



MICHIGAN HUNTING RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY

2020



Updated: 09/20/21 Incidents: 8

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1	02/01/20	IONIA	Coyote	Injury	No	Rifle	23	20	YES	NO	FINAL
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Subjects were hunting in same group and were walking back to the vehicle. The shooters firearm fell off its tripod and discharged. The victim was struck in the left hand.

2	02/24/20	INGHAM	Coyote	Injury	No	Rifle	19	21	YES	YES	FINAL
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Four subjects were coyote hunting along the railroad right-of-way. Looking through a thermal scope, the hunters thought they saw a coyote and one hunter fired two rounds. The object thought to be a coyote was a person, who was struck by one bullet in the upper chest. The victim and shooter did not know each other.

3	09/13/20	ST CLAIR	Deer	Fatal	No	Pistol	39	11	YES	YES	Pending
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Subject was tracking a wounded deer with several family members. When the shooter observed the deer, he attempted to shoot it with a handgun, firing several rounds. One of the rounds struck the victim, causing fatal injuries.



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4	10/06/20	BARAGA	Deer	Fatal	No	Crossbow	65	60	YES	NO	FINAL
Shooter observed white in the woods approximately 20 yards from his camper and thought it was the chest of a deer. Shooter got his crossbow and shot at the white area. Shooter then realized he shot his friend in the woods and rendered assistance. The victim was struck in the chest area and died at the hospital.											
5	11/14/20	MANISTEE	Deer	Injury	Yes	Crossbow		27		NO	FINAL
Subject was cocking his crossbow to go deer hunting when the cocking device malfunctioned/broke. The draw string with metal hook part of the cocking device broke and struck the subject in the eye, causing a laceration to the eye.											
6	11/15/20	St. JOSEPH	Deer	Injury	Yes	Rifle		31	YES	NO	FINAL
Subject was hunting from a make-shift ground blind. Upon trying to move, the firearm caught on some burlap used for cover and went off. The round struck the subject in the left foot.											
7	11/20/20	BARRY	Deer	Fatal	Yes	Pistol		60		YES	FINAL
Subject was found alone in an elevated deer blind with a single gunshot wound to the chest. His pistol was located on the floor, still in the holster, which had an exposed trigger guard.											
8	12/13/20	LIVINGSTON	DEER	Injury	Yes	Shotgun		50		Yes	FINAL
Subject accidentally discharged his firearm while in a treestand. He shot himself in the ankle.											