

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
1/4/15 – 1/17/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brett DeLonge teamed up with Wisconsin Game Wardens and conducted a group patrol on the Menominee River during an all-day event for snowmobile radar runs. The officers made numerous positive contacts during the event. Additionally, the officers patrolled a large section up and down river from the event and took action on several snowmobile and fishing violations. The group patrol was a success with both departments working well together.

CO Brian Bacon conducted an ice fishing patrol on the Menominee River boundary waters. A check of one ice shack found an individual to be fishing with more than the allowable three lines. Another subject in the group was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO John Wenzel assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers who were investigating a subject who had burned the remains of a mobile home on his property. The troopers had questions about possible charges and DEQ involvement. A warrant request will be sent to the local Prosecutor for review.

Acting Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Robert Crisp worked a patrol on the frozen water of Little Bay De Noc. Over 200 anglers were contacted and several violations were encountered, including unattended lines, fishing too many lines, fishing without licenses, unregistered snowmobile, and possession of marijuana. Six tickets and several warnings resulted.

Acting Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Robert Crisp observed fresh tracks around a fishing shack, but the angler had already locked the door and left. The officers observed through a window that a line had been left in the water. The COs followed the snowmobile tracks to a nearby residence where no one was home. Over two hours later the COs checked back to find the man at home. He admitted that he had left a line in the water with a sucker minnow on it. He was escorted out to the shack to pull up the illegal line and admitted to a second line in a nearby shack that also had his tracks leading to it. A ticket was issued for the unattended lines.

COs Jared Ferguson and Rob Freeborn worked a snowmobile patrol in Schoolcraft County, and contacted over 500 snowmobiles while riding over 100 miles on the trails between Seney and Shingleton. Compliance was good with only one ticket being issued for unregistered snowmobile. Many positive comments were received from riders appreciating the COs being on the trails.

While checking anglers on Munising Bay, CO Robert Crisp observed an angler heading to his shack. He met the individual before the lock could be taken off. Unfortunately for the angler, the CO observed the set line that had been left to fish while the subject went home. A ticket for unattended line was issued.

While checking anglers on Munising Bay, Acting Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon contacted a subject who was proudly displaying the two splake he had recently caught. When asked if he measured the fish the angler responded of course he had. He uses the five gallon pail which is 15 inches in diameter to measure the fish "they were just legal". Officer Fitzgibbon loaned the angler a measuring tape which showed that his pail was only 12 inches in diameter. The subject was issued a ticket for taking undersized splake.

While on patrol CO Rob Freeborn observed three snowmobiles traveling at a high rate of speed down the middle of M-28. CO Freeborn was able to get his patrol truck turned around and pursue the snowmobilers. CO Freeborn was able to catch one snowmobiler several miles down M-28. When the snowmobiler was asked where he was going, he stated they were heading to Newberry and planned to take M-28 all the way there. CO Freeborn advised the snowmobiler that he was not allowed to operate on the maintained portion of M-28. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was advised to let his friends that were ahead of him know the rules.

CO Jon Busken was checking anglers on Milakokia Lake when Mackinac Central Dispatch broadcast a domestic battery in progress near the lake access site. A MSP trooper was responding from nearly 45 minutes away. CO Busken arrived on scene and found the complainant restraining his daughter who had assaulted his wife. CO Busken interviewed suspects with MSP and placed the daughter under arrest for domestic battery. The suspect was transported and lodged in Mackinac County Jail.

CO Jon Busken contacted an angler who indicated he had caught a walleye. CO Busken asked if the walleye had any size to it to which the angler replied, "How big do walleye have to be?" The angler was found to be in possession of an undersized walleye. The subject was ticketed for the short fish.

CO Jon Busken contacted an individual without a helmet who was operating a snowmobile on Big Manistique Lake. A file check revealed the suspect had a warrant for larceny from Florida. The issuing agency requested the suspect be lodged in the Mackinac County Jail while deputies traveled from Florida to extradite him. CO Bobby Watson assisted with transporting the individual to shore where he was lodged by an assisting trooper.

CO Kevin Postma contacted an angler in his fishing shanty who was using four lines. After a brief conversation CO Postma asked the angler how many lines he was using, to which he advised three. CO Postma inquired about the fourth line that could clearly be seen descending into the water. "Oh this one?" the angler replied, and lifted his jig pole

revealing about five feet of line with a baited hook attached. "I wasn't using this one, I was just keeping my minnow alive - is that a problem?" The subject was ticketed.

CO Kevin Postma ticketed two Tribal members into Tribal Court for fishing with too many lines, fishing with no subsistence fishing card as well as keeping short fish and an overlimit. One of the anglers had 13 walleyes ranging from 8 to 14 inches, none of which were legal to possess. The same subject was also fishing with seven tip-ups. All the violations were cited into Tribal court for prosecution.

CO Jeff Panich was working a snowmobile patrol in Paradise when he stopped and spoke with a trail groomer. The groomer told the CO that the town was having several issues with the large numbers of sleds on the weekends. CO Panich spoke with several residents in town and was greeted with people asking him to sit by their business or residences and work the snowmobiles that were operating in a reckless manner. Many were operating on roadways nearly causing collisions with vehicles then yelling at the drivers. Within only a few hours CO Panich observed no helmets, illegal operation on a state highway, failing to stop at stop signs and several unregistered machines. Numerous tickets and warnings were issued.

DISTRICT 3

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick patrolled back roads and found two coyote hunters with two loaded and uncased guns in their truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert was patrolling the snowmobile trails and stopped a snowmobile with no headlight and no trail permit. CO Albert discovered it was a rental sled, with which they've had previous issues. When the owner of the rental shop was contacted a couple of days later, he pulled out a handful of trail permits, stating he merely forgot to attach them to the sled. The CO checked the time and date purchased and found it was after the original stop had been made. The owner of the rental shop was ticketed for the violations. About a week later, COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert stopped two snowmobilers who didn't have any trail permits on their rented snowmobiles. Once again, the COs contacted and ticketed the same owner of the snowmobile rental business for trail permit violations.

CO Duane Budreau investigated a timber trespass involving a large amount of firewood being taken illegally and is in the process of obtaining a warrant. The suspect stated he's been doing this for 24 years, and somebody should have said something to him if they cared about it.

Conservation Officers from the Gaylord District conducted a group snowmobile patrol in Antrim and Charlevoix Counties. Several hundred miles of snowmobile trails were covered and several hundred contacts were made. Assistance was given to snowmobilers along with issuing numerous verbal warnings. 15 tickets were issued for safety, registration and trail permit violations.

CO Paul Fox reported that a subject who took an illegal deer during the past firearm deer season has been charged over \$2,000 in fines and restitution, had license privileges revoked for one year, and the firearm used was condemned.

CO Nick Torsky has been investigating the illegal shooting of a spike bull elk during firearm deer season, and with the assistance of CO Kelly Ross and a Detective with the Wildlife Resource Protection Unit, obtained confessions from two individuals who shot the elk and then butchered the animal. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Brad Bellville assisted CO David Shaumburger by interviewing a suspect who eventually admitted to shooting a large buck in the Upper Peninsula and then buying his tag after the fact. Charges are being sought through the local prosecutor.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe investigated a complaint back in October where someone had stolen a portable blind and knocked over a feeder. A trail camera had taken a photo of the backside of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle was also caught on film; however the vehicle's plate wasn't visible. Later in the season, the landowner caught a subject trying to steal corn out of the same feeder that had been knocked over in the earlier incident. This time, the landowner was able to obtain identity from the suspect. CO Kehoe conducted an investigation and interview of the newly identified suspect. The subject confessed to stealing the blind, knocking over the feeder and attempting to steal corn. A warrant request has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for larceny, MDOP, hunter harassment and recreational trespass.

CO Sean Kehoe followed up on information received that led to the interview and confession of a subject who killed a deer without a license and then borrowed a deer tag from another to tag it. Further checking revealed that she had also never completed the required hunter safety course. A warrant request has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for the illegally taken deer violation.

CO Sam Kosciński worked a group snowmobile patrol with local deputies. During the patrol, a snowmobile operator disregarded a stop sign and a stop was made. The snowmobile was displaying the lower half of a trail permit sticker on it with "SNOW 15" written on it with a sharpie pen. The operator admitted to not buying a current trail permit and writing "SNOW 15" on the bottom portion of a trail permit purchased by another. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Holly Pennoni investigated information about a subject who had killed a deer without a license with a firearm the day before the firearm deer season opener. CO Pennoni was able to locate and interview the suspect who confessed to killing the buck illegally. A set of four point antlers were seized which was also an antler point restriction violation. A warrant request has been submitted for the illegal killing of a White-tailed Deer.

CO Steve Converse investigated information of a deer hunter who had borrowed a deer tag from a family member. The investigation revealed that the hunter took an eight point buck on opening day and then killed a five point buck a few days later. Instead of using his own tag for his second buck, he called his son and asked him to purchase a tag to affix to it. The subject admitted to killing both bucks. The subject advised that he wanted to keep hunting after he killed his first buck and didn't want to tag out so early in the season. Enforcement action was taken for the lending/borrowing of deer tags.

COs Brian Brosky, Josiah Killingbeck and Kyle Publiski worked a group snowmobile patrol in Lake County resulting in 23 tickets issued for various violations including no trail permits, suspended operator's license, unregistered snowmobiles and careless operation.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking lakes for ice fishing activity when they came across two subjects in a shanty who were in possession of marijuana and a sub-legal Northern Pike. Enforcement action was taken. While checking another Mason County lake, the officers observed nine tip-ups set in conjunction with an ice shanty. Upon contacting the occupants, they found that three men were fishing, yet only two had valid fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken on these violations as well.

COs Kyle Publiski and Troy VanGelderren were checking anglers on Pentwater Lake when they encountered a subject in an ice shanty in possession of two large pill bottles full of marijuana and prescription narcotics. Enforcement was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Steve Lockwood was able to apprehend two subjects in separate illegal bobcat incidents in Gladwin County. In the first case, the subject admitted to taking the cat on public land in Roscommon County. After the bobcat was seized, the suspect, feeling remorseful, called the officer to give him the 'real' story. The suspect then admitted that he had actually snared the bobcat in Midland County the previous winter. The suspect stated that he threw the cat in his freezer and saved it for the following season. In the second case, the suspect provided conflicting information about taking a bobcat. CO Lockwood followed up with an interview and was able to get the suspect to confess to trapping the cat without any licenses. In both cases, the bobcats were seized and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Jon Wood was close by when he was notified that there had been an accident at the sanctioned snowmobile drag race on Houghton Lake. The race was part of the Tip-up-Town festivities. Sgt. Wood was first on scene at the end of the race track. One of the racers was attempting to turn around in the return lane when his snowmobile went through the ice. Other than lacerations to his hands, the racer was able to get back onto the ice after falling thru. Sgt. Wood assisted fire personnel extricating the

snowmobile from the water and due to the quick response by Sgt. Wood there was no significant environmental issues incurred from the snowmobile falling thru the ice.

COs Jon Warner and Josh Russell responded to a shots fired complaint in Iosco County. The dispatcher stated that a son had just shot his father in the back with a gun. After securing the scene, the COs determined the firearm was an air rifle loaded with pellets. Although thought to be accidental, the incident was turned over to Oscoda Township Police for possible further investigation.

COs Brian Olsen, Kyle Bader, and Nick Atkin responded to a complaint on Crater Lake in Oscoda County. The complainant stated that people were fishing on the trout lake during the closed season. The COs contacted two anglers on the ice in possession of two rainbow trout. The anglers claimed to not know the lake was closed to fishing, but had no excuse as to why one of the fish was under the size limit. While back at their vehicle, the COs located 15 more fish, 10 of which were also under the size limit. The anglers stated that some were caught the day before. However, 12 of them were still very much alive and were definitely caught that day. Enforcement action was taken.

COs John Huspen, Jon Warner, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft were on snowmobile patrol on Houghton Lake for Tip-Up-Town when a subject riding a snowmobile pulled up to them asking for directions. The COs determined that the snowmobile was missing a registration decal on one side, did not have a valid trail permit, and the operator had a suspended driver's license and was on probation for drug crimes. He received more than just the directions he was looking for. Enforcement action was taken.

While participating in an OUIL patrol during Tip-Up-Town, COs Mike Hearn, Chuck McPherson and Sgt. Jeremy Payne stopped a driver who was operating a three wheeler with a passenger. During CO Hearn's investigation, he determined the driver was operating an ORV while intoxicated. The driver also had a suspended license and the passenger was his six year old son. It was later discovered this incident was the suspect's fourth arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was lodged on multiple charges and his son was safely transported to a family member's residence.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz served felony warrants on two suspects from an original investigation of wood theft from state land. Both individuals were investigated, interviewed and admitted to taking more than \$3,000 of standing oak trees and selling the wood. One suspect was also charged with habitual offender from prior felonies involving controlled substance and breaking and entering.

CO Chuck McPherson and Sgt. Jeremy Payne received a complaint of a dog drowning on Houghton Lake during the first weekend of Tip-Up-Town. When officers responded to the scene, they witnessed the 13 year old yellow Labrador retriever in the water unable to move due to surrounding ice. Sgt. Payne was able to locate a canoe, slide the canoe across the ice, and paddle out to the dog. After reaching the Lab, Sgt. Payne broke the surrounding ice with his paddle. Sgt. Payne then steered the swimming dog

back to shore with the bow of the canoe. On shore, CO McPherson was able to break the ice creating an access to a dock for the dog. CO McPherson lifted the dog out of the water and reunited him with his owner unharmed.

DISTRICT 6

While patrolling Montcalm County CO Larn Strawn responded to a tip and was directed to a deer hanging in a tree near a residence. While investigating the complaint CO Strawn contacted the homeowner who explained his wife hit the deer with her car. When CO Strawn asked the man for the car deer permit the man said he heard he no longer needed a permit because the laws changed. After more inquiry CO Strawn discovered neither the man nor his wife reported a car accident or the possession of the deer. CO Strawn examined the deer and observed an apparent bullet wound in the neck of the deer and no signs of injuries from a collision with a car. Giving the man the benefit of the doubt CO Strawn seized the deer and left. CO Strawn thawed the deer and performed a detailed necropsy where he easily determined the deer was killed by a single fatal gunshot entering the neck and traveling deep into the vital organs, lungs and heart. CO Strawn is seeking arrest warrants.

CO Joel Lundberg made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation and began to discuss this past deer season with the driver. The driver advised he did not get a deer this season. CO Lundberg looked in the truck bed and could see what appeared to be old blood in the bed. CO Lundberg then advised the driver that his driver's license was suspended and asked the driver to get out of the vehicle. CO Lundberg then explained that they needed to talk about the deer he shot this year. The driver stated he shot a six point buck and never tagged the deer. Officer Lundberg then asked about the other deer and the driver stated he shot a doe without purchasing an antlerless license. CO Lundberg went to the individual's house and seized the antlers and evidence of the two deer that were shot. Enforcement action was taken.

On a very busy day of ice fishing on the Saginaw River, COs Will Brickel and Dan Lee observed a shanty not among the majority of the group. Two anglers occupied the shanty with two short walleyes. One angler insisted that they had measured the fish and that both were 15 inches. The COs asked the man to recreate this measurement. After several failed attempts to even reach 14 ¼ inches in length the officers issued a ticket for possession undersized fish.

While in his yard at night, CO Robert Hobkirk observed a suspicious vehicle drive slowly past his residence and then stop in the middle of the road just past the officer's residence. CO Hobkirk quickly put on his uniform and went to see what the operator was up to. The vehicle had continued driving prior to the CO catching up with it. After following the vehicle for a couple of miles and observing more suspicious behavior, CO Hobkirk was about to pull the vehicle over when the driver drove through an intersection without stopping and attempted to do a donut in the middle of the road. The full size pick-up ended up in the ditch. As the CO approached the operator tossed a beer bottle out of the driver's window. After completing field sobriety tests arrangements were

made to pull the subject's vehicle from the ditch. The driver was ticketed for careless operation of a vehicle.

DISTRICT 7

CO Cary Foster obtained an investigative lead of a conviction felon who was not to possess firearms but had used a gun during 2014 to take a turkey and a deer. Through further investigation, CO Foster was able to obtain enough information to request charges for the illegal taking of two turkeys during 2014.

DISTRICT 8

While checking ice anglers on Lake Lansing, CO Rich Nickols approached a subject holding a largemouth bass. The subject said he was just showing it to a couple of other anglers and was then going to take a photo and release it. While addressing the violation, CO Nickols asked the angler how many tip-ups he was using. The subject replied he was using five or six. A ticket was issued for the excessive lines and a warning was given for the possession of bass during the closed season.

CO Chris Reynolds contacted a few ice anglers who were loading their gear in the back of a truck. One angler seemed a little nervous when the CO walked to his side of the truck. The subject had a Northern Pike that appeared to be very close to the legal limit. The angler said he wore size 13 boots and the fish was longer than both of his boots put together so the fish had to be around 26". The pike measured just 24", the angler was advised on the penalties of keeping undersized fish and the best way to measure fish is with a tape measure. The angler was urged to purchase a tape measure to measure his catch in the future.

CO Damon Owens was first on scene of an accident involving a car rear-ending a school bus while dropping off elementary students. CO Owens checked the drivers and students who advised no one was injured and began redirecting rush hour traffic and secured the scene until a county unit was able to respond. The driver of the vehicle stated she could not come to a safe stop due to the icy road conditions.

DISTRICT 9

COs David Schaumburger and Chris Knights interviewed a hunter regarding an eight point buck that was killed without a license. The hunter confessed to shooting the deer and then going out and purchasing the license. He claimed that he had "always been hunting bucks but never saw something this big." A check of his past license sales shows the last time he purchased a kill tag for an antlered deer was 2008. The eight point deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger interviewed a suspect about killing a deer without a license. The suspect insisted she bought her license the day before she killed the deer, however, CO Schaumburger found evidence on her phone showing otherwise. The

suspect was adamant that her iphone had made the mistake and it was only until she realized she could possibly lose her crossbow that she decided to tell the truth. The suspect admitted to shooting a nine point buck and then going to buy her license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker received a RAP complaint of a subject who had a hawk in captivity at his residence. CO Becker contacted a local wildlife rehabilitator and spoke with the man. The hawk was near another residence resting on the air conditioning unit with blood on its feathers. The hawk appeared to have a bullet wound in its chest. The wildlife rehabilitator took the Cooper's hawk to get x-rays and examine it for evidence of a gunshot. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Richard Cardenas responded to a larceny complaint with the MSP. During the investigation CO Cardenas found a trash bag containing deer parts, and two antlered deer heads with no tags attached. After interviewing the suspect it was found he had not purchased any hunting licenses since the 2013 deer season. The suspect stated he did not shoot the deer but that his friends did. Investigation continues.

CO Lacelle Rabon responded to a complaint of a deer with injuries stuck on a fence. Upon CO Rabon was met by Detroit Police Officers. The officers advised CO Rabon that they had also received a telephone call reference the deer being stuck on the fence. Animal Control personnel responded earlier because the deer had been impaled by the cast iron fence with spear like post. It appeared that the deer had attempted to jump over the fence but was unable to clear it. The deer fell on top of the spear like post and bled to death. The deer had to be cut from the fence to remove the remains.

CO Jason J. Smith was eating dinner at a local restaurant when he observed a family frantically moving around. CO Smith immediately noticed that they were having a problem with one of their children. CO Smith made it to their table and learned that a young boy was having a seizure. CO Smith quickly yelled to the staff to call 911 and assisted their father in securing the son so he wouldn't hurt himself. The boy came out of the seizure as medical personnel arrived.

While working Lenawee County CO Justin Ulberg received a complaint of numerous deer carcasses dumped on the side of the road. CO Ulberg investigated the complaint and located an unvalidated 2014 deer license still attached to one of the carcasses. CO Ulberg was able to use the deer license to track down the hunter in Jackson County. CO Ulberg interviewed the subject who denied dumping the deer carcasses on the side of the road. During the conversation, however, it was discovered that the person had taken two deer illegally. The subject admitted to shooting a buck during archery season without having a buck tag in his possession. The subject also admitted to shooting a buck during muzzleloader season and using his brother's deer license to tag the deer. During the interview, CO Ulberg also determined that the subject shot multiple antlerless deer in the wrong deer management unit (DMU). Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg received a call that a subject in Lenawee County had just shot a buck with a rifle after hunting season had ended. CO Ulberg responded to the area and located a fresh set of deer tracks with a blood trail. CO Ulberg followed the blood trail and located a deceased buck. Based on information obtained from the complainant, CO Ulberg was able to locate a possible suspect. CO Ulberg interviewed the subject and obtained a full confession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg received a tip from CO Jason Smith that a subject was trying to sell a raccoon on Craig's List in Washtenaw County. CO Ulberg was able to locate the ad on Craigslist and contacted the suspected seller. CO Ulberg pretended to be an interested buyer and set up a time to purchase the raccoon. The subject was surprised when CO Ulberg arrived at the residence. The raccoon was seized and taken to a local animal rehabilitator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett investigated a complaint of subjects poaching deer. CO Ennett contacted a group of four hunters who were afield small game hunting. Due to the amount of shooting they did, and the known deer population in the area, the complainant assumed they were "poaching deer". They were only rabbit hunting, and laughed when CO Ennett asked to check their game vests for any deer.

CO Kris Kiel was investigating a complaint and found that a subject had taken a deer to a processor without a tag attached. CO Kiel conducted a deer processor inspection and found that their records were in terrible shape. None of the information was provided that is required by law. The owner stated that they have been in business for 20 years and have never been inspected. The subject processes deer out of their home and have never advertised. It was also confirmed that they had taken in a deer without a tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach attended a bench trial in St. Clair County reference a subject who had taken an overlimit of bucks throughout the deer season. The last of the three bucks taken was an 18 point buck that was seized by COs Kovach and Kris Kiel at a local big buck pole contest during firearm deer season. The subject pled guilty in District court to the charge and was ordered to pay fines and costs as well as restitution in the amount of \$15,510. The restitution for this buck was ordered by the District Court by following the guidelines under the new Michigan Trophy Buck Law.

CO Ken Kovach was first responder to a rollover personal injury accident in rural St. Clair County. CO Kovach assisted with applying basic first aid, and also helped the medical personnel with extraction.

While on patrol, COs Saykham Keophalychanh and Jeremy Beavers checked anglers who were ice fishing on the Holloway Reservoir. After checking multiple anglers, CO Keophalychanh contacted two subjects who were fishing from a pop-up ice shanty. CO Keophalychanh asked both subjects for their identification and fishing licenses. Both subjects had their identification but only one could produce a valid fishing license. After examining their identification it was realized that both subjects did not have a driver's

license but had state identification cards. At that time CO Beavers asked the subjects how they got to the Reservoir and one of the subjects stated he drove. The subject went on to say that he knows that it is illegal. At that time the second subject informed the officers that he had warrants for his arrest. Enforcement was action taken.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers investigated a complaint regarding hunter harassment. CO Beavers met with the complainant at his residence. The complainant informed CO Beavers that he has had multiple incidents with a neighbor. The complainant stated that harassment began during archery deer season and occurred on multiple occasions. The complainant then informed CO Beavers that the latest incident occurred when he found a moth ball on his property near the location where he hunts. CO Beavers then walked the property line near the location in question and found an additional 17 moth balls along the property line. The complainant informed CO Beavers the harassment was likely the result of a civil dispute that occurred between the neighbors. CO Beavers then made contact with the suspect and his wife at their residence. CO Beavers explained why he was there and took a statement from the suspect. The suspect stated that he placed the moth balls along the property line in order to keep deer out of his horse pasture. The suspect explained that he used them along that section of property because his fence has broken on multiple occasions in that spot. After a detailed statement from both parties it was evident that the issue slowly escalated to the point where both sides feel harassed. Investigation is pending and a report is being sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers received information regarding a deer that was shot sometime after January 14, during the closed season. A local officer informed CO Beavers that his department was contacted by a subject who believes his neighbor shot a deer. The subject stated he found blood and drag marks on his property that led to a shed on his neighbor's property. The officer informed CO Beavers that he and his partner met with the complainant and investigated the area in question. The officer stated that it is likely a deer was killed within the past 24 hours. The officer informed CO Beavers that he did not make contact with the suspect. CO Beavers met with the officer, gathering all additional pertinent information. CO Beavers and the officer then attempted to make contact with the suspect at his residence. The suspect was not home but contact was made with his wife. When questioned about the deer, she stated that she did not believe that her husband had shot one. CO Beavers then asked if he could look in the shed. The suspect's wife told CO Beavers that the shed was locked and she did not have a key. CO Beavers was given permission to walk the property. During this time CO Beavers found blood and deer hair on the door to the shed. CO Beavers also found carrots on the ground between the shed and the house. After walking the property CO Beavers asked once again if she could unlock the shed. The suspect's wife stated she could not. CO Beavers then had her contact her husband by cell phone. Once on the line, CO Beavers got on the phone and introduced himself. The suspect quickly said he was on his way home. Once the suspect arrived CO Beavers asked him if he shot a deer. The suspect did not attempt denial and quickly admitted to shooting a deer. The suspect told CO Beavers that he shot the doe at 4:00 a.m., on January 15, while it was in his yard. The suspect stated he shot the

deer with his bow. After shooting the deer, the suspect retrieved it from a neighbor's property. The suspect cleaned and processed the deer in his shed that morning. After processing the deer, the suspect disposed of the carcass and hide in a dumpster. After receiving a full confession, CO Beavers seized the meat and bow. A warrant request was submitted and is pending review with the county prosecutor.

BELLE ISLE

COs Jason Becker and Jeremy Beavers were working a third shift on Belle Isle when the Michigan State Police (MSP) called with a report of a subject who had jumped off the MacArthur Bridge. COs Becker and Beavers assisted Detroit Fire Department and the US Coast Guard with the search. The search was called off by the US Coast Guard after a thorough search of the area turned up no evidence of anyone in the water.

While working a Sunday shift on Belle Isle, Sgt. Todd Szyska was contacted over the radio by CO Larn Strawn to assist with subjects who had trespassed into the zoo. CO Strawn had already apprehended one of the subjects when Sgt. Szyska responded to assist. It was not long before the COs had apprehended the other three subjects in the zoo. The subjects thought it would be a great idea to climb over the fence to take photographs in the zoo. One subject was a Michigan resident, while the other three were from New York State. The spokesperson for the group stated that he had read online on several blog spots that the zoo on the island was a great place to take pictures. The COs explained that no entry was allowed in the zoo and that we did not want people getting injured or hurt. Enforcement action was taken.

Activity on Belle Isle was busy this weekend as several subjects were enjoying the 28 degree weather. Many people could be found walking around in the snow, visiting the Aquarium and Conservatory, and ice skating on the lake near the Flynn pavilion.