

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

CO Brian Bacon contacted a subject riding his ORV against the flow of traffic on a county road. The operator had not purchased an ORV license and was carrying a concealed pistol without a permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a subject who was burning household trash, including carpeting, paint cans, windows, house siding, and the hull of a fiberglass boat. Enforcement action was taken for the numerous burning violations.

COs Brian Bacon and Jason Wicklund contacted two subjects who were fishing on a local lake, neither had lifejackets and the boat was last registered in 2004. A brief interview revealed the anglers were fishing for bass during the closed season, and only one subject had a valid fishing license. Further investigation led to the vehicle, which did not have vehicle plates or insurance, and a trailer without a proper plate. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Bacon and Jason Wicklund contacted a group of ORVs operating in a closed area after observing two ORVs travel through a barricade of rocks and past two NO ORV signs into a wetland area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon was observing anglers at a power dam when one subject scaled a 12 foot high barbed wire fence and began fishing across the top of the dam. A second subject attempted to gain access to the fenced area but was unsuccessful. Enforcement action was taken for trespassing.

CO Dave Painter responded to the call of a wildfire in Iron County. A subject was burning brush at his deer camp when the fire spread to the nearby woods. The fire quickly spread in the dry conditions and eventually destroyed the camp and another outbuilding. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mike Evink responded to a complaint of burning near a residence in Schoolcraft County. Once there, he found that there were three separate piles of trash that appeared to have been lit on fire, which then spread to a field. Following interviews with residents in the area and with the local fire chief, the fires appear to have been lit intentionally by a third party. The information on the arson is being turned over to Michigan State Police (MSP) investigators.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon arrested an angler for taking fish during the closed season and for using live bait in a restricted trout lake. The subject was in possession of nine brook trout.

CO Mike Evink investigated a two acre fire that was extinguished by DNR and local fire fighters. The owners of the property had dumped ashes from their wood stove in an old burning pit. Later that day the wind caused the ashes to spread to dry grass and leaves. Tickets were issued.

CO Jared Ferguson stopped an ORV operator in the City of Gladstone for operating an ORV without a helmet. When asked about the helmet, the subject told him he was headed to his house to get it. However, the subject's residence was in the complete opposite direction. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Evink patrolled a problem ORV area in Schoolcraft County. During the patrol, he contacted a subject operating an ORV without an ORV license. The subject's driver's license was also suspended. Enforcement action taken.

CO Kyle Publiski observed a dune buggy operating in a closed area around Dukes Lake in Kinross. The dune buggy was not registered and did not have an ORV license. A follow up on the passenger revealed outstanding statewide warrants. The passenger was arrested on the warrants, at which time a search of his person revealed marijuana. The subject was lodged in the Chippewa County jail on the warrant and also charged with the marijuana. The driver was issued a ticket for operating an ORV in a closed area.

CO Mike Hammill set up surveillance on a closed stream that showed signs of recent activity. After some time the CO observed a subject arrive and begin trying to snag steelhead. The CO proceeded to make contact and issued a ticket for snagging steelhead in a closed stream.

COs Jeff Panich and Kyle Publiski were on routine patrol on Drummond Island when central dispatch called out a break & entry alarm of a nearby residence. The COs proceeded to the location and noted fresh bicycle and footprints near the home. After searching and securing the residence, the COs followed the fresh tracks three miles before encountering the suspects. The suspects were turned over to the sheriff's department for further investigation and arrest warrants are being sought in the case.

DISTRICT 3

CO Carl VanderWall found a person fishing Silver Creek, a closed trout stream. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Feagan observed a subject on the West Branch of the Sturgeon River with a fishing rod and reel, observing spawning rainbow trout. A ticket was issued for possession of fishing gear on a closed trout stream.

CO Andrea Erratt has completed an investigation involving an individual who illegally harvested a considerable number of cedar trees on state land. In addition, he conducted extensive operation of an ORV in a wetland and on a hillside leading directly to the Boyne River, along with other violations. An arrest warrant has been obtained.

While on patrol, CO Andrea Erratt observed a huge "mudder truck" covered with mud, operating down the roadway without a license plate. The driver was ticketed. Information received from this contact led CO Erratt to an area where other ORVs were operating unlawfully on state land. After rounding up the ORVs, nine tickets were issued for ORV violations.

COs Michael Feagan and Jon Sklba observed three ORVs fail to stop prior to crossing a State highway. Upon stopping the subjects, one was found without an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carl VanderWall responded to a complaint where a brush pile fire escaped and burned two acres. A contractor company was clearing a lot and burning the brush, during a period when no permits were being allowed. The fire was unattended when it escaped, and enforcement action was taken against the contractor.

CO Carl VanderWall investigated an illegal burning complaint from the fire department involving tires, mattresses, sofas, and miscellaneous trash. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Eric Bottorff was passed by a vehicle doing 80 MPH. CO Bottorff stopped the vehicle, and was informed by the driver that her father was passed out and she was en route to his residence. The CO escorted the subject to her father's residence and assisted with first aid until medical personnel arrived.

CO Steve Speigl responded to a call where a fire had escaped a burn barrel and started to burn out of control. Local fire departments were able to contain the fire in short order. The fire spread about 10 minutes after the responsible party had left on an ORV ride. After several hours and attempts, the owner of the house was finally contacted and a ticket was issued.

CO Steve Speigl followed up on a report of hunting within a safety zone violation. In addition to the reported infraction, CO Speigl was able to obtain a confession from a subject who admitted to taking squirrels 45 days after the season closed. The subject also had not purchased a small game license in several years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross had numerous encounters with minors who were in possession of alcohol, along with other violations including littering and operating motor vehicles in a lake.

Assistant Chief Dean Molnar and Sgt. Joe Molnar were patrolling a designated trout stream when they contacted seven individuals attempting to take fish by various methods, including bow and arrow, snagging, by hand and with rocks. Six of the seven did not have fishing licenses. Tickets were issued as well as numerous warnings given.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sam Koscinski was contacted by a local law enforcement officer about a seasonal fishing closure on a stream in the Manton area. CO Koscinski was not in a position to respond so he advised the officer to please inform the subject to stop fishing on the closed stream. Later that day, CO Koscinski arrived at the closed stream and observed a subject fishing. Upon contact with the subject, CO Koscinski asked if he had been contacted previously by another law enforcement officer. The subject stated that he had been informed that the stream was closed but he did not believe it to be true. Running a check for any prior offenses, CO Koscinski discovered that the subject had been written several years ago for fishing that same location during the closed season. The subject was in possession of an out-of-season trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe discovered illegal bear bait placed on public land in Grand Traverse County. Over the course of several weeks, CO Kehoe worked the area searching for the suspect. CO Kehoe's patience and persistence finally paid off. In the pre-dawn hours, CO Kehoe observed the suspect return to the illegal bait site and check it. The subject stated that he knew the baiting was illegal but he was looking to see if a huge bear was still in the area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Stowe observed a boat with three subjects aboard fishing on Mickey Lake. CO Stowe observed the boat for a time and observed two of the subjects catch and keep bass. As CO Stowe was coming alongside the boat, one of the subjects advised him they had no valid fishing licenses. CO Stowe replied with an "Ok, but what about the bass you caught", at which time the subject dropped his head and sighed. The subjects were in possession of three bass during the closed season, one of which was undersized. None of the three subjects who were fishing had fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde contacted a group of ORVs operating on state land and warned them for being on roads that weren't open. CO Vanderlinde discussed the legal and illegal areas where ORVs could be operated and they parted ways. Approximately one hour later, CO Vanderlinde stopped the same group operating ORVs on roads not open that he specifically told them not to ride on. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth responded to several complaints of subjects attempting to snag fish downstream from the dam at Ludington State Park. The COs arrived and documented two subjects attempting to take walleye by snagging them with legal fishing gear. CO Brosky was close enough to listen as one subject gave

instructions on how to snag. Tickets were issued for attempting to take fish by illegal method.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling Lake County ORV trails when she saw a subject operating a large ORV with a rack behind the seat. The subject had one 10 year old child riding on either side behind him on the rack. CO Greenway stopped the subject and issued a ticket for the safety violation.

CO Troy Mueller ticketed a subject for burning during extreme fire conditions. The subject intentionally set a fire in an attempt to clear the area for future growth of a food plot for hunting. The fire spread into the adjacent woods and burned over five acres.

Lt. David Shaw observed an elderly couple bring in four river otters to be sealed. Through questioning, Lt. Shaw became suspicious that the wife of the trapper did not actually trap the two otters bearing her kill tags. The wife finally admitted that she didn't trap either of the otters when it became apparent that she was unaware of the location or date of the catches. The husband stated that they have been doing this for many years. The two illegal otters were seized and the couple in their 80s were issued a verbal warning for the overlimit.

DISTRICT 5

In response to a complaint of someone fishing out of season on a trout stream, CO Chuck McPherson located an unattended fishing line along the stream. CO McPherson located the angler at a nearby residence who admitted to fishing without a license on a closed stretch of trout stream almost three weeks before season.

CO Warren MacNeill assisted other police agencies in locating a missing person. The subject was located deceased in the woods. CO MacNeill then assisted in recovery of the body.

CO Steve Lockwood assisted on the scene of a fatal ORV accident. CO Lockwood, along with emergency medical personnel, administered CPR to the victim who, unfortunately, did not survive his injuries.

CO Jon Warner located four subjects spearing steelhead that were spawning in a very small designated trout stream. The subjects had already speared three fish when CO Warner contacted them. Initially, the subjects claimed to be spearing suckers but they did not have any in their possession. Tickets were issued.

In response to a complaint, CO Jon Warner located two subjects keeping smallmouth bass during the closed season. Also, neither had a fishing license. Tickets were issued.

DISTRICT 6

CO Chad Foerster received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint at his residence regarding subjects spearing during the late night hours in the closed area of the Kawkawlin River in Bay County. CO Foerster responded and located the subjects and observe them as they speared several fish. After contact was made, the subjects stated they were aware of the closure, but did not think that it applied to spearing due to the fact that the spearing season had just opened. A search of the area found that they were in compliance with taking legal species. Further investigation revealed that they did not intend on retrieving the speared fish as several of them were floating down the river. One subject had no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken and the spears were seized.

While working the Lexington Harbor COs Hobkirk and Brown observed three subjects snagging and netting steelhead. When contacted, the three subjects were in possession of five steelhead. Four of the fish had been snagged and a fifth was netted. The three subjects were ticketed for snagging and netting the fish. As the COs were leaving the boat launch, they were approached by another angler who told the COs that the men who were just contacted had been there the night before and had engaged in the same activity.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he witnessed a subject riding double on an ORV down the road with a small child. Neither the adult nor the child had on a helmet. The ORV was stopped, and CO Atkin found that the child was only seven years old and the ORV was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he witnessed a subject operating an ORV down the roadway without a helmet, doing wheelies and driving carelessly. The ORV was stopped and also found to be unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin received a RAP complaint of a group of ORVs operating and tearing up the state land. The CO located and stopped the group of ORVs. Multiple violations were found, including failing to license the ORVs and riding with more occupants than designed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was checking anglers along local ditches in Tuscola County and contacted an individual who had kept a bass out of season. Further check of the subject revealed that he did not possess a valid fishing license and had two warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking subjects fishing along a local river, CO Joshua Wright contacted a minor that he had talked to last summer about drinking and had given a warning. This time the subject was not given a warning but a ticket for minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol. One other subject was also written an MIP and one adult for distributing alcohol to minors.

CO Josh Wright assisted a MSP trooper on a 911 hang up that turned out to be a 14 year old male subject who was beating up on his mother and then barricaded himself in a bedroom where firearms were located. CO Wright was able to talk the youth into coming out and he then ended up going to the juvenile center.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted several anglers after witnessing them snag and net steelhead. One angler was also fishing without a license and attempted to lie about his name and date of birth before finally being truthful. Multiple tickets were issued.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two anglers after watching them net a steelhead in a small stream. CO Rhodea contacted the anglers as they were about to leave and seized their illegal fish and issued a ticket.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint of trash being dumped in the Gratiot/Saginaw State Game Area (SGA). Upon arrival the CO observed 35 plastic trash bags. Many of the bags were suspended in the branches of trees along the road, as if being thrown from a vehicle. The CO began to dig through the bags and located information that led to an individual in Clinton County. The CO contacted the individual, who advised that it was her garbage, but she had no idea how it got there. The CO advised that he would give her one day to try and remember or she would be issued a very expensive ticket. The next day CO Gowenlock contacted the subject, who stated she told two of her friends to take the trash to her mother's house to separate it and burn what they could. The two friends decided that would take too long and dumped the garbage in the SGA. The pair admitted to making two trips to dump the trash. One would drive while the other was in the back of a pickup truck tossing trash bags. On the second trip they switched places and did it again. Both subjects were issued tickets for illegal dumping and are facing fines of up to \$2,500 due to the volume of trash.

CO Dan Lee was watching a group of anglers from across a river when he saw one catch a bass. The angler then walked it up to a truck that was further up the bank. The CO quickly returned to his truck and drove to the other side of the river and met the group. When asked about the fish they said it was a rock bass and they had thrown it back, then they said it was a smallmouth bass and they had measured it and thrown it back. Then the fish started flopping around in some nearby bushes. When asked about the fish the group blamed a juvenile. The CO also discussed the need for a fishing license and the prohibited use of artificial lures they were using in Saginaw River during the walleye closure. Tickets were issued.

CO Jay Person conducted a follow up investigation on a fire that escaped the control of a homeowner. The fire burned only on the owner's property, but he was burning household furniture and a sofa. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO McManus reported an unidentified moving object as he was patrolling the Allegan SGA late in the evening. Contact was made and it turned out to be a subject operating an illegal dirt bike with a light colored number plate on the front. The subject did not have any lights, was missing the required spark arrestor, and operating in a prohibited area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Gary Raak and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers patrolled the Barry SGA, targeting known problem areas for illegal ORV activity and underage partying. After locating two illegal ORVs and a group of minors near a fire by a local inland lake, the COs attempted contact, but the subjects fled through the woods. Three subjects were apprehended right away, but a fourth fled the area and was tracked with the assistance of the Barry County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit. After several hours CO Raak heard breaking branches in the woods near where the subjects had originally been hiding. The fourth subject was located sweaty, dazed, and quite scratched. A confession was obtained and it was determined he had been running, walking, and sleeping for several hours in the woods, and had made a complete circle back to where he had started. The minor registered a .105 when given a preliminary breath test and was ticketed for the underage drinking and arrested and lodged in the Barry County Jail for resisting and obstructing a Conservation Officer. A total of five arrests were made for illegal alcohol consumption by minors.

COs Dave Rodgers and Cary Foster were conducting a patrol of the Lowell SGA when they located a group of target shooters on the state land. While observing the shooters it was determined large amounts of trash such as cardboard, glass plates, cans, and other debris were about to be left at the location by the group. COs observed a table with pizza and food being used and overheard a phone call placed to friends inviting them to join at the location. Additional persons arrived with a car hood, brake drums and aerosol cans to be used as targets. Officers documented the entire three hour event and detained nine persons attending the shooting/bachelor party in the Lowell SGA. The shooters left behind all trash and targets they had brought to the state land location as well as trash dumped in the parking lot. Each person was ticketed for littering and COs inspected the area after the group was ordered to clean, rake and bag all trash from the site.

CO Chris Simpson was on patrol in the Muskegon SGA when he contacted vehicles running illegally in a stream. While investigating this incident, two four wheel ATVs were stopped as they travelled along a power line right of way. Further investigation found one machine had a VIN ground away and had been recently purchased by the rider. CO Simpson impounded the ATV and the investigation into the origin continues.

CO Steve Mooney was checking anglers at a VanBuren County lake, when he observed a subject walking away dragging a stringer. CO Mooney stopped the subject and upon examining the fish, discovered that the subject had taken a Muskie during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO McGee was checking a father and adult son on the pier in St. Joseph, and the son gave CO McGee a false date of birth. CO McGee checked further and found that the son had two warrants for his arrest and neither the father nor the son had fishing licenses. The subject was turned over to the MSP on the warrants and the two were issued tickets for the fishing license violations.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader contacted two anglers fishing on the St. Joseph River north of Coldwater. He watched one of the anglers catch a bass then take it over and show his partner. When CO Bader contacted the pair, they had a basket with three largemouth and three smallmouth bass. They first tried to say they didn't need licenses because they were on private property; and then that they thought bass season opened on April 1st. CO Bader said that they were trespassing on the private property. They both received a ticket for possession of bass out of season.

CO Kyle Bader contacted an angler who told him his license was expired as he handed it to him. He also gave CO Bader his ID and a tribal member ID, and said, "That's all I have." The subject was hoping all that stuff was going to add up to enough to allow him to fish without a license. CO Bader explained he was well out of the treaty area and wrote him a ticket. CO Bader advised the subject that it would be in his best interest if he had someone pick him up rather than drive home since his operator's license was suspended and revoked multiple times.

While CO Kyle Bader was issuing a ticket to a subject, two others he had seen by the water, one of whom was fishing, started to walk away. After CO Bader finished with the first angler, he walked down to the water and located two poles stashed in the weeds. The anglers were nowhere to be found so CO Bader took the poles and got a license plate number off their truck. CO Bader waited down the road at the intersection for them but they did not drive past the CO. After a short time he went to the angler's residence and as soon as he opened the door, the subject said, "I'm going to be honest with you, my license expired a week ago." CO Bader wrote him a ticket for fish without license.

CO Brian Fish was at home when a call came into the RAP hotline regarding a young subject keeping bass on the Kalamazoo River. CO Fish responded to the park and located a 23 year old male with several very nice bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller contacted a subject at a boat launch in Washtenaw County who came to shore in a kayak. The subject had a limit of bluegills and advised that he was waiting for his friend to come to shore so they could leave. The subject provided an ID card, and a non-valid driver's license. CO Miller ran the subject and he came back as suspended with an expired driver's license, and was out on parole. The subject went back to his vehicle while CO Miller was checking another group of anglers. At that time, the subject jumped into his van and drove out of the parking lot at a high rate of speed.

CO Miller caught up to the subject and stopped him at an intersection, obtained his ID again and asked him why he was driving when he had just checked his license. The subject stated that he did not think he would follow him out onto the road when he left, and that he was lying the whole time about having a friend out on the water. CO Miller issued a ticket to the subject for driving while having an expired operator's license, which had been expired since 1997.

CO Derek Miller observed fishing activity along the Huron River on Saturday and encountered one subject fishing without a license. The subject handed him an old license and stated that he had not caught any fish. When CO Miller checked a bag tied off on the bridge, he located a bass and some panfish. The subject stated that they were his fish, but that he had forgotten about those and that he was not trying to hide them. CO Miller issued him a ticket.

CO Derek Miller contacted two anglers fishing on a small pond. One of the anglers said his fishing license was on his table at home. CO Miller checked the subject's status and found he did not have a fishing license and had four warrants. The subject owed a large amount of money in child support, and had three outstanding statewide traffic warrants. The subject was lodged in the Washtenaw County jail and issued a ticket for fishing without a license. His friend was also suspended and did not have a valid license plate on his vehicle. The subject called for a ride, and was picked up and told not to drive.

CO Rich Nickols checked an access site for activity on a small lake. CO Nickols observed a small boat on the lake and two subjects fishing from it not too far from the boat launch. CO Nickols could see that the boat had an expired registration so he summoned the occupants to shore. When they arrived at the boat launch he found they had no personal flotation devices (PFDs) aboard as well as the expired registration. A ticket was issued.

While on marine patrol on the Grand River, CO Rich Nickols observed three subjects fishing from shore. CO Nickols beached his boat and contacted the subjects, none of whom had ID. CO Nickols was able to identify two of the subjects from expired fishing licenses; the other subject had no ID and no fishing license. Further investigation revealed that subject had a warrant for a weapons offense. CO Nickols arrested the subject and turned him over to local deputies.

CO Shane Webster contacted several anglers and discovered two of them fishing without licenses. One of the individuals did not have identification and verbally stated who he was to CO Webster. When CO Webster asked for the spelling of the name the individual had a hard time figuring out how to spell his name. The person then asked CO Webster if he was a "real cop". CO Webster assured him that he was a law enforcement officer and that the individual had to provide him with his correct identification or face charges. The subject identified himself properly and CO Webster discovered he had three warrants for his arrest. He was lodged in the county jail awaiting pick up from the county holding the warrants.

CO Todd Thorn swore to a seven count warrant involving an adult and a minor. During CO Thorn's investigation of a RAP complaint, he found that a minor had been shooting deer with a .22 caliber rifle out of his bedroom window. The minor lived in a subdivision with houses in close proximity, and many children living in the area. During the investigation, CO Thorn located one deer that was fatally wounded and had to be put down. Charges included hunting within a safety zone and hunting deer with a .22 caliber rifle.

While patrolling the Grand River for fishing activity, CO Todd Thorn contacted a group of anglers in Eaton Rapids. Two of the anglers could not provide fishing licenses, but said that they must have left them at home because they definitely had licenses. CO Thorn verified through the retail sales system that neither individual had purchased a fishing license since 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

During a foot patrol of a local public lake, CO Todd Thorn contacted three individuals whom he had observed fishing from a dock. CO Thorn contacted the anglers, who had waded out to the dock, as a portion of it had been removed so that people would not fish off of it. Two of them did not have fishing licenses, and one of them stated that he was only helping to bait hooks. Enforcement action was taken against both individuals.

DISTRICT 9

CO Kris Kiel was tipped off that a parole absconder was going to be attending a fishing club meeting in St. Clair Shores. CO Kiel contacted the local law enforcement agency and found that the subject had a misdemeanor warrant along with a child neglect warrant. The CO entered the building and located the subject using a photograph. The subject was escorted outside into the waiting arms of the local law enforcement officer.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of a restaurant offering live fish out of an aquarium for patrons to order. The CO contacted the complainant and asked him to describe the fish. The complainant described what CO Kiel believed to be tilapia. The CO arrived at the restaurant and observed a large aquarium packed with live tilapia and several largemouth bass. An employee explained that the owner of the restaurant has been catching the bass in Lake St. Clair then puts them in the aquarium to eat for himself; they only serve the tilapia to patrons. The largemouth bass, ranging from one to three pounds, were seized. Four of which were undersized. Enforcement action was taken on multiple violations.

CO John Borkovich was checking ditches and creeks in northern St. Clair County at night and detected activity off the road along a creek. As he approached, he observed two subjects with spears and lights. When the CO contacted the subjects, he saw a toboggan style sled that had a few fish eggs in it. After a few minutes the CO heard something rustling around in the weeds. CO Borkovich investigated and found a large female steelhead that had been speared. The subjects said it was the only fish they saw that night so they speared it and put it in the toboggan. When they saw the CO

coming, they threw it in the brush hoping he would not find it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler observed a couple fishing near the dam in Flint who appeared to be fishing with illegal lures. The CO parked her truck and started to walk in their direction. As she approached, the female said something to the male who was fishing a few feet away. When the CO contacted the pair, both lines were out of the water and had illegal lures on them. The male subject stated they were from out of town and decided to go fishing. He stated he knew they could not use lures; however, they could not find any worms. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler attended a pre-trial on a subject who purchased a hunting license while revoked. The prosecutor did not seek enhanced charges for the subject; however, the judge asked for the CO's input at sentencing. The subject was sentenced to \$500 and loss of hunting licenses for two years.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska were able to meet up with a subject at a Chinese restaurant that had rock bass in the aquarium and on display. The owner stated that he had purchased the bass at a store and that you could buy them all over the place. The COs asked for receipts, but the subject could not provide any. He kept showing the COs a container that had holes poked into it for transporting his live fish. He stated he carried the fish in the container all of the time. On the container was a live weight label for tilapia with the address of another store in the area. After tickets were issued to the restaurant owner, the COs conducted an inspection on the store whose address was on the shipping label. In the aquarium at this business were several species of fish including largemouth bass, channel cat fish, and rock bass. When asked for paperwork for the fish, the manager could not produce it. Thirty minutes later he had paper in hand from the "mother" store. The paperwork did not have any information regarding the rock bass or the carp that was found in the tank. The manager stated that the rock bass were being kept fresh for a customer. The manager was ticketed for possession of over limit of rock bass and possession of fish without a license.

CO Todd Szyska conducted a marine patrol on Lake St. Clair where many anglers were targeting the yellow perch in Anchor Bay. CO Szyska had just stopped to check a vessel when the vessel next to it reeled up their lines and took off. The CO quickly ended his check and then checked the vessel taking off. The vessel had taken off because the passenger did not have a fishing license. The subject stated he had purchased one last year, but was lazy and did not feel like getting a new one. A computer check of the license system revealed that he had not purchased a fishing license since 2010. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler assisted CO Dan Walzak with a complaint of two anglers taking walleye during the closed season. After several hours of surveillance the COs were able to contact the anglers as they pulled up to the boat launch. The two anglers had taken seven walleye during the closed season. Tickets were issued and restitution will be sought.

CO Mike Drexler was pulling up to the Belleville Dam to check anglers when he observed two subjects close a cooler as he approached. After contacting the anglers and checking inside of the cooler, he found it contained two walleye taken during the closed season. After one angler admitted to taking the walleye, CO Drexler also learned that the subject was wanted on an outstanding DNR warrant. The subject posted bond and also received two new tickets for fishing violations, including taking walleye during the closed season.

COs Mike Drexler and Brandon Kieft were checking anglers at the Belleville Dam. One of the first anglers to be checked was in possession of two smallmouth bass during the closed season. The subject was also wanted on 11 outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject received a ticket for possessing smallmouth bass during the closed season and enforcement action was taken on his outstanding warrants.

COs Mike Drexler, Brandon Kieft and Mark Ennett conducted a group patrol of Belleville Lake checking shore anglers. The COs observed one angler holding a freshly caught walleye and advised him that the fish needed to be released. The COs found the angler and two others were fishing without licenses and all three were wanted on outstanding warrants. Tickets were issued for fishing without a license and enforcement action was taken on the outstanding warrants.

CO Brandon Kieft received a complaint of a vehicle operating "off-road" in the Highland Recreation Area. When CO Kieft responded, he spotted the vehicle as it exited the recreation area and started down the road. CO Kieft conducted a traffic stop and ticketed the driver for operating a motor vehicle in a closed area.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a late night complaint of anglers "spearing" along the Clinton River. The complainant stated that the anglers were spearing bass and transporting them to their nearby vehicles. After watching the subjects for a short time and searching the nearby vehicles, CO Kieft determined that the anglers were bow fishing from two small boats and no fish had been taken. However, both small vessels were not registered and no lifejackets were present. Enforcement action was taken.