

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
1/9/12 – 1/22/12**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Trey Luce checked approximately 75 sleds on Saturday and ticketed two subjects for operating unregistered snowmobiles. He also reported that compliance for trail permits was high.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a group of anglers he had spoken to a few days prior. They inquired how to get permission to walk through a seasonal camp to gain shorter access to the lake they were fishing. That day they had walked past the “No Trespassing” signs, and had not received permission to trespass through the camp property. The embarrassed anglers were ticketed for trespassing.

CO Grant Emery teamed up with local deputies for a snowmobile patrol. Recent snowfall has increased the snowmobile traffic, and many contacts were made throughout the patrol. Tickets were written for unregistered snowmobiles, no trail permits, operation on a state highway, and careless operation.

COs Jason Wicklund and Dave Painter conducted a multi-county snowmobile patrol. Lots of fresh snow led to an increase in snowmobilers and an increase in violations. The COs addressed violations for operating snowmobiles without proper lighting, driving while license suspended, failing to register snowmobiles, no trail permits, and operating a snowmobile on a public highway.

CO Jason Wicklund checked a couple of individuals setting up tip-ups for some late night fishing. When the CO asked the anglers for their licenses, one subject produced licenses for both. The CO noted that information on the one license did not match the subject claiming to own the license. The CO also observed the signature at the bottom of the license looked like it had been written over. A check of the license showed it belonged to the girlfriend of the angler who originally produced it. When presented with the information by the CO, the individual claimed his friend's girlfriend had purchased the license for him and that was why he signed his name at the bottom. The subject was ticketed for fishing without a license.

**DISTRICT 2**

CO Mike Evink conducted a group snowmobile patrol with local deputies. At one point during the patrol, while checking sleds at a crossroads, over 100 sleds crossed a county road and made contact with the officers. Two out of the 100 turned to avoid contact. CO Evink contacted those two and found they had no trail permits or registrations.

CO Jeff Panich responded to a complaint of a subject who had put railroad ties across the middle of the snowmobile trail. Upon contact the subject admitted that he did it

because he thought that the snowmobiles go too fast past his residence and this would slow them down. The CO explained that it would do much more than slow them down. It would certainly cause an accident and possibly severe injury or death. The CO further explained that he would be liable and that his actions were against the law. The subject finally agreed to remove the railroad ties and the CO assured him that he would increase patrols in the area to address the careless and reckless snowmobilers.

CO Kevin Postma is investigating a fatal snowmobile accident in Chippewa County, where the operator failed to negotiate a curve on an open county road, lost control, and crashed.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Duane Budreau had some unusual help while working anglers on Walloon Lake. A Herring Gull was hovering over a couple of holes a good distance from the nearest ice shanty. When CO Budreau went to investigate, he discovered undersized walleye hidden under the snow and ice with human tracks leading back to the anglers in question. After a brief interview, a ticket was issued for taking and possessing the illegal fish.

COs Duane Budreau, Carl VanderWall and Sgt. Mike Borkovich conducted a joint snowmobile patrol in Emmet County, with a focus on high speed operation and disregard for stop signs. Several contacts were made which resulted in multiple warnings and several tickets being issued. After a few hours, the COs noted that area operators were coming to a complete stop at crossroads and driving slower, with several of those contacted stating that they were warned that the DNR was out in force and they were warned by other snowmobilers to drive carefully.

CO Carl VanderWall met a high speed snowmobile operator on a sharp curve in Emmet County, but was unable to locate the subject after turning around and attempting to catch up to the reckless driver. However, the CO was able to track him to a large snow bank where the 16 year-old operator was peeking over the top of the bank. The youth had lost control and rolled his sled, which resulted in a ticket being issued for careless operation of a snowmobile.

COs Steve Speigl, Andrea Albert, and Andrea Erratt, along with Sgt. Mike Borkovich, conducted a group snowmobile patrol near Mancelona. Multiple complaints and several personal injury accidents, including two recent snowmobile fatalities in Antrim County, generated a swift response from the COs. Over 80 warnings along with several tickets were issued. When stopped, most operators were respectful and fully realized the dangers of high speed and careless operation of their machines.

COs Matt Theunick, Mike Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski worked on a deer Disease Control Permit (DCPs) problem. The subjects were shooting deer and filling DCPs outside of the vicinity of cattle feeding and using bait to bring the deer in, along with other DCP violations. Contact was made with two subjects while hunting. Two tickets

were issued for making use of bait after January 1 and warnings were given for the DCP violations.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Troy Mueller was on snowmobile patrol and re-fueling at a gas station when he observed a pickup truck with several deer legs sticking out of a five gallon bucket. CO Mueller inquired about the deer parts and the driver stated they were from a seven point and eight point that he shot this past fall. The passenger stated it was a road-kill picked up earlier in the year. CO Mueller followed the father and son back to their residence and confirmed a road-kill carcass with out a permit. CO Mueller inquired about the seven point and eight point racks. The father realized he had only purchased a firearm deer license, and quickly changed his story and stated his daughter had taken one of the bucks. His daughter denied shooting any deer. The father finally admitted to shooting both bucks with his crossbow during bow season. The antlers were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel was conducting surveillance of anglers on the Muskegon River, and observed two anglers filling their bucket with snow and fish. CO Lebel contacted the two subjects at their vehicle, where the driver was hesitant in revealing their catch. Several nice perch and an undersized eight inch walleye had been kept. The driver attempted to blame his girlfriend for keeping what she thought was a perch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County was on foot patrol of Hardy Pond checking anglers when he came across an angler with no fishing license. A file check was conducted and the angler also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The subject was transported to jail.

CO Sam Koscinski of Wexford County was conducting a snowmobile patrol on area trails when he encountered an unregistered snowmobile. The operator told CO Koscinski that he had operated his snowmobile all day through several counties and knew his luck was going to run out sooner or later. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt Kevin Hackworth were patrolling along Hamlin Lake in Mason County when they observed two persons on the north bayou near spearing shacks. Sgt. Hackworth walked up to one subject and asked him about the ice conditions. The angler ignored the question and immediately started describing how he had intended to "put the fish back" but had just not gotten around to it. When asked to show the fish, the angler reached into his shack and pulled out a duffel bag with a short pike in the bottom of it. A ticket was issued for taking an undersized pike.

CO Steve Converse of Manistee County was patrolling near the Tippy backwaters when he saw persons in a boat who were fishing with tip-ups on shelf ice. The tip-ups were placed over a very wide area and were not observable by the anglers. CO Converse

met the anglers after they had pulled a tip-up that had been triggered for over an hour. A ticket was issued for leaving fishing lines unattended.

CO Steve Converse was speaking to sportsmen regarding last deer season. During the discussion, one of the persons mentioned that he had taken an eight point with his bow in early October. A subsequent check of licenses revealed that the same person still had all of his deer kill tags. Further investigation revealed that the person had used a tag borrowed from his wife to tag the deer. The tag was not validated and was purchased after the deer had been taken. The person ended up admitting that he normally tags his first deer with a tag borrowed from his wife.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO John Huspen responded to a complaint of a truck being driven on the cross country ski trails in North Higgins Lake State Park, whose occupants were possibly hunting with hounds. A Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper in the area assisted and located a hunting dog and soon after a hunter on the Park property. CO Huspen checked the hunter and found a loaded 12 gauge shotgun in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz responded to information from a complainant that his dogs were bringing home fresh deer parts from a nearby residence. An interview with two people living in the residence resulted in information of possibly two deer taken illegally and the seizure of processed deer and a firearm believed to have been used to take the deer. A resident of the house was arrested on the charge of a felon in possession of a firearm. The subject faces additional charges of habitual offender second offense; failure to comply with sex offender registry; and taking a deer out of season with a .22 caliber rifle.

COs from District 5 patrolled area snowmobile trails exclusively during the first weekend of Tip-Up Town in Houghton Lake due to poor ice conditions on Houghton Lake with open water located just the day before scheduled festivities. Thanks to press coverage and signs posted at local businesses telling of dangerous ice conditions, people stayed away from the dangerous ice and there were no reports of snowmobiles going through the ice. The COs issued two dozen tickets on the trails for registration violations and careless operation.

While patrolling state forest lands in Gladwin County, CO Mark Papineau located a pick-up truck pulled off to the side of the road. CO Papineau observed several dead raccoons and numerous types of traps and snares in the bed of the truck. Officer Papineau contacted the driver of the vehicle and determined he had been out setting snares for coyote on public land and had not purchased a fur harvester's license. A ticket was issued.

COs Mark Papineau and John Huspen assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Department with the investigation of a fatal snowmobile accident within the Hansen

State Game Refuge. Two friends were snowmobiling in a remote section of state land when one of the subjects attempted to pass the other at a high rate of speed going into a blind corner. As the snowmobiler entered the blind corner, he struck an oncoming vehicle head on. The snowmobiler suffered massive chest injuries and was reported dead on scene.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Phi Hudson was checking anglers on Saginaw Bay and contacted a subject who was in possession of two undersized walleye that he had caught. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two hunters in a vehicle as they were heading out rabbit hunting. Upon stepping up to the driver's door, CO Rhodea observed an uncased gun lying next to the driver. The driver said he was just driving down the road a little ways so he didn't put the firearm back in the case. In addition to the uncased firearm, the driver was operating his vehicle without insurance, and without a valid registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted a coyote hunter sitting in a vehicle on a public road who had a loaded shotgun in his vehicle. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Chad Foerster observed several anglers fishing from a bridge on the Kawkawlin River. Upon approaching them, CO Foerster heard one of the anglers say, "Shoot, it's the DNR." Further investigation revealed one of the anglers was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was on patrol in the Deford State Game Area in mid afternoon when he came across a person who seemed to be sleeping behind the wheel of their vehicle in a parking lot. When the CO contacted the individual he found the subject was highly intoxicated. CO Wright continued his investigation, knowing that the person was in no condition to be in control of a vehicle. The person was lodged with a blood alcohol content over twice the legal limit and is being charged for felony operating while impaired.

While out checking for traps, CO Joshua Wright found some traps that did not have any ID tags on them. CO Wright continued to search the area and ended up finding a total of 15 traps. A few were properly marked but the trapper who had his information on the tags did not have a current fur harvester license. Contact was made with the trapper and a ticket was issued for no license and a warning given about properly tagging his traps.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Mike Mshar checked two anglers along the Rabbit River. One of the subjects had an overlimit of northern pike; the other did not have a valid fishing license. Both subjects had also driven to the river separately without valid driver's licenses.

CO Chris Holmes received dispositions on cases involving two deer being shot without licenses during the November firearm deer season. Both subjects paid \$1000 restitution for illegal taking of the deer and lost their hunting privileges until 2015.

CO Jeff Robinette closed a case from a meat processor inspection last fall, where a subject had shot a deer with a bow, decided it was too small of a buck to tag, and had put an Indiana transportation tag on the deer instead of the Michigan deer license.

CO Andy Bauer was working a snowmobile patrol and contacted a rider whose sled did not have a trail permit. The operator stated that CO Bauer did not know the law, as a snowmobile registered in Michigan did not need a trail permit. Further investigation found that the snowmobile was really registered in Illinois and that the subject had duct taped a Michigan registration on the snowmobile. The subject was ticketed for the violation.

CO Mike McGee contacted a group with three snowmobiles that belonged to one subject. The snowmobiles were unregistered and did not have trail permits. One rider was riding without a safety certificate, even though he was twelve years old. The subject was warned on numerous violations and received a ticket.

CO Jeff Robinette received warrants regarding an ORV pursuit that occurred last fall, where a subject had fled and then abandoned his ORV behind a cornfield. Subsequent investigation led to the identity of the driver and a confession for the violations.

CO Cary Foster was working ice anglers in Ionia County when he contacted two subjects he had observed fishing. Neither had a fishing license and one subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant. Tickets were issued and one subject was lodged at the county jail on the warrant.

CO Foster obtained an arrest warrant for two subjects on a trespass violation which occurred during deer season. CO Foster called each subject to meet him at the county jail to face arraignment on the charges.

CO Steve Orange in Kent County was called to investigate a scene where a dead eight point buck was found. A search of the area revealed a ground blind and bait. A nearby resident was using the blind but stated he only used it to hunt squirrels with a .22 rifle. Further questioning led to a confession by this subject who had shot the buck multiple times with the .22 rifle and during the closed season.

CO Greg Patten and Sgt. John Jurcich conducted an inspection at a captive cervid facility in Muskegon County after the owner agreed to decommission the facility as he faced numerous violations. Previous inspections by DNR Wildlife and Law Enforcement

Divisions, as well as Department of Agriculture staff members, found the facility delinquent in fencing and record submission requirements. Numerous dead whitetail deer were found during one inspection at the facility, with none submitted for required testing. The owner agreed to depopulate the facility and provide requested samples to DNR/MDA and to begin fence removal as required by law after the inspection. To conclude this investigation, the owner was ticketed for failure to maintain fencing and failure to submit heads for testing as required by laws set to monitor the movement of TB and CWD in captive cervid herds.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Kyle Bader was called to assist MSP with a domestic assault because they could not make it through the snow. CO Bader assisted in getting the troopers to the location.

CO Jeff Goss had just left a meeting with CO Kyle Bader when he observed two snowmobiles operating on the roadway. Instead of spinning around immediately, he radioed CO Bader to assist. The snowmobiles were stopped between the two patrol trucks and, after a warning on operation, the discussion turned to deer hunting. The snowmobile operator said he had shot three deer this year so the COs ran the subject for deer licenses. When he returned with no purchases since 2007 the investigation began to get a little more intense. The subject admitted to being unlicensed and taking several deer without a license in the past four years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller located a large litter pile with building debris and household trash in a farm field and on the shoulder of a roadway. There was a truckload of trash containing construction material and other things. CO Miller dug through the trash and found a piece of wood with an address on it. He went to the address and contacted a drywaller who was working the job and asked him who was taking the debris from the construction site and what were they doing with it. The drywaller said that the homeowner was taking care of his own trash removal and provided his cell phone number. CO Miller was able to match the tile, trim, counter tops, and bathroom vanity with pieces at the dumpsite and contacted the homeowner the next day. He gave a full confession to being responsible for the trash being dumped on the private land and public roadway. A ticket was issued.

CO Derek Miller worked on a case with CO Todd Thorn of a juvenile who shot a deer and had the pictures posted online. They conducted a follow up interview and obtained a full confession from the subject for shooting a 12 point buck with a bow two seasons ago. The young man had not purchased a license since 2006 and the buck was confiscated.

CO Jason J Smith was called out in the middle of the night on a shining complaint. He caught up to the subject and followed him for a distance. The subject continued shining fields all over the area. CO Smith stopped the vehicle and checked for weapons. No weapons were found but the subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant. Enforcement action taken.

COs Derek Miller and Jason J Smith contacted several anglers in both Washtenaw and Lenawee counties taking advantage of what little ice we had. The COs wrote several tickets for fishing without a license, no name and address on tip-ups, ORV operation on a roadway, and seized several containers of marijuana. Multiple verbal warnings were also given.

CO Todd Thorn obtained a guilty verdict after he spent the day in court in a jury trial where he testified regarding a number of charges against an intoxicated boater on Lake Lansing during this past July 4th weekend. The charges against the man included marine operate while impaired, fishing without a license, refusing a breathalyzer, and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

COs Derek Miller and Todd Thorn interviewed a subject who had been under investigation for illegal hunting activity. The subject drew the attention of the COs after he accidentally shot himself while hunting with an illegal .22 cal rifle. The man had not purchased a hunting license since 2006. COs Miller and Thorn were able to gain verbal and written confessions from the subject who had shot a very nice 12 point buck in 2010. The deer head was located and seized for evidence. A warrant is being sought for the illegal deer.

CO Jeff Walker, while stopped at a stoplight, observed a vehicle run the red light. CO Walker attempted to stop the vehicle but the operator refused to stop and continued on. A short pursuit was initiated with other units getting involved. The female operator eventually stopped her vehicle and was arrested for flee/elude and reckless driving.

CO Rich Nickols investigated a hunting accident where a subject was struck with bbs from a .410 shotgun while rabbit hunting. The victim was not visible to his hunting partner and he was hit with four bbs. He was treated for the minor injury at a local hospital and released.

CO Pete Purdy received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of tip-ups being left out overnight, unattended, and without a name or address on them. CO Purdy checked the area and located the tip-ups and discovered a subject attending them. The subject denied leaving them out overnight unattended; however, all three didn't have a name or address on them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy watched two ice anglers fishing. When CO Purdy walked out onto the ice he observed the two subjects packing up, pulling in tip-ups, and attempting to get off the frozen lake. CO Purdy made contact with the subjects, one of whom denied fishing. CO Purdy advised he watched the subject for several minutes prior to walking out on the ice. The subject advised he didn't purchase a license this year and didn't think he would get checked. The other subject was in possession of several tip-ups without a name or address on them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy was on patrol during a late evening when he observed a snowmobile operating on and off the road with no tail lights and operating across several private

residential and business properties. CO Purdy stopped the snowmobile. The operator and passenger were not wearing helmets, the snowmobile hadn't been registered since 1999, and there was no trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy stopped a 16 year old operating a snowmobile on the roadway. The snowmobile hadn't been registered since 2008 and it had no trail permit. CO Purdy followed the juvenile back to his residence and spoke with the parents. The parents didn't know the juvenile had left their yard, and were educated on the snowmobile laws. They were very appreciative of having the laws explained to them and no ticket was issued.

CO Pete Purdy received a RAP complaint of two deer hanging on a tree in front of a house since mid November. CO Purdy contacted the resident and confirmed that the deer were legally taken and tagged. When asked why he left the deer hanging for two months during a very mild fall and winter the subject advised he likes to age his deer before processing them.

CO Shane Webster contacted several anglers and found two adults who had failed to purchase fishing licenses. The first individual claimed his dad had a license so he didn't think he needed one. The other claimed he wasn't really fishing since he hadn't caught anything yet. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Linda Scheidler was contacted by an Illinois conservation officer who asked for her assistance with a case of larceny by fraud. The Michigan complainant paid and traded items for hunting rights on 150 acres in Illinois. It turned out the suspect only rented a house in Illinois, where the landlord owned the surrounding 100 acres; the other 50 or so acres belonged to the neighbors. Apparently, about 20 others fell victim to his online scheme. CO Scheidler assisted by interviewing a few subjects.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of ORV trespass on private property. The vehicle got stuck and was left by the operator. CO Kovach was able to track down the registered owner who confessed to the violation. Warrants are being sought.

While patrolling in Harrison Township, COs Todd Szyska and Linda Scheidler observed a Polaris Ranger operating on the roadway. While pacing the unit, it was keeping up with traffic. The COs performed a traffic stop and contacted the operator. He stated he was just heading to his friend's house and thought his mode of travel was appropriate. The Polaris was not street legal and not plated through the Secretary of State. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher assisted the MSP and local deputies. A stepfather called 911 because he went to his stepson's residence and heard strange noises coming from within the home. Officers responded and gained entry to the home and found blood and empty shell casings on the floor in the residence and then found a female dead on the floor.

The officers backed out and called in the county emergency services team. The team entered the home and took a heavily intoxicated male into custody. The subject is being charged for the homicide.

CO Al Schwiderson received a complaint of a subject who placed traps on the complainant's property and a neighbor's dog got caught in one of the traps. After responding, the CO determined the complainant's dog was loose and ran onto his neighbor's property and got caught in his neighbor's coyote trap. The neighbor did not have a valid license to trap coyote; however, he claimed they were "doing or about to do damage". The CO explained that just because coyotes were in the area and the subject had small children, it did not constitute the doing or about to do damage clause. The CO warned the subject and suggested he get a license.

CO Ken Kovach conducted taxidermy and deer processor inspections, and contacted a processor while processing a deer. The deer was recently dropped off and the tag reflected it was shot with a bow on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The CO conducted interviews and investigated the alleged hunting location. He finally interviewed the subject with the facts of his investigation, including x-rays of the lead fragments around the entry wound. The subject gave a full confession and admitted shooting the deer out of season with a rifle. A warrant will be sought.

CO Mark Ennett was checking shore fishing activity at Hoffman Access Site and watched as a vessel returned to the Bolles Harbor DNR Ramp. He recognized the boat as one that he had observed fishing in mid-December, but was unable to check at that time. One of the two anglers had on board a Master Angler Award-sized 29 inch channel catfish, but both anglers were well over the legal limit of 10 catfish each. One had 23 fish over, and the other was 11 fish over. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett assisted on the investigation of a burglary case where the stolen items were waterfowl hunting equipment, including decoys and portable blinds. The parent of the suspect allowed a consent search of a trailer loaded with equipment that was in the driveway. The victim was present and he was able to identify at least four goose decoys that were reported as stolen. A report is being compiled to submit to the Prosecutor's Office.

CO Dan Walzak received a report of an antlered deer hanging in back of a garage. The complainant had just witnessed the subject hang the deer that morning. CO Walzak responded to the location and contacted the subject and found that the deer had been legally taken the day before on the last day of Ohio's muzzleloader season.

CO Mike Drexler was on patrol in Van Buren Township when he observed a snowmobile operating in the roadway. In addition to operating in the roadway the operator was not wearing a helmet and had not purchased a trail permit. A ticket was issued for operating a snowmobile without wearing a helmet.

While on patrol in Monroe County, CO Mike Drexler observed a snowmobile operating in the roadway. In addition to operating in the roadway the operator could not produce a paper registration and his trail permit was improperly placed on the machine. While on the stop, an ORV towing children on sleds drove down the road. CO Drexler instructed the occupants to pull over as well. Enforcement action was taken in both situations.

CO Ben Shively stopped a utility vehicle operating on the roadway in central Oakland County. The operator stated that since the ice wasn't good he was using the roads to go to his mother's house on the other side of the lake. The subject was ticketed for operating an ORV on the roadway.

CO Ben Shively observed three snowmobiles operating in Pontiac Lake Recreation Area while it was closed due to lack of snow. CO Shively contacted the first sled which did not have registration or a trail permit and the second sled which did not have a trail permit. CO Shively ran the VIN on the first sled which came back stolen in 2008 out of Waterford. The operator was taken into custody and ticketed for unregistered snowmobile and no trail permit and turned over to Waterford Police Department for interview. The second operator was ticketed for operating without a trail permit.

CO Ben Shively pulled into Maceday Lake access and was checking anglers when he observed a subject who was some distance away from everyone else. CO Shively watched the subject for 20 minutes and observed the subject catch a Lake Trout through the ice. CO Shively also saw that the subject had four poles in the water. CO Shively contacted the subject who went to one of the poles and began reeling it up when he saw him. The subject stated he got preoccupied while talking on his cell phone and didn't realize he had four lines out. The subject was ticketed for fishing with more than three lines.

CO Ben Shively responded to a recreational trespass complaint in Oakland County. The complainant had walked his property and located footprints and shell casings on his property that led to the neighbor's residence. CO Shively interviewed the neighbor who supplied the name of the only subject who has permission to hunt on her property, and advised that he was aware that he could not go on the complainant's property. An interview with the subject led to the confession for trespassing and a second individual who was with him. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ben Shively and Brandon Kieft have been contacting persons who were operating their snowmobiles and ORVs on the ice this past weekend when their machines went through the ice. Coordination with the subjects and a local tow company that removes submerged vehicles will have the machines removed in a timely manner.

## **DISTRICT 21**

Detective Kenneth Montgomery of the EIS reports that on January 13, 2012, a Wayne County man plead guilty to one count of Larceny Under False Pretence (felony), three counts of scrap tire violations and 3 counts of solid waste violations (misdemeanors).

The defendant was fined \$2,000.00, placed on two years non-reporting probation, ordered to pay \$6,000.00 in reimbursement to three self-storage facilities, and ordered to pay \$1,000.00 to the Wayne Co. Prosecutor's Environmental Fund.

Between April and October of 2010, the defendant leased storage units at three self-storage locations in Wayne County. The defendant filled the units with several thousand scrap tires without the knowledge or permission of management and in violation of each lease agreement. The defendant abandoned the scrap tires and the self-storage facilities incurred the cost of disposal.