killed the six point with a crossbow on the day before the firearm opener and failed to tag it, and was also in possession of two illegally obtained antlerless tags. The doe was taken by a second subject at camp but that subject was from out of state and hadn't purchased any deer licenses for 2009.

CO Jeff Ginn, Newaygo County, was on routine patrol when he saw flames behind a residence. CO Ginn stopped to see what was burning and found the deck attached to the residence on fire. CO Ginn was able to put out the fire before the residents even knew what was going on. It was concluded that the owner had put ashes from a wood stove in his back yard and that started the fire.

CO Troy VanGelderren, Oceana County, made a traffic stop for shining in November and found a .22 rifle in the back seat. There were several subjects in the car and one had been arrested last year for taking a deer with an artificial light. CO VanGelderren seized the weapon and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel, Mecosta County, got a call of gunshots after dark during the week before the firearm opener. The caller advised that 10 minutes after hearing shots coming from a neighboring residence they saw a flashlight in the woods. CO Lebel responded and found a car leaving that location. The vehicle was stopped and CO Lebel found antlers and a deer leg in the car. The female driver stated that her boyfriend had taken the deer the week prior. Further investigation revealed that the boyfriend had taken a deer with a gun a week prior to the opener, and that another deer was killed with a rifle that night by a second subject. Two illegal deer were seized as well as a firearm and enforcement action is being taken.

CO Michael Bomay, Mecosta County, was called to a suspicious situation where a subject had been spotted walking on a roadway after dark and that there was also a large amount of blood in the road. CO Bomay found a subject who was using a cross bow to hunt after dark and that he had taken a deer after hours. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Bomay responded to a baiting complaint where the subject was hunting over two truckloads of beets. CO Bomay checked the subject for prior offenses and found that the subject had been arrested for two previous baiting violations. Enforcement action was taken this time as well.

CO Michael Bomay responded to a trespass complaint in Mecosta County and contacted a subject about the violation. While investigating, it was discovered that the subject had taken a small buck and had tagged it with his girlfriend's archery tag, and also had not validated it. CO Bomay found that a second buck with less than four points on one side was also taken and tagged with the restricted license.

A subject arrested by CO Carla Soper in late October on a warrant for recreation trespass and possessing a loaded gun in a motor vehicle was found hunting over a bait pile in Manistee County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper investigated a baiting complaint on opening day and visited several blinds on a 40 acre parcel. CO Soper found three subjects baiting deer, three subjects hunting without licenses, two untagged deer, and one subject hunting without orange. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO William Cherry contacted a hunter who told the CO that a hunter at his camp had shot a deer earlier opening morning. The CO gave the hunter a ride back to his camp and while en route, the subject began texting. When CO Cherry arrived at the camp, he asked the other hunters about the deer and was told there was no deer. CO Cherry specifically asked for the hunter who had shot the deer. The subject finally admitted to shooting a deer four hours earlier. The deer had been hidden and the subject had not tagged it. While at the camp, Lt. Grey contacted a hunter who turned around and started to walk away when he saw the COs. The subject had no kill tags with him and stated they were at his vehicle which was parked at his residence.

CO Bobbi Lively contacted a hunter at a gas station who had a buck on his vehicle. The subject stated he shot the deer at 8:00 a.m. opening morning and gave the details of the hunt. CO Lively saw that the kill tag had been purchased an hour after the subject said he shot the deer. The subject admitted hunting without a license that morning and when he bought his license, purchased more than allowed.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz responded to a baiting complaint and located a deer tagged with the wrong kill tag and a second deer that was untagged. CO Liestenfeltz also found two subjects hunting over bait, one of whom had no license.

CO Bobbi Lively was contacted about a seven point buck that had been found dead alongside a road. CO Lively found the deer and saw that it had been killed with a bow and arrow. She loaded up the deer and checked the area. CO Lively contacted several subjects about ¼ mile away who told her a guy at their camp had shot the deer that morning. At the camp, she contacted the hunter who showed her a 30 foot high blind from which he said he had shot the deer. The blind had no ladder and he said the deer was 20 feet from the base of the blind when he shot it. The wound on the deer indicated a shot from ground level. Also, behind the cabin was a bait pile with fresh blood on it. The subject finally admitted he had shot the deer late the night before over the bait pile.

CO Chuck McPherson contacted two waterfowl hunters at an access site who were vague when asked if they had taken any ducks. CO McPherson could see blood in the bottom of the boat and located an overlimit of redheads.

CO McPherson contacted a juvenile hunter in a blind alongside a county road on a curve where his only shot would be down the road. The adult who was supposed to be hunting with him was located hunting over a ½ mile away.

CO Bobbi Lively and a US Forest Service officer went into a location where several illegal blinds had been baited. The officers separated and contacted hunters at the different baited sites. While contacting one hunter, the USFS officer saw two subjects running away from a nearby blind. The officer told the first subject to stay and caught up with the two but, when he returned, the first hunter had also fled. That subject's firearm was located and his identification obtained from his hunting partners. The subject later turned himself in to the sheriff's department. The individual was a nonresident hunting over bait without a license, and admitted to hunting in Michigan for the last five years without purchasing a license.

CO John Huspen received information that illegal wood cutting was going on in several locations during the fall. CO Huspen was able to contact three subjects who were cutting standing trees in a closed area without a permit. CO Huspen was also contacted on a separate occasion by CO Mark Papineau who had observed a subject taking standing trees. That subject was also cutting in a closed area without a permit.

CO John Huspen contacted several subjects driving slowly down a two-track in a remote area late at night during the five day period prior to the opening of firearm deer season. The subjects had shotguns with slugs, were drinking beer, and admitted to having just smoked marijuana.

CO John Huspen stopped a subject using his vehicle headlights to look for deer in a remote area of state land. The subject had come from hunting, stopped at a residence and had a few beers and had his hunting rifle along with some marijuana in the vehicle.

Last month, CO Brian Engelhard received information from an MSP trooper who had stopped an individual transporting a truckload of suspected deer feed. A few days later, CO Engelhard received a complaint that deer feeding was occurring on the property owned by the individual who had been stopped by the trooper. With the assistance of CO Warren MacNeill, the COs identified four bait piles consisting of mineral blocks, sugar beets, and shelled corn. Total quantity was several pickup truck loads. The subject was issued a ticket for bait/feed second offense and is scheduled for arraignment before the district court judge.

CO Steve Lockwood stopped a car at 2:00 a.m. whose occupants were shining. When CO Lockwood reached the driver's window, he could see an uncased .22 mag rifle that the passenger had just unloaded when he was stopped. The subjects stated that was the second time in their lives they had ever shined and had a gun with them and they would never do it again after being scared by CO Lockwood.

COs Steve Lockwood and Joel Lundberg responded to a complaint from a meat processor who had processed a deer that he thought was taken with a firearm. The investigation proved that it was not a gunshot deer. However, it did lead to two subjects who had loaned and borrowed a license. One subject shot the deer with a bow and tagged it with the other subject's license.

CO Brian Olsen was checking a bow stand at the end of hunting hours when he heard the subject coming out of the woods. CO Olsen waited for the subject, who turned and ran back into the woods when he spotted him. The CO followed and caught up a short distance later. A quick look around produced a .12 gauge shotgun and the subject confessed to hunting deer with a firearm prior to season.

CO Becky Hopkins took a complaint of two subjects taking several fish overnight on the pier. She obtained a vehicle description and possible location of the subjects. CO Hopkins located the vehicle parked at a residence and contacted the subjects who were sleeping after being up all night fishing. The subjects showed the CO two coolers full of fish and it was determined they had 19 whitefish over limit.

CO Tami Pullen stopped a vehicle and discovered an uncased bow inside. Further investigation revealed the driver was an Ohio resident who had purchased Michigan resident hunting licenses.

CO Tami Pullen checked two deer hunters in the morning who had already killed two antlerless deer. After talking with the hunters and checking the tags, she discovered they had filled their antlerless licenses outside the DMUs where the tags were valid. The subjects then purchased additional licenses and were trying to fill them when she made contact.

CO Jason McCullough located two subjects the night before the firearm deer opener who were starting the firearm season early. They were both hunting with rifles, without hunter orange, and over illegal bait piles. One of the subjects confessed to killing three deer in the last three years and not purchasing hunting licenses in the last seven years. Tickets were issued and warrants are being sought.

DISTRICT 6

CO Jay Person walked into an illegal blind and found the subject sitting in his stand with no hunter orange, the site was baited, there was no identification on the tree stand, and the subject had cut numerous trees for a shooting lane. Some of the trees were up to eight inches in diameter. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person was called to the scene of a field fire. The subject was burning illegal material in 30 mph winds when the fire escaped his control. The fire burned out into a semi cut corn field just missing the standing corn that still needed to be harvested. Enforcement action was taken.

While returning from checking a baiting complaint, CO Jay Person stopped to speak with an adjacent landowner and advise him that he would be out of the area shortly. Upon making contact, the CO found him not to be wearing hunter orange and hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Foerster and Dan Lee were checking a state game area for waterfowl activity and contacted two hunters in a blind. One hunter had put his shotgun in its case when he saw the COs approaching. When asked why he was no longer hunting, the subject said he had forgotten his licenses at home so he was not hunting. Besides not having his licenses on him, the shotgun was also unplugged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling the Saginaw County area when he came across a bow hunter with a freshly killed six point buck. While the CO attempted to compare the subject's driver's license with the kill tag attached, the subject apologized for using another person's tag on the deer. Not only did the subject use another's tag, he used the wrong half of the combination license and it was not validated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was contacted by a local deputy in reference to a possible illegal deer. During the investigation the CO found the subject had shot a deer from a friend's car late one night over the headlights. The CO also located a stolen street sign from the trunk of the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO Nick Atkin witnessed heavy black smoke rising from the back of a residence. The CO contacted two individuals burning a table, chairs, and

tires. Enforcement action was taken.

While investigating a complaint CO Nick Atkin located bait on the property of a local hunt club. After questioning the club about the bait, the club owner stated they were all baiting. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly checked an angler on the Bad River in an area where complaints had been received of a subject taking overlimits of panfish. As the Sgt. approached, the subject grabbed his five gallon bucket and started to dump the contents back into the river. The Sgt. ordered the subject to put the bucket down, which he did. There were still 98 panfish in the bucket. Enforcement action was taken.

During a late night group patrol on the evening before the deer opener, Sgt. Ron Kimmerly observed a vehicle driving very slowly with the driver's hand out the window holding a mini mag-lite flashlight. The Sgt. could see that the beam produced very low light but was scanning the field and deer eyes were lit up. The Sgt. stopped the vehicle and found a rifle and loaded handgun in the passenger compartment. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly checked a vehicle that had stopped in the middle of the road and found an untagged deer in the bed of the truck. The driver also had a suspended driver's license, warrants for his arrest, no insurance on the vehicle, and expired plates. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Hobkirk attended a district court jury trial from an indecent exposure arrest he made in June of 2009. The incident took place at the Port Crescent State Park Day Use Area. After six hours of testimony, it took the jury 10 minutes to find the defendant guilty. He was sentenced to pay \$503 in fines and costs and to complete 16 hours of community service.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a felonious assault complaint in the Verona State Game Area on the firearm deer season opener. Two campers had been arguing over the ownership of a wooden patio when one of the subjects pulled out a handgun and threatened to kill the other individual. The incident was witnessed by the victim's 12 year old child. Alcohol was not a factor in this incident and a report was forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review of possible charges.

On one of his days off, CO Robert Hobkirk observed a large pile of pumpkins that had been placed near a hunting blind which was located less than a mile from his house. On his next day back to work, he investigated the area and found bait at every blind and tree stand on this property. The next time the hunters returned to their property, CO Hobkirk met them and issued a ticket for the bait. The individual who claimed responsibility stated that the pumpkins weren't intended to be bait and that he was just getting rid of some of his neighbor's pumpkins for him.

CO Scott Brown responded to a complaint of a subject who was burning an old demolished house. CO Brown ticketed the subject for the illegal disposal of solid waste and shortly after he stated to the CO, "...that's okay, this ticket is still cheaper than hauling it to the dump."

CO Holly Pennoni was patrolling for shiners the night before the firearm deer season opener and stopped a vehicle whose occupants were shining a field. CO Pennoni located five firearms and a bow inside the vehicle. The driver had just come out of the woods from bow hunting, had not seen anything at his blind. He knew there was a very large buck in the area and wanted to see if it was still alive. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint from Sanilac County dispatchers that a bow hunter had witnessed a subject shoot a deer with a firearm during the bow season. The CO responded to the area and found a buck that had been shot with a firearm. Upon contacting and interviewing the subject, a full confession was obtained and one firearm was seized. Warrants are being sought through the local prosecutor's office for taking the deer out of season and several other violations.

While patrolling in southern Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea stopped to check a trapper who was setting traps in a ditch. Upon checking the traps, no name tags were found on any of them. The trapper also failed to have his license on him and had started trapping before buying his furbearer license. Enforcement action was taken on the violations.

While patrolling on the firearm deer opener, COs Seth Rhodea and Sgt. Tony Soave contacted hunters in two separate elevated blinds who had large amounts of bait at the sites prior to the opener. Upon contacting both hunters, bait was found at both, one hunter failed to have a deer license, the other hunter had no license in his possession, neither was wearing hunter's orange and one hunter was hunting with a rifle in the shotgun zone. Enforcement action was taken on the license violations, hunting with no hunter orange, and hunting with a rifle in a shotgun zone.

While on patrol on the firearm deer season opener, Sgt. Tony Soave watched a cargo van drive by him at a high rate of speed and saw what appeared to be the butt stock of a rifle or shotgun sticking up inside the van. Upon stopping the vehicle, contact was made with a red faced young woman who was in a hurry to get home from her first time deer hunting who stated she had a major toothache and was in such a hurry she just threw the unloaded shotgun into the van and began driving home. Sgt. Soave explained the firearm laws to her and gave her a warning for the violation.

CO Jason Smith received a complaint of waterfowl hunters hunting outside of their designated zone at the Fish Point State Game Area. CO Smith checked the

area and found one of the hunters with a loaded shotgun 31 minutes after legal shooting hours and his hunting partner in possession of lead shot. The waterfowl hunters were ticketed for the violations and warnings were given for other managed area violations.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chris Holmes responded to a complaint of a subject trespassing and shooting at deer. CO Holmes located the subject who admitted that he had shot twice at an eight point buck. CO Holmes located a blood trail but was unable to locate the deer. In addition to the trespassing violation, the subject did not have a license, was not wearing any hunter orange, and attempted to take a deer with a .22 rifle during the closed season.

CO Jeff Robinette responded to a complaint of a subject shooting deer. Upon investigating CO Robinette ascertained the subject had shot two antlerless deer with a 30-30 rifle in the shotgun zone.

While following up on a shining and shooting complaint in Van Buren County, COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney observed the suspect vehicle drive by. COs stopped the vehicle and got a confession from one of the occupants, who admitted to shooting a deer with a shotgun at night.

CO Ken Cerny received a complaint of a subject dumping a deer carcass. The complainant happened to get a license plate and CO Cerny paid the owner of the vehicle a visit. The subject admitted to dumping the deer carcass.

While patrolling the Three Rivers SGA, CO Ken Cerny located a 12 year old hunting with a .22 rifle and no license. CO Cerny contacted the father of the 12 year old, who then drove to the location on a suspended driver's license.

COs Steve Mooney and Zach Doss observed a subject carrying a firearm afield, who had recently been revoked from all hunting as a result of a previous hunting violation conviction. They observed the subject get into a hunting blind with the firearm. COs contacted the subject and confirmed that he was revoked.

While patrolling in the Three Rivers SGA, CO Ken Cerny contacted a felon in possession of a firearm hunting deer. The subject was not wearing hunter orange, did not have a license and was using bait.

COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney made contact with a resident of Chicago who was hunting in Van Buren County. The subject shot a deer without a valid license then purchased a resident license to tag it. After the investigation, it was found that this nonresident had purchased resident licenses for the past three years.

CO Chris Holmes responded to a property line dispute where neither party was the land owner. CO Holmes advised both parties they needed to consult with the owners of the properties and if the owners could not determine the property line, it would be a civil matter. He then left the scene. A short while later CO Holmes was called back to the location because one of the subjects decided to take matters into his own hands by shooting fireworks off at the other party. CO Holmes took statements and will be seeking a warrant for hunter harassment.

CO Chris Holmes contacted a subject at his residence the evening of November 15th. The hunter had shot and tagged a doe on the 15th. CO Holmes observed that the antlerless deer tag was purchased at 6:40 p.m., almost an hour after legal hunting hours ended. An interview was conducted and the subject admitted to buying the license after he had killed the deer.

CO Paul Higashi received information regarding a convicted felon who shot three deer. A couple nights after receiving the complaint, CO Chris Holmes observed a vehicle shining in November. A stop was made and it turned out to be the subject who CO Higashi was investigating. CO Holmes interviewed the subject who admitted to the illegal deer, then took him to a location where two of the untagged deer were located.

On November 15th CO Steve Mooney followed up on a baiting complaint received a few weeks prior. CO Mooney contacted the hunter and although no bait was observed, the hunter did not have a hunting license.

CO Mike Mshar sat on a parked truck two hours after sunset and contacted a bow hunter exiting the woods. The subject was ticketed for the untagged buck he was dragging.

CO Mike Mshar reported recent sentencing of two subjects in Allegan District Court who were ticketed for taking Canada Geese during the closed season. Each subject was fined \$740, assessed three months probation and ordered to retake hunter safety classes.

CO Patrick McManus responded to a reckless target shooting complaint just before the gun season opener. CO McManus contacted the subject as he was leaving in a truck. CO McManus observed four uncased firearms and deer blood on the tailgate and pickup truck's bed liner. Further investigation led to the recovery of two spike bucks killed by the subject while bow hunting. A warrant will be sought for the illegal deer.

CO Jeff Rabbers checked a subject in a tree blind dressed in full camo. CO Rabbers had to yell to the subject in order to wake him up. The subject was hunting over bait and using a rifle in the shotgun zone. A file check revealed an outstanding arrest warrant for the subject. The subject was lodged on the warrant and ticketed for the numerous hunting violations.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson located a mule deer head and antlers from Colorado that were imported in violation of the CWD surveillance plan regulations. The deer head was seized from the commercial deer processor and later destroyed. The owner of the mule deer was identified and ticketed for the violation.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader received a complaint of a subject hunting over bait. CO Bader's investigation found that the subject was hunting over bait well after the close of shooting hours. Enforcement action was taken.

During the archery only season, CO Kyle Bader received a complaint that a deer had been illegally taken with a firearm. The complainant called CO Bader to report that fresh venison given to them by a neighbor had buckshot throughout the meat. CO Bader's investigation led him to the neighbor where he received a full confession. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a trespass complaint, CO Jeff Goss observed two subjects dressed in camouflage running from the scene. CO Goss contacted the two subjects who turned out to be 13 year old juveniles hunting without adult supervision. The father was contacted and admitted that he dropped the juveniles off and allowed them to trespass on private property to hunt deer, while he hunted down the road. The father stated that he thought the kids wouldn't get in trouble for trespassing because they were juveniles. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the local game area, CO Jason J. Smith contacted a subject who had a loaded and uncased .22 rifle in the backseat of the vehicle he was operating. The subject's excuse was that he used to live in Kansas and that it was legal to transport loaded firearms in Kansas. CO Smith told the subject that since he wasn't in Kansas anymore he needed to abide by Michigan law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens responded to a RAP complaint of a subject hunting without a license. Investigation by CO Owens led to two subjects in the woods with a field dressed, untagged, eight point buck. Neither subject had purchased any hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince observed a subject take a goose 30 minutes after legal shooting hours ended. Upon contact with the subject it was revealed that the subject had not purchased a Michigan waterfowl license or signed his federal migratory bird hunting stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Pete Purdy and Dan Prince assisted local deputies with the search for a suicidal subject who was trying to elude police. A University of Michigan

helicopter, which was utilized to assist police in the search, located the subject trying to hide in a ditch along a major highway. CO Purdy was first on the scene and detained the subject until medical personnel arrived for transport to the hospital.

CO Pete Purdy checked a local boat launch and contacted a boat operator who was in possession of an undersized pike. Another occupant of the boat was wanted on a misdemeanor arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy checked a subject hunting from a tree stand on state land that was not properly identified. The subject was also wanted on a misdemeanor arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster, Dan Prince, Jason J. Smith, Jeff Goss, Al Mendez, Jeff Walker and Pete Purdy all received numerous complaints on subjects hunting over illegally placed bait. The bait included carrots, sugar beets, pumpkins, corn, salt licks and a mineral block called trophy rock that is made to look like a small boulder. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

During the archery season, CO Shane Webster responded to a complaint from a local resident who stated he watched a buck run onto his neighbor's property and then immediately heard the sound of gunshots coming from the same direction. CO Webster arrived on scene quickly enough to locate the subject, the firearm, and the illegally taken buck. The individual stated that he didn't possess the needed skills to hunt with archery equipment, so he killed the deer with his shotgun. The subject also failed to tag the deer because he wanted to save his kill tag for use on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader assisted local deputies with a motorcycle flee and elude. CO Bader was near the area of pursuit and watched the operator disregard a stop sign. CO Bader contacted the subject when he lost control of his motorcycle while trying to cross a bean field. CO Bader took the operator into custody and turned him over to the sheriff's department.

While following up on a trespass complaint, CO Kyle Bader located two untagged deer in a barn, an eight point buck and an antlerless deer. CO Bader's investigation led him to the shooter who only possessed one antlerless license. The subject stated that he didn't think he needed a license to hunt deer as he was hunting on his own property. CO Bader then asked why he had purchased an antlerless license, to which the subject replied "well you always need a tag to shoot a doe." Enforcement action was taken.

In the evening of the firearm opener, CO Kyle Bader contacted two subjects who were skinning out two antlerless deer in their driveway. One of the deer was tagged with a restricted combination license and the other deer was tagged with an antlerless tag that had been purchased 20 minutes after shooting hours had

ended. The subject stated he thought it was okay to purchase the kill tag after the deer was already dead because he hadn't touched the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

On opening day of firearm season, CO Brad Brewer was assisted by an MSP trooper on the investigation of an intoxicated hunter. CO Brewer's investigation led them to an untagged deer and a subject hunting without a deer license. Enforcement action was taken.

On opening day of firearm season, CO Jason J. Smith observed a subject walking down the road with a firearm clothed completely in camouflage. Further investigation revealed that the subject was a felon and was wanted on a valid arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith contacted two subjects in the state game area that were preparing to go hunting. The subjects were in a vehicle that had an expired registration, one of the firearms was uncased, neither subject possessed a valid hunting license and they were in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

While responding to a safety zone complaint, CO Jason J. Smith located a subject hunting from a tree during the firearm deer season, who was not wearing hunter orange. Upon contact CO Smith could smell what appeared to be marijuana on the subject. The subject was also in possession of a portion of a marijuana cigarette. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols contacted a subject hunting in the game area who did not have any hunting licenses. The subject was also wanted on two arrest warrants from the neighboring county. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on a complaint, CO Rich Nickols located two untagged bucks hanging in a shed. The homeowner located unused kill tags, which belonged to her son, and turned them over to CO Nickols. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on a baiting complaint, CO Dan Prince located a subject, who was not wearing any hunter orange, who was hunting with a 30-30 rifle in the shotgun zone, and who had not purchased any hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince observed two subjects afield who were not wearing any hunter orange. One subject was carrying a firearm while they were tracking a wounded deer and neither subject had hunting licenses. Further investigation revealed a second untagged deer in the subject's vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy were first to arrive at the scene of a suicide. The COs secured the scene until the emergency medical technicians arrived.

COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy responded to a trespass complaint and contacted two subjects who stated that their realtors had given them permission to hunt the property. The investigation led to an illegally tagged deer. The two subjects' stories didn't match and it was revealed that the shooter did not possess the correct license for the deer so he contacted his girlfriend who purchased the license used to tag the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Shane Webster contacted a subject hunting with his two sons, one of whom was a juvenile. The three subjects had committed numerous violations including no hunter orange, allowing a minor to hunt unsupervised, hunting over bait, and hunting without a hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Shane Webster contacted two subjects shining a field after dark on the firearm deer season opener. The subjects were trying to locate a deer that was shot earlier in the day. The COs assisted in locating the deer and when the shooter went to tag the antlerless deer, he was not in possession of the correct license. The investigation revealed a second untagged deer at the shooter's residence. The shooter stated he was going to process the deer himself which is why it wasn't tagged. The shooter of the antlerless deer was also found to be under the influence of intoxicating substances. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

Sgt. Arthur Green worked a deer decoy in Exeter Township with COs Mark Ennett, Jonathon Sklba and Dan Walzak. One ticket was issued for shining during November.

CO Mark Ennett contacted a subject who was operating an unlicensed ORV on railroad property. He was operating without a helmet and had two passengers on board, also without helmets. One of the passengers was a two year old who was on the seat in front of him and the other was a seven year old on the seat behind him. CO Ennett pointed out seven violations to the subject. He was issued one ticket for operating without a helmet and warned for the other violations.

COs Mark Ennett and Jonathon Sklba responded to a RAP complaint of a hunter not wearing hunter orange and "pacing" underneath a tree stand of a young archery hunter. The young hunter called his father, who called the RAP line. The COs arrived in time to locate the subject who was still in the process of hunting for geese near the Pointe Mouillee SGA office, 21 minutes past legal waterfowl hunting hours. CO Sklba recognized the subject from an earlier contact where he specifically reminded this hunter to pay attention to waterfowl regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was checking a RAP baiting complaint and located the owner of the ground blind and alleged bait pile. He was not hunting at the time. He was clearing brush and stated he had misread the hunting guide and was baiting according to the UP regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathon Sklba responded to a complaint of a deer being shot from a road. He arrived on scene and found several individuals searching a field for the deer. They located the 11 point buck and CO Sklba seized the deer and went to the subject's location. Information was obtained on the shooter and the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted a hunter while patrolling a closed area of the Bald Mountain State Recreation Area. Back in late August CO Kieft had received a tip about the illegal tree stand and baiting violations. The subject was issued a ticket for baiting and the use of screw-in steps on state land and warned for the remaining violations which were no name/address on tree stand, hunt in a closed area and place tree stand prior to September 1.

COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively responded to a complaint in Oakland County. During their investigation, they located a lighted bait pile and evidence of a recent kill. The blood trail and drag marks led to a nearby pole barn. While searching the pole barn, the COs located a large 10 point buck hanging from the ceiling and an illegal red fox in a freezer. The homeowner admitted to killing the buck, but stated that it was shot with his bow. However, CO Kieft located a small caliber wound to the deer's neck and CO Shively found evidence of a slug wound while examining the gut pile. When contacted about the evidence, the individual admitted to first shooting the buck with a .22 caliber rifle over the lighted bait pile. Fearing he had missed, he shot again with his 12-gauge shotgun. The deer, red fox, and firearms were seized. A warrant will be sought for several violations, including take deer with .22 caliber rimfire rifle, baiting, take deer with the aid of artificial light, take red fox without a fur harvester license and hunt after legal hours. Restitution will be sought for both of the animals.

CO Ben Shively contacted two subjects in camouflage in a cut corn field at the end of hunting hours. While talking with the hunters, one subject stated he shot a doe during the early antlerless season. CO Shively ran a file check through the Retail Sales System (RSS) on the hunter who stated he shot a doe and learned that the hunter had not purchased an antlerless deer license. CO Shively contacted the hunter on his findings and received a confession to shooting the doe without a license. Seven bags of venison were recovered from the hunter's residence. A warrant will be sought for taking an antlerless deer without a license.

CO Kris Kiel was following up on a complaint on Consumer's Energy property of a subject who was trespassing and baiting. CO Kiel checked the area, searching a large swamp and found a baited tree stand. He returned to the area and

caught the subject hunting the location. The subject told CO Kiel that he had been hunting and trespassing there for six years. CO Kiel had cited the same individual in 2005 when he caught him fishing for musky with too many lines. The subject had also been issued four other citations by various officers through the years.

CO John Borkovich assisted local deputies with a fugitive search. A subject was wanted on theft charges from a local retailer and fled into a nearby wetland area. CO Borkovich tracked the individual through the waist deep wetland area and found the subject hunkered down in the cattails. CO Borkovich apprehended the subject without incident and turned him over to the authorities. The subject turned out to be already on parole.

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a hunter harassment complaint. The hunter was upset because the neighbor children were shouting while driving up and down the property line on a four wheeler. CO Scheidler contacted the ORV riders, the ORV riders' parents and the complainant, and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on the Flint River in downtown Flint, CO Linda Scheidler contacted an angler who reported having caught a walleye and released it. When asked for his fishing license, the angler could not provide it. A check on the RSS licensing system confirmed the angler did not have a fishing license. Further investigation revealed the subject is currently employed by a sporting goods store that sells hunting and fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling for hunting activity in Ira Township, CO Ben Lasher encountered a crossbow hunter exiting the woods long after shooting hours. The subject still had the crossbow cocked and loaded, had no hunting licenses with him, and was trespassing. The subject admitted he had shot a deer earlier in the archery season. An RSS check revealed the subject only had one hunting license; an archery tag. Enforcement action was taken on numerous violations.

While enjoying his pass day scouting for deer hunting spots on state lands in Crawford County, CO Mark Papineau came across a subject cutting trees down in a game preserve. The subject had a trailer hooked up to his vehicle and was taking down several trees. Noting that this was illegal activity, CO Papineau contacted local CO John Huspen and gave CO Huspen GPS coordinates to find the subject. CO Huspen caught the subject and had been trying to catch this same subject for quite some time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich contacted a subject who killed two eight point bucks during the quiet period in St. Clair County. The subject shot one of the deer during the daytime and one at night with the aid of a light and a rifle. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Casco Township in St. Clair County, CO John Borkovich encountered a hunter in a tree stand hunting over bait dressed in full camouflage. He also had two rifles in the stand and no firearm deer hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a complaint in Mt. Morris Township of a subject hunting over bait. When contacted about the bait, the subject, who was 54 years old, responded that he had been hunting his whole life and did not know that baiting was unlawful. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson responded to a baiting complaint of "a truck load of bait" on private property in Hadley Township. CO Schwiderson arrived and found carrots at three different blinds that were actively being hunted. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the St. John's Marsh Wildlife Management Unit, CO Ben Lasher found two subjects up in tree stands. One of the subjects only had hunter orange gloves on and screw-in tree steps in the tree. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach assisted local deputies with a hunter who fell from a tree stand. The hunter took an approximate fifteen foot fall, suffered facial lacerations and a spinal cord injury. The hunter was air lifted from the middle of the field and transported to the hospital.

While on patrol in Argentine Township, CO Mark Papineau contacted a suspicious vehicle loading up gear. After investigation it was found that the subjects had been trespassing on private property and were in possession of fish without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking two trappers in Atlas Township, CO Mark Papineau and Acting Sgt. Todd Szyska observed one dirt bike and four ATVs operating on the roadway at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner. The COs contacted the ATV riders and found they were underage, operating unsupervised and had no ORV licenses. The parents of the youths were called and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Todd Szyska found a subject deer hunting out of a canoe in the Shiawassee River. The subject was not wearing his hunter orange, had his 12 gauge pump shotgun on his lap, no life jacket, no firearm deer hunting license, and had not purchased one since 2005.

CO Mark Papineau and Acting Sgt. Todd Szyska responded to a baiting complaint in Argentine Township. The COs walked the property and found the shelled corn and a subject hunting over it. Four of the five subjects had their weapons loaded after hours and two of the five had no hunting licenses on their person. All were hunting over bait. Enforcement action taken.

Sgt. Arthur Green III worked with CO Dan Walzak the day before the firearms opener and assisted local authorities with an unusual call. Four ORVs were operating on Sugar Island, which is a private island on the Detroit River. The machines were unregistered and the operators did not have written permission from the landowner. The operators loaded the ORVs on a pontoon boat and took them to the island. Enforcement action was taken by the local authorities.

CO Mark Ennett worked a shining patrol on November 14th at Sterling State Park in response to recent reports of activity. Two different subjects were written shining tickets within a 35 minute span. Both subjects freely admitted they were looking for deer. Both denied knowing the ban on shining during the month of November, though both were licensed deer hunters. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was working a RAP complaint of baiting at a Frenchtown Township location. He located a hunter exiting the area with a loaded firearm after hunting hours. They returned to where he said he was hunting, but CO Ennett did not locate any bait. The subject was issued a ticket for being afield with a loaded firearm after legal hunting hours. He claimed a nearby tree stand was probably the source of the bait.

CO Mark Ennett was able to conduct an aerial patrol with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department helicopter, "Raptor". They were able to check several locations for ongoing baiting and trespass complaints and found several new areas that are baited. They were only aloft for 90 minutes, but covered many different sites in at least six townships.

CO Jonathon Sklba responded to an illegal deer complaint where the subject was reported to have been hunting for the past several years without buying licenses. CO Sklba went to the subject's home for an interview and was met by the subject who was wearing a bloody butcher's apron. When asked about the six point deer, the subject stated an unknown person dropped it off at his front door and he did not know where it was now. After further conversation, he admitted to killing the deer. Evidence was seized and enforcement action was taken.

On opening day, CO Jonathon Sklba checked three people who were trespassing on Consumer's Energy property. They were dragging a 10 point deer out of the woods when the CO contacted them. Two of the subjects admitted to shooting the deer. The first subject stated he hit it in the gut and the second one shot it in the chest. All three were issued tickets for trespassing.

CO Brandon Kieft and Sgt. Tom Wanless were investigating a trespassing complaint on opening day when they contacted a hunter who was dressed in all camouflage, hunting over bait and had accessed the property using an ORV.

The subject had three ORV violations and three hunting violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP Complaint of a subject who shot a button buck, failed to tag it and hid it under a tree stand. CO Shively checked the location on state land and found a tree stand with no name on it and the deer that was hidden under some leaves. The complainant gave a license plate number and CO Shively was able to go to the subject's house and conduct an interview. After some questioning, the subject confessed to shooting the button buck and to not having a license. CO Shively is seeking a warrant for illegal deer and will ask for restitution and license revocation.

DISTRICT 25

CFS Milkowski assisted CO Stowe on an illegal elk case. CO Stowe received a complaint that someone saw an individual tracking a wounded elk. The officers went to the area and found the wounded elk and dispatched it. The next morning they were able to track the elk back to where it had been shot. The track led to a blind with a subject sitting in it. The subject, who was in his 20's, was a first time hunter. He admitted to shooting what he thought was a spike horn deer the previous day. He said he didn't have a real good view of it, but it was big and brown and it had horns so he shot.

CFS Short noted a subject in orange with a firearm walking up a hill. When he saw CFS Short the subject started to walk in the opposite direction. CFS Short contacted the man, who was from Illinois, and got some very vague information on his deer license that was supposedly back at camp. During this conversation, the subject's cell phone rang and CFS Short heard the man on the other end say "Watch out, the DNR just went by." The subject replied that the DNR was standing there with him at the moment. The man on the other end said "Oh....well.....tell him we love him!" CFS Short went back to the camp and was able to determine that the camp members from Michigan were purchasing licenses to pool so that the non-residents of the camp didn't have to purchase out of state licenses.