

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
4/19/10 – 5/2/10**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Denny Gast caught two tribal members fishing a closed section of stream on the Sturgeon River and told them to leave. A report will be sent to GLIFWIC for possible charges.

CO Denny Gast warned a kayaker on Perrault Lake this past week, prior to the trout opener. The subject was catching and releasing trout on a closed trout pond.

CO David Miller and Sgt. Steven Burton worked a Great Lakes patrol this week. A warning was issued to two subjects for expired registrations and one subject was warned and sent to shore after failing to have a wearable life jacket.

CO David Miller arrested two anglers using a spear in an attempt to take steelhead in a Great Lakes tributary.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to the call of a 16 year old subject in a kayak who had missed his pick up location. With the help of some private citizens, who had heard of the lost kayaker, the scared and cold subject was located after dark and downstream from the original pick up location.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to the scene of a vehicle vs moose accident in northern Iron County. The pickup truck suffered severe damage in killing the moose, but the operator was not injured. Meat from the moose was salvaged and donated to St. Vincent DePaul for distribution to needy families in Iron County.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy discovered a remodeled school bus parked along a steam bank in Dickinson County while working turkey hunting activity. A fire was still burning, with the remnants of a party scattered all about. Two subjects were observed still sleeping in the bus. Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers were nearby and assisted in waking up the sleepy subjects. The two subjects were found to be minors in possession, and one subject was lodged for marijuana possession and providing a false name.

COs Grant Emery, Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked a group ORV patrol with the US Forest Service in Gogebic County. Three hundred riders participated in a local poker run. One subject was lodged for operating while impaired and five others ticketed for various ORV violations.

CO Dave Painter investigated a large litter pile of building materials in Iron County and found information that led to the three responsible subjects. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Steven Burton received a call from CO Dennis Gast about a subject who shot at something off his dock on Lake Gerald. During the investigation, it was determined that the subject shot a beaver with a 20 gauge shotgun. The beaver was seized and a ticket was issued for taking a beaver during the closed season.

CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Pete Wright responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of a poached bear early Sunday morning. Once the bear was located, the COs followed ORV tracks back to a nearby residence. Apparently, the homeowner was not happy that the bear had been hanging around dining on the bird feeders and large piles of corn that were spread around the yard so he killed the bear and dumped it in the woods. A confession was obtained and the rifle used to shoot the bear was seized. The subject will be charged with taking an illegal bear.

CO Jason Niemi reported that the subject from an illegal wolf case last fall paid \$1,500 in restitution along with court costs and fines.

CO Mark Leadman contacted a group of five ORV riders near the Sands Plains. One of the subjects had a warrant for possession of marijuana. A \$250 cash bond was posted to assure his appearance.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Reid Roeske arrested a subject for operating an ORV in a closed area. The subject had been driving his ORV through a nesting area of shore birds and ducks.

CO Jared Ferguson responded to a complaint of a fire that escaped. The responsible subject had been burning both treated and untreated lumber. He was ticketed for allowing a fire to escape.

CO John Wenzel investigated a 12-acre fire and found that the responsible individual had not taken proper precautions and allowed the fire to escape. A ticket was issued.

CO John Wenzel seized over 300 pounds of perch in a 1000-foot gill net. The net was discovered by a local angler who caught the net when he dropped his anchor. The local citizen was able to tow the net to an access site where it was recovered by CO Wenzel.

CO Derek Miller arrested an angler for possessing a short brook trout on a lake that is managed in the hopes of developing a trophy trout fishery. Contact was made after the angler was observed attempting to hide the fish.

While working the trout opener CO Mike Hammill observed an angler throw back the fish he had caught upon seeing the CO approach. One of the dead trout floated and CO Hammill retrieved the 7 ½" brookie and issued a ticket for the undersized trout. Later on in the day CO Mike Hammill issued another ticket for short trout as well as ticketing an angler who was fishing without a license.

CO Gerald Thayer investigated a fire that burned 21 acres of private property. The investigation resulted in a ticket being issued to the responsible land owner for allowing the fire to escape.

CO Gerald Thayer spoke with three anglers on the Charlotte River, and after hearing how well they had done ice fishing this past winter, asked about fishing licenses. One subject could not produce his license and was surprised to learn he had not purchased one yet this year. He was even more surprised (being an avid fisherman) when the check of the license system revealed he had not purchased one since 2003. CO Thayer issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

### **DISTRICT 3**

On the Friday before trout opener, CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint about people fishing too early on the Bear River. CO Erratt contacted the anglers who had been catching suckers and ticketed them for fishing on a closed trout stream.

CO Andrea Erratt was patrolling the North Country Hiking Trail by Chandler Hills when she observed several ORVs turning around after they saw her truck. She stopped four of the ORVs while the fifth ORV fled the area. The leader of the group agreed to go find his friend and convince him to turn himself in. They all met back at the camp and CO Erratt ticketed the ORV operators for operating in a closed area on state land and warned the other man for flee and elude.

COs Carl VanderWall, Duane Budreau, Andrea Erratt, Eric Bottorf, and Mike Feagan conducted a multi county group patrol targeting large mudder trucks operating in wetlands on state land. Three tickets were written for various ORV violations and more than 50 operators were contacted.

CO Andrea Erratt observed a subject wearing a baseball cap who was riding an unlicensed ORV down Slashing Road. She stopped him as he turned onto a state forest road that was not an ORV trail. CO Erratt ticketed him for operating the ORV without a helmet and warned him for no ORV license and operating in a closed area on state land.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped four ORVs on a snowmobile trail by Thumb Lake Road in Charlevoix County. The leader of the group admitted going around two closed gates. They were issued tickets for operating ORVs in a closed area on state land and warned for allowing their 11-year old sons to operate ORVs.

CO Mark DePew responded to a complaint from a landowner who saw a turkey hunter shoot at a turkey on his property. CO Depew located evidence of the trespass and was also provided the license plate of the subject's vehicle by the complainant. The subject was from the Monroe area and with assistance from CO Jon Sklba, CO DePew was able to contact the subject, who gave a full confession and was charged with recreational trespass.

CO Mark DePew was on patrol in the Pigeon River Country when a truck drove through a stop sign. CO DePew stopped the vehicle and found the driver had hidden marijuana underneath his seat when he was stopping. The subject had previously been arrested for delivery of narcotics and was lodged in the Otsego County jail.

COs Bill Webster and Joe Molnar received a complaint of two ORVs operating illegally on state land. When the COs arrived at the location, they contacted two brothers who stated they were unaware that it was illegal to operate ORVs on state land. A ticket was issued to the older brother for operating an ORV in a prohibited area.

CO Kelly Ross patrolled state land in Montmorency County during the annual Rites of Spring ORV ride. CO Ross contacted one group of riders who drove up a hill closed to ORV operation and were ticketed for operating in a closed area.

CO Kelly Ross was checking private property along a popular trout stream and located two anglers walking around on the private property quite a distance away from the

stream. The landowner has had numerous problems in the past and wanted them prosecuted for recreational trespass.

COs Nick Torsky and Joe Molnar were checking trout anglers when they encountered two anglers smoking marijuana. When asked if they had any more, they admitted to having a few joints and a small tin of marijuana in their truck. One of the anglers was in possession of a handgun which he was carrying under his concealed pistol license. A further search produced a plastic bag of hallucinogenic mushrooms.

CO Michael Feagan received a RAP complaint regarding walleye being taken during the closed season on the Sturgeon River. CO Feagan surveilled the subjects for awhile, then, with Sgt. Greg Drogowski, contacted them. No walleye were initially found and the subjects denied catching any. After discussing the matter, the subjects agreed to a consent search of their riverside cabin. Nine walleye and one brown trout were found and seized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Stowe received a RAP complaint of bass being taken on Grand Lake during the closed season. CO Stowe contacted the subjects at their lakeside cottage and observed a bucket on a picnic table. The bucket contained four smallmouth bass, three of which were already filleted out. Neither subject had the benefit of a fishing license and enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Stowe assisted local deputies with a turkey hunter recreational trespass complaint. The subject was charged with recreational trespass and minor in possession. It wasn't the first time for either offense.

CO Matt Theunick testified at a formal hearing regarding a ticket issued for a land use violation of a motor vehicle operated in a prohibited area. The defendant attempted to assert tribal rights as his defense. He was found responsible by the Judge.

On opening day of trout season, COs Eric Bottorff and Nick Torsky patrolled the special regulation trout lakes in the Pigeon River Country state forest. They found three different subjects using illegal baits and without life jackets in their kayaks and canoes. Tickets were issued.

On a targeted patrol for pre-season walleye take, COs Michael Feagan and Rich Stowe contacted a subject leaving the Sturgeon River. Upon seeing the COs, the subject dropped a stringer of fish, and proceeded to "forget" about it when questioned. After advising him, they observed him drop the three walleyes. The violator accepted his ticket for taking walleye during the closed season.

CO Matt Theunick observed three young juveniles on the Cheboygan River attempting to snag fish with snagging rigs on their lines. CO Theunick educated them on the legal and appropriate fishing methods and supplied them with fishing regulation guides.

While patrolling state land that has been damaged by ORV activity, COs Michael Feagan and Eric Bottorff attempted to stop five dirt bikes. After disregarding their signals to stop, the dirt bikes took off down a trail road and onto a power line. The COs pursued and caught three of the cyclists, which then led to the apprehension of the other two. The motorcycles were impounded and charges are being sought for flee & elude, driving while license suspended, and no ORV licenses.

## **DISTRICT 4**

CO Sam Koscinski contacted a subject fishing without a license. While CO Koscinski was issuing the ticket for the license violation, he started a conversation with the subject about hunting. During the conversation the subject made several conflicting statements concerning his deer hunting success and eventually admitted to poaching two deer during the past deer season. CO Koscinski will be seeking a warrant for the illegal deer violations.

CO Sam Koscinski reported the conclusion of a deer poaching case where the subject pled guilty to taking a deer out of season with the aid of an artificial light and possession of a loaded, uncased firearm in a motor vehicle. The subject was sentenced to 30 days in jail, fines and costs of \$600, restitution for the deer of \$1,000 and loss of his hunting license until 2014.

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a complaint of a bear that was sighted in downtown Traverse City. CO Kehoe located the treed bear in a congested urban area and secured the location with the help of the Traverse City Police Department. CO Kehoe then assisted Wildlife Division with rescue and relocation of the bear to Missaukee County.

CO Jair Kollasch responded to a complaint of a property owner fencing a trout stream with several strands of "barbed wire" to prevent anglers from fishing in the stream. CO Kollasch is working toward a resolution of the conflict.

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a complaint of a raccoon that was caught in a trap. CO Kehoe located the owner of the trap and obtained a confession for failing to remove the trap after trapping season. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jair Kollasch investigated a fire on private property and learned that the property owner had taped a "Tiki torch" to a long pole and was using the contraption to "torch" the tent caterpillars that were attacking his trees. The property owner lost his balance and fell, dropping the torch and accidentally starting the fire. Enforcement action taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was on patrol along a remote trout stream when he came upon a subject sharpening a stick at a camp site. Due to the presence of spawning steelhead, CO VanGelderren took up a lengthy surveillance and observed the subject attempting to spear steelhead with the improvised spear. After failing to spear a fish, the subject sat on the stream bank and began smoking marijuana. The subject was contacted and ticketed for the use of marijuana and the fishing violation.

CO Troy VanGelderren investigated a RAP complaint of a juvenile stealing swan eggs from a nest. When interviewed, the youth stated that his guardians encouraged him to take the eggs for crafts. The eggs were recovered from the father's refrigerator and were drained and being prepared for decorations. A ticket was issued for the possession of eggs from a protected species.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a RAP complaint of two subjects snagging steelhead on the Muskegon River downstream from Croton. After watching the subjects for some time, CO Ginn observed them catch and retain foul hooked trout. When contact was made, one of the subjects was found in possession of an overlimit of steelhead. Tickets were issued for the snagging violations and the overlimit violation.

CO Mike Wells responded to a RAP complaint of subjects netting steelhead in an Oceana County stream. After a lengthy surveillance, CO Wells contacted three subjects in possession of five steelhead and one brook trout. CO Wells interviewed the subjects and confirmed that all of the fish were taken by net. CO Wells located a hidden landing net along with five additional steelhead covered by mud. The three subjects were also trespassing at the time. Arrest warrants will be sought to address the recreational trespass and fishing violations.

CO Mike Wells responded to an illegal burn in Newaygo County where a juvenile had intentionally set a fire because he was mad that his parents would not allow him to go fishing. The juvenile has past delinquent behavior and CO Wells will be contacting the Probate Court concerning the intentionally set fire.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Bobbi Lively encountered a turkey hunter who was out scouting and she observed a bag of cracked corn inside the hunter's vehicle. CO Lively informed the hunter of the regulations pertaining to turkey hunting and the use of bait being illegal.

CO John Huspen encountered an angler on a local trout lake who was in possession of two undersized rainbow trout. One trout was released alive and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn responded to a fire where a subject was burning yard debris when no burning permits were being issued. The fire escaped and burned approximately two acres. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Jeff Panich observed two subjects cutting firewood on state land. While checking their permit, COs observed numerous cut off stumps with leaves and dirt piled on top to cover up the freshly cut standing trees. The subjects advised the COs that they were cutting down standing trees, which was in violation of their permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen patrolled a hill climb area in southern Roscommon County. CO Bowen contacted seven subjects operating illegally on the hills. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen patrolled Houghton Lake on the walleye opener and checked two boats with expired registrations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg located a subject who was beaver trapping after the close of the season.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a complaint of subjects keeping bass out of season and observed them keep a bass and take it to their car. He stopped them and they confessed to keeping more bass and pike that they had already taken to their residence.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a complaint of a subject shooting a goose. He located the subject and the illegally killed goose.

CO Brian Engelhard followed up on a tip from a year ago that a subject was illegally hunting turkeys. On opening day, CO Engelhard located the individual hunting turkey over a bait pile from an elevated blind.

CO Brian Engelhard responded to a trespass complaint where the complainant heard a gunshot and found a subject on his property carrying a shotgun and a dead turkey. The landowner identified the subject and told him to leave. CO Engelhard recovered the evidence and completed the investigation with the assistance of CO Becky Hopkins.

CO Brian Engelhard investigated a wildfire that was started by illegal burning. The fire consumed a neighbor's shed and several wooded acres.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Ken Lowell investigated a turkey complaint about two hunters who had already shot their turkeys for the year and were out hunting for more. CO Lowell found the two subjects' vehicles and turkey feathers near each. After walking the area the CO found both hunters in the woods, one with a shotgun and the other with a crossbow. Further investigation revealed that each hunter had shot a turkey earlier, had not tagged their turkeys and were each hunting for a second. Each hunter was issued two tickets; one for failing to tag their turkey and the other for attempting to take a second turkey.

COs Chad Foerster and Ken Lowell worked the night prior to the walleye opener on the Saginaw River system. The COs encountered numerous violations including attempting to take walleye out of season, using illegal lures and fishing without licenses. Several of the anglers contended that it was OK to target and catch walleye the night prior to the opener so they could find a good spot to fish at midnight. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Vicki Goss checked a vehicle on the opening day of turkey season that was rapidly exiting the area and found a loaded firearm in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Vicki Goss worked a RAP complaint of baiting for turkey. The state land area was checked several times before and during the first week of the hunt without success. On the opening day of the second hunt an individual was found sitting in the blind with his decoys in the middle of the scattered corn. An appearance ticket was issued for using bait in hunting turkey and a warning issued for cutting live pine trees in the construction of his blind.

CO Vicki Goss worked a complaint from a turkey hunter who had his decoys taken by a landowner claiming the hunter had trespassed. No complaint was filed on a trespass and upon investigation it was determined the hunter was not trespassing. The decoys were recovered and returned with no further action taken.

CO Dan Lee received a complaint of a turkey hunter shooting and retrieving a turkey on a private farm field. When the CO arrived the subject had already left, but not before the complainant got a picture of his truck with plate number. The subject also left the turkey and tracks on the private property. The CO went to the subject's residence where he found the truck in the driveway but no suspect. The CO waited about an hour

until the subject came home and acted like he had been out all evening. When the CO pointed out that his pants were still wet by his muddy boots and that his truck was full of turkey hunting equipment the subject admitted to shooting the turkey. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne has been working a case where a subject dumped a large amount of garbage on state land. After the investigation it was found that the subject's grandmother paid him to clean up the house and remove some garbage. The subject did clean up the house and he did remove the garbage, but thought he would save some money by not paying for the garbage to be taken to the landfill. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright received a complaint that an individual had gone turkey hunting, shot a bird and then purchased his license. Upon contacting the successful hunter and being shown the bird and hearing the hunter's story, CO Wright brought it to the hunter's attention that the time on the license was well after the early morning time he claimed to have shot the bird. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Robert Hobkirk overheard the Port Crescent State Park employees speaking on the radio that they were attempting to locate an ATV that had been operating on the beach and through the wooded state property. After trying to find the individual, they lost sight of him as he drove down the highway. CO Hobkirk located his tracks one mile down the highway where he had cut through a county park and drove back onto the beach. After following the ORV tracks down the beach, CO Hobkirk located the ATV and operator at a cabin about 1-1/2 miles from the Port Crescent Campground.

While checking anglers on the Quanicassee River, CO Seth Rhodea contacted an angler who said he had caught two walleye and a pike. When CO Rhodea measured the pike, it was found to be undersized. The angler said that when he measured it he thought it was legal and thought the fish might have shrunk because he had it out of the water. The angler was ticketed for possessing an undersized pike.

While patrolling in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea stopped two ORV operators who were driving on the roadway with both ORVs carrying more passengers than allowed. Upon talking with the operators, both were found to be under age. The father of the juveniles showed up a couple of minutes later and was found to have a valid warrant for his arrest. The father said he did not have the money to post bond but was pretty sure that he would not be taken to jail even though he did not have the money. When CO Rhodea advised him that he was indeed going to jail if he did not have the bond money, he was then able to come up with the money to post bond. The father was also ticketed for allowing his minor children to operate ORVs.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Jeff Rabbers was called to assist with the removal of a truck that had fallen through the ice on Jordan Lake. The dive team, using sonar, was unable to locate the truck. CO Rabbers went to the coordinates which he had supplied to the divers. The searchers located the truck shortly thereafter and removed it.

CO Chris Simpson responded to a complaint of people fishing in a closed trout stream. CO Simpson found five people in the stream who were spearing, using nets and hands to take fish. All of the subjects were ticketed for taking fish from closed waters.

CO Chris Simpson responded to a complaint of two people keeping bass during the closed season. CO Simpson found the subjects were in possession of five bass and they did not have fishing licenses. The complainant reported that he told the subjects bass season was closed before he called but the subjects kept fishing anyway.

CO Chris Simpson received a call from a citizen asking him to assist in locating a missing woman. The caller was part of a citizen search party. CO Simpson received the call at 6:00 p.m. He contacted the searchers then left the command post at 7:00 p.m. By 7:30 p.m. CO Simpson located the missing woman who was deceased.

CO Steve Mooney worked a turkey baiting case on the turkey opener. He contacted a female turkey hunter, who was hunting over bait. She denied having knowledge of the bait. Photos from a trail camera were viewed and the hunter was caught on film baiting before the season.

CO Steve Mooney worked a hunting accident where a female shot her boyfriend in the thigh at close distance. The boyfriend is expected to live and charges are being sought for violations.

CO Ken Cerny and Sgt. Bob Torres observed five subjects fishing near the covered bridge in St. Joseph County. The COs contacted and arrested three of the five subjects for not having fishing licenses and one for possessing a bass out of season. One of the five subjects was also wanted on a warrant for felony assault. He was taken to the St. Joseph County jail.

CO Steve Mooney received a RAP complaint regarding three subjects fishing in a boat on Round Lake in Van Buren County. The complainant advised that the subjects had possibly caught and kept an undersized muskie. CO Steve Mooney and Sgt. Bob Torres responded and contacted the subjects at the access site as they were leaving the lake. One of the subjects admitted to catching the 38 " muskie. This same subject did not have a fishing license.

While patrolling in St. Joseph County, CO Ken Cerny observed a subject fishing who has been checked multiple times in the past. Once the subject noticed CO Cerny's arrival, he immediately ran to his fish basket and began dumping fish. CO Cerny made contact before the last largemouth bass was pitched back in the water.

While patrolling the Berrien Springs Dam, CO Andy Bauer took notice of an angler fishing near the dam. CO Bauer observed the angler catch a fish and then look around for anyone who might be watching him. CO Bauer, from his hidden position, observed the angler wrap the fish in two plastic bags, take the fish up a hill away from the river, remove several rocks from the hillside and place the fish in the hole. The angler then covered the fish with the rocks he had removed and placed some leaves on the site for good measure. CO Bauer contacted the angler who denied catching a fish and then hiding it. Once CO Bauer retrieved the hidden fish and ascertained it was a bass, the angler changed his tune. The angler stated he did not know the fish was a small mouth bass.

## **DISTRICT 8**

COs Rich Nickols and Rick Villerot assisted the Office of Criminal Investigations in serving search warrants for business records relating to environmental crimes.

CO Peter Purdy assisted Oakland County CO Brandon Kieft on a case of subjects snagging fish from the Huron River.

CO Peter Purdy responded to a complaint of a turkey hunter taking two turkeys with only one shot and only one license. CO Purdy's investigation showed that one turkey was behind the other without the shooter realizing the close proximity of the two birds. The illegal bird was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith was working with PCO Joe Pena when they came across two individuals in possession of illegal drugs. While one subject was taken into custody the second subject fled into the woods. CO Smith called for assistance and as the back up arrived, the second subject came out of the woods and gave himself up. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint of shots fired in Flint Township. While en route to the area, CO Papineau contacted the complainant, who stated that he had talked to the possible juvenile subjects and sent them on their way. He also told the CO that he found a freshly shot hen turkey and a rabbit hidden under a tree. CO Papineau tracked the young subjects down and interviewed them and the parents. CO Papineau will be seeking a warrant for the parents for allowing the juveniles to hunt unattended.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint from a Montrose Township employee of a suspicious vehicle parked behind a storage barn in the township cemetery. CO Papineau conducted surveillance on the vehicle until two subjects with fishing gear emerged from the adjacent woods. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the walleye opener, CO Mark Papineau was conducting surveillance on a large parcel of private property posted with no trespassing signs. CO Papineau contacted CO Linda Scheidler for assistance on two subjects who were fishing from a canoe and loaded up on the opposite side of the river. CO Scheidler stopped two subjects in a jeep leaving the area who admitted to fishing and keeping one walleye. A LEIN check showed one subject had a warrant out of Saginaw County and the other had one out of Colorado and a suspended driver's license. The first subject was arrested and transported to Saginaw County. Colorado would not extradite the second subject.

Sgt. Tom Wanless was in his driveway, along with COs Mark Papineau and John Borkovich, when two subjects drove down the road on dirt bikes. Sgt. Wanless signaled the subjects to stop; however, they continued on. The COs jumped in their trucks and stopped the subjects a short distance down the road. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Arthur Green was checking anglers at the Moss Lake dam on the Huron River when a subject who was on the opposite side of the river hooked a fish and started to reel it in. As he was attempting to land the trout, Sgt. Green could see that the fish was hooked in the tail. The angler removed the fish from the net and placed it in a plastic

bag with another trout that he had caught. As Sgt. Green gave him a ticket, he apologized and said, "I just got caught up in the moment."

COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively worked the trout opener on the Huron River and contacted 68 anglers in a 14-hour period. The COs issued a ticket to one angler for taking an overlimit of trout. The angler yelled "limit" as he caught his third fish then continued to fish. When he caught his fourth fish, CO Shively contacted him and asked how many he had caught and he said "three". When CO Shively said he had been watching for a while, the subject dropped his head and said "you got me".

During the same patrol, COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively watched an angler who caught three trout stash them in his boat. He continued to fish and he caught two more and placed each of them on the stringers of two other anglers. When he was asked how many he caught he said one then changed it to three; he finally admitted to catching five. He was issued a ticket for taking an overlimit of trout.

During the catch and release season, CO Brandon Kieft watched two anglers who were fishing with fly rods. They looked around and picked up spincaster rods with spinner lures attached and started fishing. One angler snagged a trout, reeled it in and held it up and shouted number eight. He then threw it up in the air and let it hit the water. CO Kieft contacted both anglers, who tried to deny doing anything wrong. When CO Kieft told them he had been watching them for 45 minutes they stopped arguing. Both subjects were issued tickets for using artificial lures where prohibited.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint of a subject hunting turkeys over bait and with a firearm in a raised platform. With the assistance of Sgt. Tom Wanless, CO Papineau caught the subject in the raised platform hunting with archery equipment. Unfortunately for the subject, he had already shot a turkey that was in a blind under the raised platform and did not have a kill tag on it. The platform had a broadcast spreader full of corn hanging from it and there was also a large amount of corn and sunflower seeds scattered on the ground in all directions from the blind. The subject admitted to leaving his license in his vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathon Sklba patrolled areas of turkey poaching complaints from last year and has been able to check a few hunters near Petersburg State Game Area. While checking hunters, CO Sklba discovered that one of the turkey hunters had purchased two licenses. The subject produced both licenses and gave one in exchange for a ticket.

CO Lacelle Rabon was conducting patrols along the Detroit River front and checked City of Detroit property east of the Fort Wayne Museum. CO Rabon found subjects who were trespassing on the property posted no trespassing. Both subjects had smallmouth bass in their possession. The bass were confiscated and both subjects were issued tickets for trespassing and taking bass out of season. Restitution will be sought for the fish.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint of a person who was in possession of two Fox snakes. He responded to Belanger Park Drive in River Rouge and met the complainant, who stated he saved the two snakes from being mutilated by neighborhood youths. The snakes were released in the area.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted MSP troopers in the search for a suspected suicidal person who was believed to be in one of the state parks. CO Kieft located the subject and he volunteered to admit himself in the hospital.

CO Kris Kiel checked a vessel coming into the Brandenburg Park launch ramp. There were three anglers on board, all in possession of their own cooler of fish. One subject was written a ticket for possession of fish without a fishing license and the owner of the vessel was written a ticket for fail to provide life preservers, he had only one for the three anglers. Verbal warnings were issued to the boat owner for no fishing license on person and no paper registration on board.