

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

CO Brett Gustafson and Sgt. Steven Burton stopped a boat for a fishing check on Lake Gogebic. The angler was trolling, and upon their approach, asked the COs if they had a tape measure. A 20 inch northern pike was located in the boat, which was released and swam away. The angler was given a warning for possession of an undersized pike and advised to carry a tape measure.

COs Brett Gustafson and David Miller assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) Dive Team with a vehicle recovery from Bond Falls. An old car was found submerged near the dam by a diver inspecting the power dam. The car was removed, and brought to Ewen for investigation. The next day, a trooper and CO Gustafson dismantled the old car and inspected it for potential evidence. Nobody was found in the car and the investigation continues of the 1972 Chevrolet. The car has been submerged for over 30 years.

CO David Miller worked the Ontonagon River on Saturday, checking numerous anglers. The occupants of 1 boat had two overlimits of walleye and anglers in another boat had an undersized walleye. All were ticketed for their violations.

CO Matthew Eberly and a local marine deputy responded to a distress call of a disabled boat 25 miles offshore in Lake Superior. Two children were in the boat with their father, in five foot seas. CO Eberly was able to tow the boat part way back until the US Coast Guard (USCG) took over the recovery mission.

CO Mark Leadman responded to a complaint of a jetski harassing a loon on Engman Lake. When he arrived, the personal watercraft (PWC) was gone but two anglers he contacted had unregistered boats and one was without a fishing license. Tickets were issued.

CO Trey Luce discovered a pickup truck load of garbage dumped in a popular litter spot near North Lake in Marquette County. Documentation at the site led to a subject who confessed to the violation. A ticket was issued.

CO Grant Emery contacted a kayaker on Lake Gogebic who was a long way from shore and had no life jacket. When CO Emery transported the subject and kayak back to the cottage, she was greeted with "I told you so!" from one of the subjects at the cottage. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol CO Grant Emery came across a camper leaving an access site. As the CO passed he noticed the dump tanks were draining on the road as the subject left the area. CO Emery stopped the vehicle to address the leaking sewage. The

subject at first denied knowing anything about the open tank valves, but following a short interview admitted to emptying the holding tanks to avoid having to go to a dump station and possibly pay a fee. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

When CO Reid Roeske approached a boat near an inland lake landing, an occupant in the boat saw him and quickly lifted a small walleye from inside the boat and put it into the lake. CO Roeske was able to stop him from doing the same with a second fish, which turned out to be a 13 inch walleye. The CO also found 13 filleted walleyes in the angler's vehicle. Tickets were issued for overlimit and take/possess short walleye.

While traveling on a paved county road, CO Reid Roeske observed an ORV driving in the middle of the lane going in the opposite direction and at a high rate of speed. CO Roeske activated emergency equipment and the subject immediately began to flee by turning into a farm field. The operator of the ORV went a short distance then collided into a tree, causing damage to the ORV, but no injury to himself. CO Roeske apprehended the operator and lodged him in the county jail.

CO Derek Miller was driving by a local gas station when he observed a male subject operating an ORV without a helmet. As the CO turned into the gas station the subject took off down the road and pulled into a residence around the corner. The CO pulled into the drive and located the ORV behind a small shed as the operator went running into the woods. Further investigation revealed that the subject was driving on a suspended license. Arrest warrants are pending for operating an ORV in a careless manner and driving while license suspended.

CO Mike Hammill was conducting surveillance on a local trout stream when he observed two subjects take an overlimit of brook trout and throw beer cans all over the area. CO Hammill discovered that they were five fish over the limit. Tickets were issued for the overlimit and littering.

CO Kevin Postma assisted the US Border Patrol with a subject who entered the United States illegally. Upon clearing the incident the two officers teamed up for the rest of the day for marine patrol along the Canadian border in the St. Mary's River system. No further incident occurred in reference to national security; however, CO Postma issued tickets for fish without a license and gave several warnings for various other fish and marine violations.

DISTRICT 3

Emmet County COs Duane Budreau and Carl VanderWall have evicted several illegal campers from state land at the French Farm Area who had taken up what appeared to be permanent camping status at prime waterfront sites. Some appeared to be homeless with nowhere else to relocate their gear. Issues with squatting on public land are

increasing and have resulted in several tickets being issued for litter, camping for more than 15 days and unattended fires.

Antrim County CO Steve Speigl is investigating a case of reckless use of a small caliber firearm that struck a window frame of a residence located near East Jordan. Though the damage is minimal, the CO has interviewed two subjects who appeared to have been target practicing nearby.

Sgt. Mike Borkovich and CO Carl VanderWall received a complaint of a black bear that had dug a den and was observed in the front yard of an Alba area resident's home. After explaining several times that the bear was more than likely a badger, CO Steve Speigl was sent out to the residence and located the badger that was digging up the yard and forcing the residents to stay inside of their home.

CO Andrea Albert ticketed a subject and seized a fawn deer that the man had taken illegally from the wild. The fawn was transported to a rehabilitator and will be released to the wild later this summer.

CO Matt Theunick continues to pursue the removal of two tug boats and a car ferry abandoned in Duncan Bay off of Lake Huron, near Cheboygan. The owner has been arrested on several counts and awaits trial.

On a long standing problem, CO Richard Stowe issued a ticket to an individual for blocking a state owned rail trail by erecting a fence and placing boulders at the site.

CO Michael Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded along with local authorities to locate a dirt biker pinned under his motorcycle on the ORV trail. The subject was able to call 911 and give a rough location of where he was. After he was found and freed of his machine, first aid was given for the considerable amount of gasoline that had spilled onto his chest.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint of a fawn bleating through a chain linked fence for several days in a row. CO Kehoe responded and observed the fawn bleating and appeared to be focused on something in the yard on the other side of the fence. As CO Kehoe approached the fawn, it ran away only to return a few moments later. CO Kehoe then observed a ceramic deer ornament in the yard the fawn was focusing on. CO Kehoe had the residents cover the deer statue and the fawn left the area without incident.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Jeff Ginn were working the Silver Lake State Park dunes area when their assistance was requested by a park ranger. The ranger had denied an underaged ORV operator access to the dunes. During the course of the contact, an inspection of the youth's ORV revealed that the VIN number had been removed. The

15 year old youth had purchased the ORV the prior day. The ORV was seized and turned over to the MSP for further investigation.

COs Jeff Ginn and Angela Greenway were on a marine patrol of the Muskegon River when they observed a canoe capsize. The seat cushion personal flotation devices (PFDs) quickly drifted away from the two subjects in the water. The COs assisted and helped the canoeists gather their belongings and overturn their canoe.

Acting Sgt. Angela Greenway responded to a call at the probation/parole office in Baldwin of a disorderly person. At the scene, eight to 10 people were standing outside the facility, with a few of them yelling and screaming. Sgt. Greenway was able to get the scene under control and conducted an investigation. It was discovered that the father of one of the probation/parole agent's subjects was not happy about his son going back to jail, and became threatening and upset at the agent. The father was arrested on simple assault and trespass charges and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Troy VanGelderren was working the Silver Lake State Park sand dunes when he observed a vehicle intentionally drive out of bounds at the beach area and climb a dune that had been recently planted with dune grass to stabilize the location. The operator of the vehicle accelerated and steered erratically, destroying a large portion of the dune grass as he exited the restricted area. CO VanGelderren issued a ticket for the illegal operation and will be seeking restitution for the destruction of the grass.

CO Steve Converse worked a special marine event on Lake Mitchell in Wexford County. The permitted event was cardboard boat races through the canal between Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell. At the conclusion of the event, CO Converse contacted a subject who was fishing and had an overlimit of panfish in his possession. While finishing up the fishing ticket, CO Converse observed a subject operating a personal watercraft (PWC) without a required PFD. Upon contact, the subject stated that he was just test driving the PWC to see if he wanted to buy it or not. The problem with the explanation was that the subject was contacted on the complete opposite side of the lake from where he started. A ticket was issued for the PFD violation.

CO Steve Converse responded to a call of a bank robbery where CO Converse and a MSP trooper were the first to arrive on the scene. The trooper stayed at the bank while CO Converse went to look for the getaway car. CO Converse located the suspect vehicle four to five miles from the bank. The suspects in this case are still at large.

DISTRICT 5

CO Jon Warner contacted an ORV operator who was riding without a helmet and an ORV license from 1994. The subject indicated he was taking the ORV for a test drive but the tracks showed that the subject had been riding for miles.

COs John Huspen and Chuck McPherson stopped a PWC operator towing a subject on a tube without an observer. The subject was transported to jail on five outstanding warrants.

CO Rebecca Hopkins was the closest officer to a 911 call of a domestic assault. When Officer Hopkins arrived, both the suspect and the victim ran into the woods. CO Hopkins followed and, shortly thereafter, was able to catch up to the female victim who was not wearing any shoes and was apparently taken against her will. The victim was turned over to the local police department for further investigation. The male suspect is still at large.

CO Brian Engelhard responded to a wildfire complaint where the fire started near the property line on one property and spread to an adjacent piece of property. His investigation led him to believe that the fire was the result of someone cleaning out a fire pit after having a bonfire the night before and dumping the hot ash in dry grass adjacent to a wood line. Initially, the primary suspect denied his involvement because he was an Eagle Scout and Eagle Scouts don't start fires or lie to the police. When faced with the evidence, which included fresh wheelbarrow tracks from his fire pit to the origin of the fire, the subject admitted he was responsible for dumping the hot ash. The township fire department along with the DNR fire control successfully extinguished the fire. A ticket was issued.

CO Steve Lockwood was on boat patrol during the "Operation Dry Water" campaign and located two unregistered boats. The first was stopped and ticketed for his expired registration. The second was also stopped and ticketed for his expired registration and lodged in the county jail for operating a motorboat while intoxicated.

CO Jason McCullough investigated a complaint of a subject who shot a goose during the closed season. Several interviews led to a subject who, at first denied killing the goose, but later confessed.

DISTRICT 6

CO Holly Pennoni responded, along with the USCG, to a capsized vessel northeast of the Spoils Island on Saginaw Bay. The two anglers, who were not wearing their lifejackets, were very fortunate that another fishing boat saw them and responded quickly and pulled them into their boat. The anglers, who were in a 14 foot vessel, took a wave over the stern and immediately the boat started to sink. CO Pennoni located the vessel with about two feet of the bow sticking out the water. The vessel had drifted one and half miles when the tow boat arrived less than two hours after the incident.

CO Holly Pennoni assisted local authorities in locating a missing three and five year old. The two children had been last seen by the father who left them playing in the front yard by themselves. One child was found at the back of a field and the other was picked up by a lady who saw the child ready to cross a major busy highway. The children had become separated and were one half mile apart from each other when located.

CO Holly Pennoni assisted in locating a missing elderly man from the Bay City State Recreation Area and Tobico Marsh. The man had left his campsite to go for a walk. When an hour had passed, the family notified the park rangers that he had not returned. A search of the area was conducted for several hours, including an aerial search by the MSP. The man was located approximately 10 miles from the park by a citizen who had heard about the search.

CO Phil Hudson was reviewing old complaints from years past and located a complaint involving a group of subjects coming over from the west side of the state and taking gross overlimits of walleye. CO Hudson, assisted by COs Jason Smith and Nick Atkin, spent several hours investigating a group of anglers who were vacationing in Augres and were allegedly catching and returning back home with huge overlimits of walleye. Upon completion of the investigation, COs had arrested four anglers in possession of 486 walleye fillets.

CO Phil Hudson had received a complaint of a subject in possession of an overlimit of snapping turtles. Upon contacting the subject at his residence, CO Hudson found 30 snapping turtles in a fenced in pond in the homeowner's backyard. After interviewing the subject, he admitted to taking the turtles from the wild during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Seth Rhodea and Joshua Wright were on boat patrol on Saginaw Bay when they came upon a boat where one of the passengers was quickly reeling in a fishing line. A quick count by the COs prior to the contact revealed that the subject had too many lines out. When the COs questioned the anglers about the extra line, one of them commented that the bail on the reel had opened up on its own and that he was just reeling it back in. Enforcement action was taken.

A man received his sentencing from a case that CO Joshua Wright had back in November 2010, where the subject was in possession of nine illegal bucks. The court ordered the subject to 15 days in jail, \$6,552 in fines and costs and the loss of his hunting privileges for the remainder of the year and the next three years. The subject was also placed on probation for 18 months where he cannot partake in the act of any hunting and his house and property are subject to reasonable search by law enforcement during that period. Further proceedings are forthcoming for the restitution of the deer totaling another \$9,000.

During the nationwide event of Operation Dry Water, COs Joshua Wright, Robert Hobkirk and an intern assisted the USCG on a stop where a subject operating a vessel seemed to be under the influence of alcohol. Sobriety tests were performed and the subject was determined to be operating his vessel under the influence of alcohol. After completing the breathalyzer test at the jail, the operator's alcohol content was determined to be over the legal limit. The USCG towed the operator's vessel back to their marina since all of the other occupants on the vessel were also intoxicated.

CO Joshua Wright concentrated his Saginaw Bay marine patrol on boaters operating under the influence of alcohol during the federal initiative called "Operation Dry Water." CO Wright encountered a vessel with five occupants and performed a safety check. During the check, the operator of the vessel was only able to come up with two PFDs for the five occupants. Further investigation revealed that the coolers were filled with a lot of empty beer cans and liquor bottles. The occupants were all asked, considering the amount they had to drink, would they be driving a vehicle at this time. All of the occupants stated no. Sobriety tests were performed on the operator of the vessel. The operator failed his sobriety tests and was arrested for boating under the influence.

While checking anglers fishing on Lake Huron, CO Seth Rhodea and Intern Paul Fox contacted two anglers trolling off of Port Sanilac. The anglers were using ten lines instead of the six allowed and when questioned about the number of lines in use, they both admitted they knew they were using extra lines. Both anglers were ticketed.

While working with intern Paul Fox, CO Robert Hobkirk stopped a golf cart with no ORV license operating on the roadway. After speaking with the operator and inspecting the vehicle, CO Hobkirk identified five additional violations and discovered open containers of alcohol in the motor vehicle. The violations were explained to the operator as well as the steps he needed to take to make his ORV legal to operate on the roadway. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Nick Atkin responded to a search and rescue complaint where a vessel was taking on water in the Saginaw Bay. The vessel in distress was located and the passengers were taken to safety aboard CO Atkin's boat. The owner of the vessel failed to have enough life jackets for all passengers onboard. Enforcement action was taken.

During a patrol of the Chippewa River, CO Larn Strawn observed a large group of kayakers trespassing onto private property. While attempting to contact the group the kayakers boarded their kayaks and began to drift away from shore. The CO called them all back to shore where it was discovered none of the kayakers possessed the required PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell was watching an angler casting a lure from a boat, from about 300 yards away, through his binoculars. Upon approaching the angler the CO witnessed him reach down and cut his line. When the CO asked him for his fishing license he advised that he was not fishing and he did not need one. The CO advised the subject that he saw him fishing. The subject then advised that he was just casting for practice, so he would be ready when he did buy his license and start fishing. As the CO wrote out the ticket, the subject asked him if they could arm wrestle for the ticket. The ticket was issued.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were patrolling the Saginaw River when they observed two subjects sitting on shore near a fire and drinking beer. The COs counted 72 beer cans and all kinds of garbage all around them. The COs beached the boat and contacted the highly intoxicated pair, who advised that none of the beer cans

or garbage were theirs. A check through the LEIN system showed four outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were patrolling on the Saginaw River and traveling at 55 mph on the way to a complaint. There was a vessel traveling at a high rate of speed in the opposite direction. CO Gowenlock kept trying to keep the other vessel on his port side but the on coming vessel crossed in front of the COs and put them on the vessels starboard side. The vessel was stopped and enforcement action was taken. The driver advised had had no idea what to do if two vessels were approaching each other.

DISTRICT 7

CO Steve Mooney was checking boats on an inland lake when another boat saw him and immediately returned to the launch. CO Mooney quickly contacted the subjects and discovered that their boat was unregistered, they had no PFDs on board and the subjects did not have fishing licenses.

CO Andy Bauer was off duty at a local retail store when he observed a suspicious subject repeatedly returning cans to the store. CO Bauer observed that the subject's vehicle had Illinois license plates and that the subject would return cans and then wait before taking another load of cans inside. CO Bauer contacted store security and the subject was subsequently arrested by the local police for returning Illinois cans, where there is no deposit, in Michigan.

CO Ken Cerny was on patrol and as he was approaching a group of shore anglers, he observed them throw a bucket off the bridge. CO Cerny checked the anglers and then went down the road and waited until after dark, when the subjects stopped fishing. CO Cerny caught the subjects with the same bucket, except this time there was an 11 inch and a 12 inch bass inside. Both subjects admitted to taking the undersized bass and were ticketed.

CO Steve Mooney was on marine patrol on Lake Michigan when he observed a 36 foot boat with no state registration. CO Mooney made contact and discovered that the boat had been purchased over a year prior and that the subject had not transferred the boat to his name and did not register the boat. CO Mooney ticketed the subject and advised him that he was required to register the boat in his name and pay the required sales tax.

CO Ken Cerny, while checking shore anglers, encountered a subject who did not have a fishing license. This individual provided CO Cerny with a false social security card and an Indiana driver's license. After a short investigation, CO Cerny discovered the false documents and that the subject did not have a fishing license. CO Cerny is seeking a warrant for fishing without a license and obstructing a police officer by providing false identification.

CO Mike McGee responded to a complaint at the St. Joseph pier of a subject keeping too many steelhead. CO McGee discovered that the subject had caught a limit of steelhead, but did not have an all species license. CO McGee ticketed the subject for not having an all species license while trout fishing.

CO Patrick McManus was called to the scene of a traffic stop in Allegan County. In addition to the mobile meth lab in the vehicle, the CO discovered a cooler with 13 undersized largemouth bass and no fishing license. The subject was arrested on the drug charges and ticketed for the fishing violations.

CO Gary Raak obtained warrants for felony resist and obstruct and fishing license violations for a subject who fled from him on foot during a fishing license check. A subsequent investigation revealed the subject had given him a false name and was also wanted for several outstanding warrants.

While patrolling the Barry State Game Area (SGA), CO Gary Raak discovered an abandoned truck in an area closed to motor vehicles. The driver had driven the vehicle up a hill and then over a steep drop-off. The truck struck the ground vertically and was left at the scene. To make the situation worse, a storm then dropped a large oak tree on top of the truck, demolishing it. The truck was removed and the driver was contacted and ticketed for the violation.

COs Chris Simpson and Greg Patten assisted local authorities with a search and recovery of a drowning victim in the Muskegon River. The incident occurred while several young people were jumping from a railroad trestle into a deep, fast moving portion of the river.

CO Greg Patten secured a warrant charging an individual for operating a utility vehicle from his residence along the Lake Michigan beach, eventually becoming stuck as he tried to cross Little Black Creek. The machine was left at the scene by the operator which led to the investigation of multiple violations.

CO Greg Patten investigated a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint regarding a charter boat which had not passed inspection and was operating prior to correction of deficiencies. CO Patten located the vessel operating out of Grand Haven on the day of the complaint and found the first mate not in compliance with regulations. The passengers on board that day also did not have fishing licenses and those licenses were being completed as the CO approached the boat. A warrant was sought for violations.

CO BJ Goulette investigated a complaint where a homeowner shot a Canada goose with a 22 rifle and wounded a second bird which was later recovered. The property owner felt it was not a problem if he shot the geese due to the mess they had created on his lawn. Charges will be sought for the illegal killing of waterfowl.

COs Ivan Perez, Dave Rodgers, Chuck Towns, BJ Goulette, Greg Patten, and Sgt. John Jurcich all participated in a patrol of the Grand River, Spring Lake and the Lake Michigan area as part of "Operation Dry Water", targeting alcohol related boating violations. COs ticketed two unregistered vessels during the patrol including one 47 foot vessel purchased earlier in the year in Florida.

DISTRICT 8

COs Dan Bigger and Jeff Walker encountered a subject who was carrying around a red tailed hawk as if it were a pet. The subject was not a falconer and was in possession of the raptor illegally. The subject did not seem to be concerned that the hawk's talons were very sharp and capable of piercing his arm in a split second. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, COs Rich Nickols and Todd Thorn contacted a boat operator because the displayed registration sticker was expired. There were also no PFDs on board, the title of the boat was never transferred into the owner's name, and the boat was being operated carelessly in a no-wake area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Peter Purdy observed a vehicle operating carelessly at over 90 miles per hour while tailgating other vehicles. CO Purdy contacted the operator of the vehicle who immediately stated that CO Purdy didn't have the authority to stop him for any violation. CO Purdy explained the laws and took enforcement action.

CO Peter Purdy observed an ORV operating carelessly in the middle of the roadway. CO Purdy contacted the operator and noted that it was a 12 year old juvenile. The father was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Thorn and Jeff Walker contacted an ORV operator who was illegally operating the ORV against the flow of traffic on a highway. The operator was not wearing a helmet and had not registered the machine. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Rich Nickols was flagged down by a stranded pontoon boat owner. The occupants of the vessel were enjoying a leisurely boat ride when the vessel lost power. The boat and its occupants had been stranded in the lake for over 2 hours. CO Nickols towed the vessel and the very appreciative occupants safely to shore.

While on marine patrol, CO Brad Brewer contacted a subject who was carelessly operating a PWC backwards. The subject was upset about being stopped, stating he thought the laws were ridiculous. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted a rowboat with numerous adults but no PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

Due to the high water level in the Shiawassee River, CO Dan Bigger was able to patrol the river on his PWC. CO Bigger encountered a subject operating his vessel without any PFDs on board. The subject stated that in his 28 years on the river he had never

encountered a CO. CO Bigger explained why PFDs are important in that during the last week, less than 300 yards from where they were, CO Bigger had rescued two subjects who had overturned their canoe and were suffering from severe hypothermia. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger wrapped up a case from deer season that involved a father, son, and son-in-law and 5 illegal deer. The case included killing an overlimit of deer, using a borrowed tag to tag a deer, shooting a deer without a license and purchasing the license after the fact, and purchasing too many licenses.

CO Shane Webster received a complaint that two subjects who were fishing were also trespassing on a landowner's property. CO Webster contacted the subjects and asked to see their fishing licenses. One of the subjects did not have a fishing license but did have a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster contacted a subject who was in possession of ten panfish over his limit and another subject who was in possession of short bass. Enforcement action was taken in both instances.

DISTRICT 9

While on marine patrol on Lake Fenton, CO Mark Papineau observed a subject operating a PWC without wearing a required PFD. CO Papineau attempted to stop the subject, who was taking a scenic route around the lake. Eventually the subject stopped and immediately informed CO Papineau that he had forgotten his PFD and was just going to check on something for a family member. When CO Papineau brought up the indirect route taken, the subject had no comment. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler received a complaint from a subject at a bait shop of a father-son duo who were fishing at the Holloway Reservoir Dam and keeping undersized walleye. The CO responded to the dam and found the duo was gone. While there she checked two other anglers. One of them had an undersized bass on a stringer. The second subject had an undersized walleye on his stringer. Tickets were issued to both subjects for the violations.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel, along with intern Mark Bolak, conducted a marine patrol on Lake St. Clair. Many vessels were contacted and safety inspections were performed. One subject was issued a ticket for an unregistered/expired watercraft registration. An additional subject was ticketed for fishing without a license and borrowing a license of another. The subject produced a fishing license to the COs and then stated that it was not his. The subject did not have a fishing license and had provided his brother's fishing license.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of a subject who shot a heron. The witness told the CO that they observed the subject shoot and kill at least one bird. The CO contacted the subject who denied it and stated he had put fishing line up around his Koi

pond and had tried motion sensor water sprinklers but the herons and other birds were still getting his fish. After a few minutes the CO informed the subject that he was going to look around the property line. The subject confessed and showed the CO the dead bird. He admitted he shot it with a pellet gun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska received a complaint of a subject attempting to run over Trumpeter swans on Clear Spring Lake in Shelby Township. The CO talked to witnesses who stated that they even attempted to stop the subject. CO Szyska interviewed the subject's wife who stated the subject was upset because the swan picked up a couple of ducklings and was trying to kill them. A warrant will be requested through the prosecutor's office.

CO John Borkovich was patrolling along the Black River in the Port Huron SGA when he observed an illegal camping site. The CO approached the site and found several trees cut down to make more room at the site. CO Borkovich contacted the subjects and took enforcement action. A total of 19 trees ranging from one to six inches in diameter were destroyed.

CO Al Schwiderson was conducting surveillance on Otter Lake when he observed a subject towing four young children on an inner tube without a spotter. After a few minutes the CO pulled up to the boat launch to launch his vessel when the subject took his boat to a residence. CO Schwiderson was on the water only a short time when he observed the vessel coming back out; however, this time there was a spotter. The CO contacted the operator who first denied towing without an observer, then, when the CO explained he had been watching them, the subject confessed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba checked a vessel at Bolles Harbor. While checking the vessel the group of three anglers kept asking what the possession limits for channel catfish were. The CO asked the anglers how many they had caught, and one replied that he had not caught a single fish (not even a bite). The remaining two anglers advised that they had caught a few but were unsure of how many. A quick count of the fish revealed 25 channel catfish. Since one angler had already stated that he had not caught any fish, the other two anglers were over their daily limit of ten apiece. A check through our system showed that one of the anglers had been ticketed the previous year for possessing short walleye. The group was advised of the laws and enforcement action was taken.

While checking shore anglers along the Detroit River, CO Mike Drexler checked three subjects sitting by two fishing rods with lines in the water. When asked for their fishing licenses the subjects stated that they were not fishing and the rods belonged to a relative who just ran to the store for worms. A check inside the subjects bucket revealed four freshly purchased night crawler containers. After sorting through a number of stories CO Drexler obtained a confession from one of the subjects that he was fishing without a license. CO Drexler also learned that all three subjects had numerous outstanding warrants for their arrest. A ticket was issued for fishing without a

license and each subject was advised on the multiple warrants they had as local jurisdictions could not pick up.

COs Mike Drexler and Mark Ennett checked anglers at multiple locations along the Detroit River. Their first contact with anglers resulted in a ticket for fishing without a license. At Belanger Park the COs checked an angler with a stringer full of white bass and one smallmouth bass in the mix. The smallmouth measured short and the angler received a ticket for take/possess undersized bass. Later at Belleville Lake, the COs checked two shore anglers and found one in possession of a short largemouth bass. The angler received a ticket for take/possess undersized bass.

CO Brandon Kieft received a tip from CO Mark Papineau regarding three anglers fishing along the shore of Big Seven Lake. While checking the anglers, CO Kieft determined that none of them had ever purchased a fishing license. While running file checks on the subjects it was determined that one subject had a felony warrant for flee and elude, operating while intoxicated, and driving on a suspended license. CO Kieft arrested the subject and he was later lodged in the Genesee County Jail. All three subjects were ticketed for fishing without licenses.