

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

CO Dave Painter was working snowmobile activity in Iron County when he attempted to stop a snowmobile operator at a trail intersection. The snowmobiler disregarded CO Painter and the posted stop sign and blew through the intersection at a high rate of speed. CO Painter radioed ahead to the Iron River Police Department to check the trail crossing in town in a short while to see if the operator continued into town. A short while later CO Painter received word that the snowmobile operator was spotted along the trail, and tried to avoid the local police. The operator was located and stopped as he attempted to fuel his sled at the gas station. CO Painter identified the operator due to the unique riding clothing he was wearing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon attempted to stop a snowmobile operator for having an expired trail permit. The operator accelerated around CO Bacon and sped off down the trail. CO Bacon caught up to the operator at the next trail crossing. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Bacon and Dave Painter conducted a snowmobile patrol in the Watersmeet area. Recent snowfall has resulted in an increase in snowmobile activity in the western Upper Peninsula. Hundreds of sleds were checked throughout the day and tickets were issued for expired trail permits, failure to register, careless operation and operation on a state highway.

CO Brian Bacon stopped two snowmobile operators near Iron Mountain. A quick inspection of the machines revealed registration and trail permit violations. A LEIN check of the operators found that one subject was operating on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson issued two tickets to hunters who purchased more kill tags than allowed. Both hunters admitted to buying a single firearm deer license and when they filled them on opening day, went to buy another.

CO Jason Wicklund worked an early morning snowmobile patrol just outside of Iron River. After sitting for several hours and ready to call it a night, the CO saw lights off in the distance above the tree line. The CO decided to see what was making the lights, and observed four snowmobiles trespassing in a local gravel pit, climbing the various piles of gravel and banks of the pit. CO Wicklund contacted them as they came back out to the trail and discovered that two of the snowmobiles were not registered and one did not have a trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund worked a local snowmobile hill climb event. One rider attempted to make his way up the hill, but his snowmobile rolled before he could get to the top.

During the roll down the hill, the snowmobile's throttle was jammed at full throttle and the snowmobile accelerated down the mountain and into the crowd. Two people watching the events were seriously injured and the snowmobile came to rest underneath a truck in the parking lot. The CO along with deputies and paramedics provided first aid and secured the scene.

CO Dave Painter received a complaint of subjects keeping short pike. The call came in from a retired Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper who was fishing next to the subjects and provided the CO with the location of the illegal fish. Upon contact, the subjects denied having any fish. They changed their story when CO Painter located the short fish hidden in the snow under a sled. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon attempted to stop a snowmobile for a trail permit violation when the subject accelerated around CO Bacon and attempted to flee. CO Bacon caught up to the operator at the next intersection, which was two miles away, and took the subject into custody.

CO Brian Bacon stopped a snowmobile operator for a trail permit violation. The subject produced a trail permit from his pocket and admitted he was using the trail permit for multiple snowmobiles. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Grant Emery, Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a group snowmobile patrol in Gogebic County. Over 200 snowmobile operators were contacted with violations found for careless operation, trail permit violations, registration violations and improper exhaust.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mike Evink contacted numerous anglers during a fishing derby on Indian Lake. One group of anglers decided to increase their odds by putting out extra lines. When asked why, they said they weren't catching enough fish to compete in the derby so they thought they would up their odds. Tickets were issued.

CO John Wenzel assisted MSP troopers with a possible homicide investigation where assistance was needed to access a remote camp. CO Wenzel transported detectives to the scene with his snowmobile. Once there the troopers found the complaint was unfounded.

District 2 officers conducted a joint group patrol for the I-500 Snowmobile Race in Sault Ste. Marie. Sault Tribal Conservation Officers and Border Patrol Agents assisted with the effort. Several tickets and warnings were issued for careless operation of snowmobiles, unregistered snowmobiles, operate snowmobiles without a trail permit, fail to transfer title of a snowmobile, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, railroad trespass, operate ORV without a license, operate ORV without ORV safety certificate, allow minor to operate ORV unsupervised and indecent exposure in a public place. The operator of one of the unregistered ORVs said he has ridden his ORV for three years.

and never got caught, until this day. The COs also backed up the MSP in a domestic disturbance occurring in town just outside the track area.

CO Jeff Panich contacted a group of non-resident snowmobilers who had been stopped and warned three hours earlier by Sgt. Gerald Thayer and Lt. Eugene Hagy for trail permits and other violations. They had been directed to go across the street and purchase their trail permits before continuing and were warned for the other violations. They chose to ignore the warnings and attempted to convince CO Panich that they were given a warning good for the whole day and were all set. This story quickly fell apart when Sgt. Thayer and Lt. Hagy arrived and reminded them of their earlier conversation. Tickets issued this time around.

CO Kyle Publiski encountered a familiar subject fishing in the Drummond Island area. The CO caught the subject smoking marijuana and fishing without a license. This was the seventh time that CO Publiski has arrested this particular subject. The subject has also been arrested in the past by CO Ken Lowell and retired CO Mike Bailey.

CO Mike Hammill observed two subjects fishing on a lake in Luce County. As the two noticed the CO's presence they wandered away from the fishing poles. Upon contact they told the CO that they weren't fishing and that they had no idea who was using the poles and fishing gear. CO Hammill explained that he had been watching them fish for quite some time and that they didn't need to lie any more. The two quietly accepted their tickets.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert found two anglers on a small lake who each possessed four undersized northern pike. The longest measured only 22 inches. Both of the men were ticketed for taking and keeping the undersized fish, and warnings were issued for possessing overlimits of fish.

COs Andrea Albert, Andrea Erratt, Steve Speigl, Duane Budreau and Carl VanderWall, along with Sgt. Mike Borkovich, conducted a joint snowmobile patrol in Antrim County. Designed to address concerns of high speed operation and a recent increase in snowmobile accidents, the COs issued 14 tickets for careless operation and failing to stop at crossroads and stop signs. The COs also addressed an additional 82 violations of other minor snowmobile infractions.

After operating at a high rate of speed and hitting a snow-covered driveway, a downstate snowmobiler and his sled were airborne for nearly 90 feet before crashing and causing severe injury to the operator. COs Duane Budreau, Carl VanderWall, Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Borkovich were on scene within a few minutes of the emergency call, and were able to provide first aid to the victim until local emergency medical personnel arrived and transported him to the hospital.

Over the weekend, COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert conducted a snowmobile patrol in Charlevoix and Antrim Counties. While on patrol, the COs discovered an accident scene and found a man who was going too fast and lost control on a curve, hitting a tree head-on and wrecking his snowmobile in the process. He had towed his sled back to a parking lot where he was waiting for a ride. The COs ticketed the operator for careless operation and for failing to immediately report an accident.

After receiving a complaint of coyote hunters trespassing on private property, CO Andrea Erratt was able to track and locate the individuals involved. With assistance from CO Carl VanderWall, the subjects, who had originally stated they had permission to be on the property, were ticketed for recreational trespassing when the landowner confirmed that he had not given them permission to be on his property.

District 3 COs worked the sturgeon season on Black Lake and issued several tickets for unattended lines, too many lines, fishing without licenses, failing to license ORVs, and operating an ORV while suspended. Multiple warnings were given for other minor violations. COs assisted subjects in retrieving a snowmobile that had gone through the ice near the Upper Black River mouth. The snowmobile and gear were successfully recovered and removed from the lake.

CO Mike Feagan observed an angler far out on Black Lake from shore who appeared to be fishing with too many lines. The CO borrowed an ORV and checked the lines after the subject left without picking up his fishing lines. The subject came back after awhile on an ORV and CO Feagan made contact. Violations included fishing with five lines, fishing with unattended lines, fishing without a license, operating an ORV while suspended and without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster, with the assistance of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, pulled a search warrant for a subject's residence who had unlawfully obtained U.S. military gear. The individual was taken into custody and a confession was obtained regarding the stolen military equipment. A search of the residence revealed approximately \$5,000 in military gear that he was not authorized to possess and the investigation continues. Local and federal charges are being requested.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling Fletcher Floodwater when he observed two anglers catching numerous fish. When they were contacted they were in possession of two undersized pike and nearly a limit of small bluegill. The anglers stated they were keeping everything they caught and did not care how long they were. They were issued tickets for taking undersized pike.

DISTRICT 4

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County was checking anglers on Twinwood Lake when he came across anglers in possession of an undersized northern pike. When CO Ginn contacted the anglers they stated they were just getting ready to release the pike that they also believed to be undersized. CO Ginn had observed the anglers for some time

prior to making contact and recognized that the fish had been on the ice for a lengthy amount of time and was nearly frozen. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was patrolling the Muskegon River and issued multiple tickets for failure to provide proper personal flotation devices (PFD)s for persons fishing from boats. CO Ginn also contacted a charter boat captain using a state access ramp with no permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County conducted surveillance on four anglers fishing Hardy Pond. CO Wells observed that they were using too many tip-ups. When CO Wells contacted the anglers he found one subject was also fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

A coordinated group patrol effort in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service was conducted on Lake Cadillac, Lake Mitchell, and the surrounding area during the annual Cadillac Snowmobile and Fishing Festival. COs Rebecca Hopkins and Steve Converse utilized ORVs to check anglers, and issued numerous tickets for unattended lines, fishing with too many lines, and no fishing licenses. One group of anglers attempted to hide an undersized pike on CO Converse by shoving the fish under their shanty. CO Converse observed a pike's tail sticking out from under the shanty and discovered the violation. The angler stated he decided to keep the fish because he didn't believe he would be checked by a CO that day.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth worked a plainclothes patrol on Hamlin Lake and addressed several complaints of people illegally operating snowmobiles and ORVs on the ice. Several tickets were issued for no helmets and licensing violations.

CO Brian Brosky conducted a patrol on north Hamlin Lake to address numerous complaints of anglers taking overlimits of panfish. CO Brosky located several anglers attempting to get off the ice with overlimits.

DISTRICT 5

While responding to a complaint of illegal cutting of firewood on state land, CO Chuck McPherson encountered a subject who was ice fishing on a trout lake closed to winter fishing activity. The subject had walked past the large sign at the parking lot that indicated the closure along with the restriction of use of live bait. The angler had tip-ups tipped with minnows. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn took a long walk on a local lake checking ice shanties, and located a shanty that was frozen into the ice. CO Hearn found numerous tip-ups frozen in around the shanty with no one in attendance. He followed tracks back to a cottage but found no one at home. The investigation revealed two subjects had come up for the weekend to fish and had gone back downstate leaving the active lines in the lake.

CO Mike Hearn concluded an investigation from archery deer season where he had located a hunter using a rifle who claimed to be hunting coyote from a tree stand, next

to a youth hunter using a crossbow to deer hunt over a bait pile. The subject failed to purchase a small game license and was not wearing any hunter orange. CO Hearn also located fresh blood at the location and at the subject's truck. The hunter later admitted to shooting a deer and tagging it with the youth hunter's tag. A few weeks later, CO Hearn received information that the same hunter had an illegal deer. CO Hearn located the carcass of the deer and contacted the hunter who indicated it was the same deer he had shot during the archery deer season. X-rays of the deer revealed bullet fragments that had killed the deer. Warrants have been sought in the case.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint of an injured swan on Secord Lake in Gladwin County. The concerned citizen advised that the swan had been there for several days and it appeared to be suffering from a broken wing. CO Papineau responded and was able to locate the injured Trumpeter Swan. With the assistance of DNR Wildlife Division, they were able to rescue the swan and transport it to a rehabilitation facility.

DISTRICT 6

CO Nick Atkin was checking anglers when he located a loaded firearm in one of the angler's vehicles. The angler informed the CO that he was recently coyote hunting and must have forgotten to unload the firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers, CO Nick Atkin witnessed multiple subjects operating or riding snowmobiles on the ice with no helmets. During the investigation it was also found the rider of one of the snowmobiles was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was conducting surveillance on an angler, who was leaving when the CO contacted him. During the check, CO Atkin found the angler in possession of an undersized walleye, an undersized northern pike and two illegal or untagged snares. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking an angler for his fishing license, CO Nick Atkin observed that the subject still had his Regular Combination Deer license in his wallet. After questioning him on his success the past deer season, the subject told the CO he was very successful and had shot two bucks. Upon questioning him a little further and help by CO Chad Foerster interviewing a friend of the subject, the angler admitted to shooting two bucks and tagging only one. Enforcement action was taken.

During the 2011 deer season, CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint of a convicted felon allegedly shooting a large antlered deer. Due to limited information, no action was taken at the time. Recently the convicted felon was jailed on unrelated charges and a search was done of his residence. After the search, CO Hobkirk spoke with a sergeant from the sheriff's department and learned of a deer head at the residence. A consent search of the residence led to the seizure of three sets of deer antlers, four raccoons and two turkey carcasses. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Chad Foerster located a suspect vehicle which was involved in a possible armed robbery in Bay County. With assistance from the Bay County Sheriff's Department, the CO stopped the vehicle and the suspect was taken into custody. Charges are pending.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of coyote hunters who were blocking traffic on a Tuscola County road. After responding to the area and making contact with a couple of the hunters, a loaded firearm was located inside of the vehicle. Both subjects also failed to wear hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith watched two ice anglers who were using nine lines to perch fish. Once contact was made it was also discovered that they did not have their names on their tip-ups. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason A. Smith and Joshua Wright assisted several other local law enforcement agencies with a missing 10 year old girl. The girl was missing for about five hours and a search was just getting under way with the MSP K-9 unit and a MSP helicopter when the girl was located.

CO Joshua Wright was checking ice anglers coming in on Saginaw Bay when he came upon a person pulling an ice shanty with a snowmobile. While checking his fishing license, CO Wright found that the person only had a Michigan ID card. He asked the subject if his driver's license was suspended and he replied it was. CO Wright then asked how he got his snowmobile to the Bay and he said he had brought it on a trailer. The subject was ticketed for operating a snowmobile while his license was suspended.

While investigating a fresh litter pile of 168 perch dumped at the boat launch of Linwood Beach Marina, CO Holly Pennoni asked an angler who was coming off the ice how his fishing was. The angler replied he had a pretty good day. CO Pennoni stated she wanted to see the fish and asked how many he caught. The angler unzipped his shanty, pulled out a bucket of perch and stated he didn't know how many he had because he didn't count. CO Pennoni began counting the fish and when she reached 50 and there were still almost just as many fish left to count, the angler stated that maybe he should have counted. CO Pennoni seized a total of 33 perch over the limit and enforcement action was taken.

Last fall CO Jeremy Payne was involved in a chase involving a subject on an ORV with both of his young sons as passengers. The CO made the stop and arrested the subject. The court just placed the father on probation for two years and fined him \$1000.

CO Quincy Gowenlock contacted two ice anglers and asked why they did not have their name and address on their tip-ups. Both individuals advised they were not aware of the law. The CO then asked to see their fishing licenses. One of the anglers handed the CO his license and the other said he left it at home. The CO then asked if he really had a license. The angler said he should, that he had given his girlfriend money to buy one

for him. It was concluded that he never did buy a fishing license and was issued a ticket. Verbal warnings were issued for the tip-up violations.

CO Dan Lee received information from state biologist regarding ORV activity on the Gratiot Saginaw State Game Area (SGA). The CO responded to the area during the week right around the time kids get home from school. Just as the CO arrived in the area, he heard an ORV fire up from a nearby residence and proceeded out onto the game area. The young operator was contacted at the residence along with his parents. The juvenile was operating on SGA property, with no helmet, no ORV safety card, no ORV license and was unsupervised. Enforcement action was taken.

While working together in Ionia County, COs Ken Lowell and Cary Foster received a complaint of anglers taking an overlimit of northern pike in Montcalm County. The COs worked up to Muskegon Lake and located the subject on the ice. The COs talked with the angler and he admitted to catching and possessing three northern pike. The subject stated that he planned on throwing back the smallest one because he had just caught it. The subject did not know that the COs had been watching him for some time. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Montcalm County lakes, CO Ken Lowell located an angler who was fishing with too many lines. The angler had five tip-ups set on the ice and was using a jigging rod. When the CO made contact with the angler, he stated that he thought anglers could use four lines. He could not explain why he was using six. Enforcement action was taken

While checking state land lakes in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located an angler who was by himself. When the CO made contact with the angler he did not have any identification but stated he had a fishing license. The angler gave the CO a false name and date of birth which came back from the Secretary of State with no record. Upon a frank discussion of going straight to the county jail the angler decided to give up his real name. The angler did not have a fishing license and also had warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken

CO Joel Lundberg contacted two hunters coming out of the woods well after dark. The hunters told the CO that they were hunting coyotes. The CO advised them that they cannot use centerfire rifles after dark. The hunters then told the CO that they were hunting during daylight hours and it just took them a long time to get out of the woods. The CO then asked why they weren't wearing any hunter orange. The CO reminded them that it is a requirement for daytime hunting. CO Lundberg also determined that they did not have the required hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Steve Mooney was on patrol when he observed a vehicle parked on Commercial Forest property. CO Mooney was trying to locate the hunters when he heard two quick gunshots. CO Mooney contacted four subjects, one of whom had just killed a raccoon. CO Mooney found that the subject with the raccoon did not have any hunting licenses and was a convicted felon. The subject's firearm was seized and warrants are being sought for the violations.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a RAP complaint of a boat operating in a closed, marked area at the Berrien Springs Dam. CO Bauer arrived and observed the boat operating above the buoyed area, too close to the dam. CO Bauer contacted the subjects and ticketed the operator for the violation.

CO Ken Cerny obtained warrants for three subjects who were involved in the illegal taking of a deer at night in December. CO Cerny located two of the subjects and subsequently arrested them on the warrants.

CO Mike McGee and Sgt. Zach Doss were checking fishing licenses at Paw Paw Lake and contacted a subject who had purchased two archery deer licenses and a combination deer license last fall. The subject was subsequently ticketed for purchasing too many antlered deer licenses.

CO Andy Bauer observed vehicle tracks on the snowmobile trail near Niles and followed the tracks onto the high speed railroad right of way. CO Bauer located the vehicle and driver and ticketed the driver for the railroad trespass.

CO Chuck Towns reported that a subject who had been charged with allowing a fire to escape where over 65 acres of state land was burned, was ordered to pay over \$6000 in restitution to the state.

CO Dave Rodgers and Sgt. John Jurchich conducted interviews related to a deer investigation by CO Rodgers in Kent County during the last several months. CO Rodgers had been working multiple complaints of baiting and night time shooting on private land. After several nights of surveillance, CO Rodgers observed a subject continue to exceed deer bait regulations at his hunting location, but not take a deer at night as the complaint information had indicated. The COs went to the subject's residence and, after a series of interviews, obtained confessions and evidence to charge the subject with the illegal killing of four bucks and one doe, all of which were taken at night with the aid of a light and excess bait. The subject has lived in Michigan for three years and had never purchased a deer license. In addition to the five illegal deer kills, the subject had taken a 13 year old to the property during the first week of September and allowed the minor to kill an antlerless deer during the closed season, without licenses or hunter safety training, which led to a sixth illegal kill. Charges on numerous violations will be forthcoming and the investigation continues.

CO Steve Orange was on patrol in Kent County when he contacted two subjects fishing a closed trout stream. CO Orange ticketed both subjects for the violation and noted one of them had been ticketed previously for the same offense.

CO Steve Orange responded to a report of subjects burning tires in Ionia County. Upon his arrival he found two juveniles burning tires to recover metal and rims for scrap. The subjects were cooperative and after cleaning up the site were given warnings for the violation.

While on patrol CO Steve Orange observed a vehicle driving through a field, using a light, along the edge of a wooded area. Upon contact he found three persons in possession of loaded firearms using a light attempting to take raccoons from the vehicle. Tickets were issued.

DISTRICT 8

CO Pete Purdy received a complaint from a social website about a subject who had posted a picture of an eight point buck he had shot. The complainant stated the subject did not have a 2011 deer hunting license. CO Purdy tracked down the subject and conducted an interview. The subject admitted to shooting the deer without a valid license. The deer antlers, meat, and firearm were seized and charges are pending.

COs Daniel Prince and Pete Purdy conducted interviews and completed an investigation relating to a subject in the Brighton Recreation Area who confronted a hunter while brandishing a firearm and riding an ORV. Charges are pending with the prosecutor's office.

CO Shane Webster received a RAP complaint of individuals cutting wood on state land. CO Webster located the two subjects who admitted to taking wood from several areas. Two tickets were issued for taking forest products from state land without a permit.

CO Shane Webster spotted an individual without hunter orange walking in a field with a firearm. CO Webster contacted the individual, who stated he was squirrel hunting. CO Webster found that the individual had not purchased a small game hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn watched a group ice fishing and noted that they had kept a largemouth bass that was lying on the ice near their shanty. After observing the anglers for about five minutes, CO Thorn contacted them and asked why they had a bass. One of the anglers stated that he had just caught it and was about to throw it back. The fish was dead and nearly frozen. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn observed two anglers using "floatable" tip-ups as well as rods and reels. They were observed using more than the allowed number of lines. The two subjects were contacted and enforcement action taken.

CO Brian Fish was traveling along a county road when he observed a car stopped at a creek whose operator was throwing a box of old jars into the creek and a county drain. The subject was ticketed for littering.

CO Brian Fish was driving near the Butler Motor Speedway and located an SUV resting on its top on a very icy stretch of road. The vehicle had flipped end over end. The teenage driver refused medical treatment and left with her parents. The crash was investigated by the MSP.

CO Brian Fish received a call of a large amount of oil appearing in a storm drain emptying into the Kalamazoo River in Battle Creek. CO Fish called in Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) water specialists and advised them of the spill. It was determined that the oil came from a person emptying an old heating oil tank prior to disposal. Battle Creek is forming a plan for cleanup and Environmental Conservation Officers are investigating.

CO Brian Fish contacted two juvenile trappers in a marsh who had untagged traps. CO Fish looked at their gear and sets and educated them on the rules and methods of trapping. They had yet to catch any furbearers.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a careless discharge complaint on coyote hunters. CO Goss arrived and found a dead coyote in the field. CO Goss located the hunters in the next field looking for the animal. They were three juveniles ages 14 to 16, who were unsupervised, not wearing any hunter orange, and had shot a raccoon out of season. Reports are being forwarded to the prosecutor's office and juvenile court.

COs Jason J. Smith and Derek Miller, while patrolling lakes in Lenawee County, checked a shanty on Evans Lake and upon contact immediately smelled marijuana. The COs contacted the anglers and issued tickets for the fishing violations. A small amount of marijuana was also taken from each of the anglers.

COs Jason J Smith and Derek Miller contacted anglers on Devils Lake. Their first contact was a subject smoking marijuana. When he realized who CO Miller was, he began chewing on something. CO Miller asked him to open his mouth and found that he chewed up the remainder of the marijuana joint he had just smoked. CO Miller searched him and his shack and didn't find anymore marijuana.

While contacting anglers next to shore, COs Jason J. Smith and Derek Miller observed an ORV with a loud exhaust leave a residence and speed down the road. After contacting all of the anglers, they contacted a 19 year old who admitted to operating the ORV on the roadway. He was advised that he did not have an ORV registration, helmet, or spark arrester. CO Miller ticketed the subject for operating on the roadway and no ORV license.

CO Rich Nickols, while working a night time patrol to check fishing activity, located three tip-ups set on a lake. CO Nickols contacted two subjects in a nearby shanty who stated they did not know anything about the tip-ups or who put them out. CO Nickols informed the subjects that he would be seizing the tip-ups and if anyone came looking for them they could go to the district office. A few days later CO Nickols received a message that a subject was looking for his tip-ups that had been seized. CO Nickols ran a license check of the subject and found he had purchased a fishing license. Two days after CO Nickols had seized the tip-ups, CO Nickols met with the subject and returned his tip-ups along with a ticket for unattended lines.

DISTRICT 9

CO Kris Kiel was driving down Metropolitan Parkway when he observed two subjects fishing from a walking bridge over the spillway. The CO found that one of the subjects was fishing without a license and was wanted on three warrants. The subject was ticketed and turned over to Oakland County authorities to be lodged.

CO Kris Kiel contacted a subject who was small game hunting, but could not produce a small game license. It was confirmed through the license system that the subject had not purchased a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Mike Drexler checked over 75 ice anglers in marinas around St. Clair Shores and Harrison Township. Three subjects were found fishing without licenses. One subject was revoked through Friend of the Court. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Ken Kovach assisted the MSP with a suspected suicide. The CO, a MSP trooper, and emergency medical personnel responded to a call of a subject who family members found hanging in a closet shortly after a family dispute. When the officers and medical personnel arrived they removed the subject from the closet and started CPR. After a few minutes of CPR the subject had a weak pulse.

While checking anglers at the Lake Nepessing Public Access, CO Ken Kovach observed an ORV which was manufactured for one occupant being operated on the roadway with two additional passengers. None of the three were wearing helmets and the ORV did not have a valid registration. The CO contacted the subjects and took enforcement action for the safety violations.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint of three subjects goose hunting on Federal property on Humbug Island in Lake Erie. The complainant met CO Rabon and let him onto the gated property. With the aid of the complainant's telescope, CO Rabon observed the three goose hunters on Humbug Island, and the watercraft registration numbers. CO Rabon contacted the watercraft's owner, who put him in touch with the hunters. The names and photos of the hunters were turned over to Federal officers who advised they are familiar with the subjects. Charges are pending.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint of goose hunters shooting at geese and damaging new motor homes with shotgun pellets and fallen geese. On arrival CO Rabon met with a local police officer who had spoken to the goose hunters earlier. The officer took a property damage report and provided CO Rabon with names of the hunters who had left the scene. CO Rabon recovered one dead goose that was unclaimed which had fallen on a motor home, damaging it. After interviewing one of the hunters, CO Rabon learned that all in the party had taken their limit of geese. The investigation is ongoing and the business owner is seeking payment for damages.

While checking ice anglers with CO Kris Kiel, CO Mike Drexler checked one angler who was having a hard time locating his fishing license. The subject stated that he must not have brought it with him. An license check revealed that he had failed to purchase one. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a complaint of a deer carcass hanging in a tree weeks after the deer season had ended. The deer didn't have any license or permit attached to it even though the homeowner claimed it had been hit by a car. The homeowner had two prior violations with the Department of Natural Resources and three current misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. He was unable to explain the warrants for his arrest and the untagged deer in the backyard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft was checking ice anglers after dark as they came off Pontiac Lake in Oakland County. One of the anglers had no fishing license and no fish in his possession. However, he did have a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and turned over to a local police agency for processing.

CO Brandon Kieft tracked a small game hunter through state land in Lapeer County. The hunter was focused on the squirrels in the trees and unaware CO Kieft was watching him. Eventually contact was made with the hunter and he was questioned as to why he was not wearing any hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to the White Lake area to pick up a subject who was being held by the sheriff's department on a DNR warrant. While exiting the truck, the subject stated, "Hey you are the guy who wrote me that helmet ticket." CO Kieft recognized the man as a subject he had contacted on an ORV in the spring of 2011. Records showed that the warrant for the subject was due to another ORV ticket written by CO Ben Shively only 18 days after the no helmet ticket written by CO Kieft. The subject was taken into custody and arraigned on the warrant at the local court.

COs Ben Shively and Kris Kiel checked 80 anglers along Lake St. Clair and rivers in Macomb County who were targeting perch. Two subjects were ticketed for fishing without licenses and one subject was in possession of marijuana.

COs Kris Kiel and Ben Shively checked over 75 anglers fishing from shore, docks, and even boats in the Macomb County area on Saturday. Anglers were catching perch and

a few panfish. Two subjects who were contacted were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and Sgt. Tom Wanless checked over 75 anglers fishing along Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River Spillway, and surrounding canals and marinas. The perch were active in several areas. Two anglers who were contacted had not purchased fishing licenses. A third subject who was fishing by himself on the Spillway had a grocery bag full of perch hidden inside a backpack. When CO Kiel contacted the angler he observed the backpack moving and inquired. The subject showed the CO the bag of perch. When asked, the subject was not sure how many he had or what the daily limit was for perch. The COs counted the fish out and the subject was 19 perch over the limit of 50. Enforcement action was taken on all three subjects.

CO John Borkovich contacted a coyote hunter slow rolling down a country road in northern St. Clair County. The subject had a loaded .17 caliber scoped rifle that was uncased on the seat next to him. Enforcement action was taken.