

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
10/10/2016 – 10/22/2016**

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Brian Lasanen assisted the Michigan State Police from the Calumet Post with a search for an overdue hunter. The hunter was able to make a cell phone call to a friend and told him he was near Clear Lake on a logging road. After about an hour of checking two tracks in the area the overdue hunter was located, he had gone down an old logging road and got his vehicle stuck. CO Lasanen was able to pull out the vehicle and get the hunter on his way.

COs David Miller, Doug Hermanson and Corporal David Painter hosted a hunter safety field day for online course students. Sixteen students attended the event held at the Baraga Customer Service Center. A lot of positive feedback was received with the event from the students.

CO David Miller was working an area for road hunters when he made contact with a motor vehicle and found the driver to be in possession of a loaded gun. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO David Miller was checking a bow hunter and found the hunter to be in possession of a rifle while bow hunting for deer along with his bow. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon responded to a complaint of an injured eagle in Gogebic County. Upon arriving at the scene, CO Bacon discovered the injured eagle took flight and was able to fly off.

CO Jared Ferguson received a follow-up complaint from CO Shannon Kritz regarding an individual who had harvested a female bear that was occupied by cubs. CO Ferguson located the subject and questioned him regarding the situation. The suspect admitted he had several sows with cubs but thought this one didn't. After harvesting the bear he realized he had made a mistake. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz was on patrol when she observed a large plume of black smoke coming from behind a residence. CO Kritz pulled into the driveway and made contact with a subject in the yard. CO Kritz quickly observed roofing material, metal, treated wood, foam and other illegal materials being burned. Enforcement action was taken for the illegal burning.

CO Shannon Kritz investigated a complaint of a subject in Iron County who had shot a 9 point buck and purchased a license after the fact. A short interview with the subject led to a confession for shooting the buck without a license and purchasing the license after dark on the day the deer was killed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received an active complaint of a deer being shot at with a rifle while two hunters were trespassing in northern Menominee County. CO DeLonge was a distance from the complaint and was able to make contact with Sgt. Marc Pomroy who was closer and able to respond quicker. As both COs were enroute to the complaint area, the complainant called CO DeLonge and advised him that the suspect vehicle was leaving and a good description was obtained. A BOL was put out for the suspect vehicle and the vehicle was later stopped by Sgt. Pomroy. Upon making contact with the driver and passenger Sgt. Pomroy located two .308 rifles, one of which was loaded. One individual admitted to hunting with a rifle and the second did not. Sgt. Pomroy and CO DeLonge then visited the complaint area and were unable to locate the deer that had been shot at. The COs then re-visited the suspects at their residence and were able to get the second individual to admit to hunting with a rifle after a lengthy interview. Along with hunting with a rifle during archery deer season, both hunters did not possess valid Michigan hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Jeffrey Dell investigated an 8-point deer brought to the Marquette deer check station. The tag was purchased at a suspicious time. An interview with the hunter led to the confession that the deer was shot before the license was purchased. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Jeffrey Dell patrolled Lake LeVasseur for waterfowl hunters. Two hunters returned to the parking lot with a green-winged and blue-winged teal. One hunter was found to have an unplugged shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Jeffrey Dell conducted a traffic stop on a truck in Negaunee for no registration displayed. An uncased firearm was discovered and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Jeffrey Dell investigated a complaint of a deer shot on the Iron Pin Trail. The antlers were removed and the deer was left to rot. A tip led to a suspect who after a short interview confessed to shooting the deer with a rifle and leaving it in the field after removing the antlers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Jeffrey Dell investigated the larceny of a game camera on private land. An image of the suspect stealing the camera was given to the media by the complainant. Numerous tips identified a suspect. The suspect called the office and turned himself in after seeing the media coverage. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen made contact with a grouse hunter that was using a side by side to get around the woods. As CO Lasanen was talking with the hunter, a dead grouse was observed on the floor of the ORV. When CO Lasanen asked how the hunting was, the subject replied, "Seen the grouse and shot the grouse." CO Lasanen then asked the hunter where his hunter orange was. The hunter advised he doesn't have any and did not know he had to have hunters orange. CO Lasanen asked the subject how long has

he been hunting and the hunter replied over 30 years. Law enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mark Zitnik was on patrol when he came across two bird hunters road hunting. Upon contact, CO Zitnik observed both of their shotguns uncased. Upon further investigation, it was found that one of the shotguns was loaded. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik was checking waterfowl hunters when he came upon one hunter who was operating an unregistered watercraft. The hunter stated he didn't realize he needed to have his motorboat registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn was called to assist MSP in an assault between two neighbors. After arriving on scene, it was determined that the complainant was mowing his lawn and blew leaf clippings onto his neighbor's property. When the neighbor saw this he immediately became outraged and went over and punched the complainant in the head, knocking off his ear muffs and phone that he was using to record the incident on the ground. The suspect then took the cell phone and deleted the video of the incident and smashed the phone against a tree. MSP arrived shortly after and took over the incident.

CO Robert Freeborn was called to assist the local sheriff's department with a suicidal subject. After making contact, the officers were able to talk with the subject who stated she was just upset earlier when she made the comments and wasn't actually going to harm herself. The subject stated she was going to visit family and that she would be alright.

Looking at bear registrations records, CO Pat Hartsig noticed a non-resident had purchased a resident bear license and had used a Michigan University email address. CO Hartsig contacted the university and found that the subject had graduated years ago. The subject was contacted via phone and an interview revealed they had been purchasing resident licenses for many years. Enforcement action was taken for fraudulently obtaining a resident license.

CO Pat Hartsig spoke to a group at a local hunter safety course. Topics included ethics of hunting and trapping, as well as laws that pertain to them as new hunters.

CO Chris Lynch received a complaint of a bear hunter who shot a bear in the Carney Unit and tagged the bear with a Gwinn Unit tag. CO Lynch interviewed the subject and got a full confession on the incident. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma and PCO Jeremy Sergey responded to a complaint of an individual in possession of untagged antlers from a deer which was harvested this archery season on Drummond Island. The individual stated he was unable to locate the deer for several days and did not know he still had to tag the deer since none of the meat was

salvageable. A report has been sent to the Chippewa County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Kevin Postma and PCO Jeremy Sergey delivered 260 pounds of moose meat to the Sault Ste. Marie Salvation Army, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian Elder Assistance Program as well as the Bay Mills Indian Community Elder Assistance Program. The moose meat was salvaged by CO Postma from two different car vs. moose incidents.

CO Kevin Postma and PCO Jeremy Sergey responded to a domestic disturbance situation in the White Fish Point area near Paradise. The elderly individual suffering from dementia was transported by ambulance to War Memorial Hospital and the complaint was turned over to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Dept.

COs Calvin Smith, Pat Hartsig, Chris Lynch & Mark Zitnik attended a week-long trapping enforcement school where the COs learned trapping methods, patrol techniques and fur-bearer investigations.

CO Calvin Smith was the closest officer to respond to a body found on a local beach. The victim was pronounced deceased by medical staff and CO Smith secured the scene until Michigan State Troopers arrived. The investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of death.

CO Jon Busken attended a career fair at Lake Superior State University. Potential applicants were able to ask questions pertaining to being a CO as well as the hiring process.

CO Jon Busken submitted two reports pertaining to the illegal taking of black bear to the Schoolcraft County Prosecutor's Office. CO Rob Freeborn swore to the prepared warrants. CO Busken collected bond and provided a court date for one suspect while Wayne County CO Schaumburger was able to collect bond on the second suspect who lives in Wayne County.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert responded to a complaint of a lost hiker in the Jordan River Valley, along with CO Steve Speigl, PCO Nate Sink and Antrim County Sheriff's Department deputies. All officers were advised the missing person had a severe mental disorder and had taken off on family members in the past. CO Albert called in assistance from the Star Township Fire Department, the Michigan State Police K9 Troopers and attempted a "ping" on the subject's cell phone. CO Albert coordinated the search efforts between multiple law enforcement agencies, the Star Township Fire Department, volunteer searchers, the victim's family and the Antrim County and Michigan State Police (MSP) Gaylord dispatch centers. Officers and fire department personnel walked the main trails for several miles searching for the missing person. After five hours of searching, a family member found the subject hiding from them under a tree several

miles from where she originally went missing. While searching for the missing person, the MSP K9 handler found a second lost subject right before dark. He had heard of the missing person and decided to follow some foot tracks across the river. He ended up lost in the woods and the K9 handler was fortunate to come across the volunteer, and with the assistance of the Star Township Fire Department returned him to his vehicle right before dark.

COs Andrea Albert and Jon Sklba attended a three day FEMA sponsored LASER (Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response) Training in Cheboygan. Officers were trained in how to breach buildings and quickly stop an active shooter to minimize the loss of life. COs were also trained on how to teach the same class to other officers.

CO Chad Baldwin received a call about an injured red-tailed hawk in Charlevoix County perched on the corner of the caller's barn. The hawk had been hanging out at the residence for several days and appeared to have an injured wing. When CO Baldwin arrived, the hawk was out of reach and had to be coaxed down off the barn using some old barn wood and a blanket. Once the hawk was on the ground, CO Baldwin was able to calm the raptor down and transport it to a local animal hospital where it was evaluated by a veterinarian to determine if it could be rehabbed back to health.

CO Chad Baldwin, CO Duane Budreau, and PCO Carter Woodwyck worked a late night patrol on the Boyne River for illegal fishing activity during the fall salmon spawning run. Several fishermen were observed fishing with illegal treble hooks that also did not contain any bait. Contact was made with the fishermen and during questioning it was determined that one of the subjects, without any identification provided CO Baldwin with a false name. After further discussion with the fisherman, the correct name was provided and revealed that he did not have a fishing license. The fisherman then admitted to not having a license and was just there to have a night of fun but got nervous when CO Baldwin made contact with him. Multiple violations were addressed, explained, and enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Baldwin and Steve Speigl took part in the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery's Fall Festival on October 15th. COs worked an information table along with members of the DNR's Forest Resources Division. Approximately 1,200 visitors were contacted.

CO Andrea Erratt helped at the Harbor Springs Sportsman's Club hunter safety field day. There were 50 students in attendance with CO Erratt assisting on the rifle range portion of the class.

After several attempts, CO Andrea Erratt was finally able to make contact with a subject who had been burning tires in Charlevoix County on several different occasions. The subject was hired to clean an old junk yard area and had been burning materials instead of taking them to a proper disposal site. Tickets were issued for illegal disposal of solid waste, illegal disposal of tires and or unattended fire.

CO Andrea Erratt talked to a criminal law class at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey discussing the job and duties of a CO.

CO Tim Rosochacki conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driving erratically in Cheboygan County. Upon contact with the driver, he was found to have been drinking and had an open container of alcohol that was located in the vehicle. Field sobriety evaluations were performed, however; the operator was not determined to be intoxicated. Enforcement action was taken on the open container.

CO Tim Rosochacki made contact with a small game hunter who was walking down a rural roadway in Cheboygan County not wearing hunter orange. Upon contact with the hunter, he stated he had forgotten to wear the life-saving apparel.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted an angler on Burt Lake who was operating his boat at night without navigational lights. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a RAP (Report All Poaching) complaint involving a hunter who shot a deer on Bois Blanc Island and failed to tag the deer. The individual was contacted by the officer at the Cheboygan ferry and stated he forgot to properly tag the animal after it was shot. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Torsky assisted with a hunter safety class held at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord where over 60 kids received their hunter safety certification.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted Cheboygan County deputies with locating an 81 year old woman who was lost in an isolated area of Cheboygan County.

CO Brad Bellville has been following up on numerous complaints on state land in Montmorency County including one where someone has been building a log cabin illegally on State Land.

CO Adam LeClerc was patrolling the City of Alpena when a call went out from Central dispatch about a vehicle running into the Big Boy Restaurant. CO LeClerc was on the scene and assisted Alpena City Police Department with CPR on the driver until medical personnel arrived. The victim was transported to Mid-Michigan Hospital where it was confirmed the driver had a heart attack and didn't make it.

CO Adam LeClerc received a RAP complaint about a hunter in Alpena County, Wilson Township, hunting over bait. CO LeClerc was able to locate the hunting location along with shelled corn spread out in a food plot area. CO LeClerc issued the hunter a citation for baiting in a closed county.

CO Adam LeClerc was doing paperwork at Devil's Lake in Alpena County when he noticed an ATV operator riding along the lakeshore. A file check revealed two city warrants. CO LeClerc issued warnings for operating in a closed area and operating in a wetland. CO LeClerc arrested the individual on the local warrants.

CO Paul Fox was checking anglers at the Ocqueoc Weir and located one angler fishing within 100 feet of the weir. CO Fox watched the angler from a distance for a few minutes and determined the angler was in fact fishing way too close. There are signs posted that say no fishing between that point and the weir and the angler was well within the signed area. CO Fox issued a citation.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe stopped two dirt bikes operating on one of the snowmobile trails in Grand Traverse County. The operators advised they thought the trails were open due to the new law being passed. CO Kehoe advised them it was not and continued his investigation. A LEIN check revealed one of the riders was operating on a suspended driver's license and had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe and CO Rich Stowe responded to a waterfowl hunting complaint on a small lake in Grand Traverse County. While checking hunters in the area, CO Kehoe and CO Stowe contacted two hunters who had eleven ducks between them. CO Kehoe located another two ducks stashed in the decoy bag which put the hunter's one duck over their legal limit. One hunter mentioned the ducks may have been from their hunt the day before, CO Stowe advised them that the ducks were still warm and that story was not likely. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe finally contacted a deer hunter after working a set of stands for several months. The hunter had in excess of twelve violations between three stand locations. The violations included no identification on stands, stands out early, one stand not removed by deadline from previous year, baiting early, illegal feeders (one of which was destroyed by bears and then replaced with another illegal feeder), and operating an ORV in closed areas. One stand was in Kalkaska County and had been located by CO Mike Hearn. After showing CO Hearn a trail camera pic of the ORV at the other stand location, CO Hearn determined it to be the same subject. CO Kehoe and CO Hearn visited all the sites together and verified the similarities. Upon confirming the identification of the subject, CO Kehoe went to the subject's residence and interviewed him regarding the violations, as several checks during hunting hours produced no results. The subject admitted to the stands, took responsibility and corrected the problems the next day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was checking a portion of Bear Creek in Manistee County where he had received tips in years past reference illegal fishing activity. CO Converse got to an area where he saw nine subjects using a variety of illegal fishing gear, including a crossbow, compound bow and weighted treble hooks. Due to the size of the group, CO Converse called CO Brian Brosky and PCO Kyle Cherry to assist. The three COs were able to successfully catch all nine out-of-state men violating Michigan's fishing laws. Enforcement action was taken and several fish were seized.

CO Steve Converse was working a stretch of the Betsie River when he encountered a duo fishing on closed waters. As CO Converse watched the anglers, it became apparent that one was clearly acting as a guide. CO Converse approached the men and engaged in conversation, asking the guide how much he charged for a walk-in trip. The angler replied with a money amount, and when asked for his land lease permit, quickly recanted his story stating that he was only fun fishing. CO Converse then advised them both that they were on a closed portion of the river to which neither had a rebuttal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along Pine Creek in Manistee County for illegal fishing activity when he observed an ORV on the roadway operating slowly towards the creek. The operator had no helmet or eye protection on. The subject parked his ORV and proceeded to pick up several 15-20 pound rocks throwing them in the creek, attempting to hit salmon. CO Killingbeck made contact with the subject who turned out to be a juvenile. The juvenile had not completed an ORV safety course, failed to license the ORV he was operating, was trespassing on private property, and was operating unsupervised. The juvenile's father was called to the scene to address the situation. CO Killingbeck overheard the father telling his son that everyone knows the CO's wait here for people to take fish illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Kyle Publiski were on patrol along the Pere Marquette River in Mason County where they located a group of subjects that were just finishing up fishing. CO Killingbeck was able to determine that one subject still had weight tied below his hook and they also witnessed one angler dumping mutilated fish into the river. When the anglers saw the COs approaching, the man with weight below his hook burned his line off and threw it. CO Killingbeck was able to locate the lighter and hook, and found the hooks bent to make them larger than the legal 3/8" from point to shank. Numerous filleted fish were found in a cooler and confessions were obtained that none of the fish were caught legally. DNR priors revealed that both subjects were cited last year for fishing with weight below a hook and for retaining foul hooked fish. Enforcement action was taken again.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol at Tippy Dam when he observed a subject discard a cigarette into the Manistee River. CO Killingbeck contacted the subject and was checking the gear being used for fishing when he noticed another subject nearby attempted to hide his fishing pole. Unfortunately for that angler, CO Killingbeck was privy to the location where the angler stashed his pole and when he retrieved it, found the terminal tackle consisted of multiple treble hooks and weights. Citations were issued for fishing with illegal gear.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was headed to court when a car quickly came up behind him and attempted to pass. There was oncoming traffic and CO Killingbeck was forced off the road to avoid a collision. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and the operator told CO Killingbeck that he had picked up parts for his tractor and was in a hurry to get home. CO Killingbeck advised the subject that nothing was worth causing an accident. While talking to the driver, he noticed that although the driver had his seatbelt buckled, he was

sitting on top of it as opposed to wearing it to stop the alarm from sounding. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was assisting the Lake County Sheriff's Department in looking for a vehicle that reportedly had a juvenile passenger that was reported missing. CO Killingbeck located the vehicle at a fishing access site near Baldwin. The juvenile was determined to be unharmed and was turned over to the sheriff's department. While speaking with the driver, CO Killingbeck asked the subject if there were any firearms in the vehicle. An uncased and loaded handgun was found in the vehicle that the subject said was used for small game hunting. The subject did not have a concealed pistol license and did not have a permit for the firearm. The firearm was seized and the subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail on numerous charges.

CO Kyle Publiski received a text from CO Converse, stating that he had gotten a complaint from a fisherman that stated there were subjects snagging fish on the Manistee River at Sawdust access and was too busy to respond. CO Publiski responded to the area and located several subjects in a group camped along the river. CO Publiski watched the subjects for some time and observed the subjects snagging fish with illegal gear. Upon making contact, it was determined that the group all had illegal gear, were snagging fish, and had no valid fishing licenses for 2016. Two of the subjects had never purchased fishing licenses ever. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski received a call from Mason County Central Dispatch of a subject who was trapped in a tree by a bear and afraid to get down. Apparently the hunter was climbing down from his tree stand close to dark when the hunter got to the ground and noticed a bear walking very close to him. The hunter yelled at the bear to get him to leave, when the bear turned and charged the hunter. The hunter fired his crossbow, missing the bear. The hunter then frantically climbed back up the tree. The hunter only brought one crossbow bolt and was now stuck in the tree with the bear at the bottom of the tree. The hunter, now afraid and unable to get down, used his cell phone to call 911. CO Publiski radioed CO Josiah Killingbeck for assistance because it was now determined the hunter was at Sulak Campground, just into Lake County. CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck, along with a Lake and Mason County Sheriff's Deputy, all arrived on scene at the same time. Upon arriving on scene, CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck located the bear standing in the roadway, in the middle of the campground. CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck chased the bear out of the roadway and into the woods and then turned their attention to the hunter that was stuck in his tree stand. While attempting to locate the hunter's vehicle, CO Killingbeck located the bear again that had returned to the campground, in and among the campers. While CO Killingbeck and the sheriff deputies attempted to get the bear out of the campground, CO Publiski located the hunter's vehicle and began looking for the hunter in the dark. CO Publiski radioed Mason Central Dispatch, who was still on the phone with the hunter, and advised him to turn on a flashlight so he could be located. CO Publiski was able to locate the hunter shaken up, but in good spirits. While clearing the scene, CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck received another call from a hunter nearby that was tracking a deer he shot and was charged by a bear. CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck arrived on scene almost immediately, but it was determined that the incident

occurred just before the incident the two COs had already dealt with. The COs and sheriff's deputies returned to the campground and advised all campers of the situation. Some packed up and left, others decided to stick it out. CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck checked the area for the bear to return, but were unable to locate the bear again.

While patrolling Maple Leaf access in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski and CO Josiah Killingbeck located and watched three subjects using illegal gear to snag salmon. The COs watched as one of the subject cut the salmon up and threw the unwanted pieces into the Pere Marquette River. CO Publiski and CO Killingbeck made contact with the fishermen who stated they weren't using illegal gear to snag salmon and pointed to their rods that now had nothing tied on them. CO Killingbeck was able to locate the illegal rigs they had been seen using which were discarded on the bank of the river. While talking to the subject, CO Publiski recognized one of the fishermen. CO Publiski and CO Brosky gave him tickets the previous year for doing the exact same thing. The subjects were again issued tickets for the fishing violations.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Brian Lebel were on patrol at the Martiny Chain of Lakes in Mecosta County where they encountered two men hunting. While doing a routine waterfowl check, PCO Varriale and CO Lebel discovered that both men had toxic lead shot in their possession. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Brian Lebel were on patrol at the Martiny Chain of Lakes in Mecosta County where they encountered three men waterfowl hunting. While checking one of the men's shotguns, PCO Varriale discovered that the shotgun held more than three shotgun shells. The individual was cited for the violation.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Brian Lebel were on patrol at the Martiny Chain of Lakes in Mecosta County where they encountered three waterfowl hunters at the boat launch. During the check, it was discovered that one of the individuals was in possession of toxic shot and an unplugged shotgun. The subject was educated on the importance of waterfowl rules and regulations. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller received a complaint on state land of two hunters in a truck who had moved a stump which was blocking a recent logging trail to prevent vehicles from driving in. CO Mueller made contact with the hunters while they were still in the area. The operator of the vehicle had a suspended driver's license, a warrant for his arrest, an uncased cross bow in the vehicle, and was operating in a closed area of state land. The suspect admitted they moved the stump because they had been driving back there for years and didn't know that the stump was to keep them from driving back there. Enforcement action was taken, including citing the driver for operating in a closed area.

CO Ben Shively was checking a closed trout stream when he observed a subject standing along the stream anxiously looking around. CO Shively watched the subject run up to his truck and return with a large landing net. As CO Shively approached the subject, he observed a second subject in the stream with a fishing pole and pulling a

salmon from the stream. CO Shively made contact with the subjects and the first subject with the landing net stated "This stream isn't open is it?" Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Kyle Cherry were working the Manistee River when they watched a subject attempting to net salmon off a rock bed. The subject was unsuccessful, but his fishing partner soon snagged a salmon in the back and kept the fish. He then showed his fishing partner how he snagged the fish, and they soon attempted to both start snagging salmon. One of the subjects was heard saying that if they have to fish dirty, they will fish dirty since they drove a long distance to get there. The COs then stopped the illegal activity and tickets were issued.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Kyle Cherry were working near Tippy Dam in Manistee County late at night when they witnessed a subject illegally hook a salmon and keep it. When they made contact with the suspect, they realized that the suspect and his two fishing partners all had illegal fishing gear on their lines. Tickets were issued.

CO Troy Van Gelderen took a complaint from a subject who had a trespasser on his trail camera. The complainant posted the picture on Facebook and someone eventually gave the complainant a name. CO Van Gelderen interviewed the suspect who was seen on the picture from September 17, wearing all camouflage, carrying a rifle, and trespassing. A report is being sent to the prosecutor's office for a three count warrant.

CO Troy Van Gelderen received a complaint from a subject who had a picture of a suspect stealing his trail camera. The complainant posted the picture on Facebook, and eventually got a name. The suspect then called the Cadillac District Office to report that he had taken a trail camera, and now people were harassing him on Facebook. CO Van Gelderen met with the suspect and got the trail camera back. A report was sent to the prosecutor's office for larceny charges.

CO Jeff Ginn located a suspicious deer at a deer processor in Muskegon County. He later made contact with the suspect who admitted to purchasing his license after he harvested the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn followed up on a RAP complaint of excessive bait. CO Ginn arrived at the location and was able to make contact with the suspect. The bait consisted of three entire 50# bags of corn, carrots and apples. Enforcement action was taken for the violation.

CO Angela Greenway conducted a presentation to approximately sixty fifth graders at a local farm. CO Greenway presented the district fur kit display and talked about the animals we have in Michigan and how they survive in different habitats. CO Greenway spoke on ethical hunting and trapping, how that can impact animal numbers, and the importance of keeping a healthy population for the habitat.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol along a gravel road when he observed a juvenile operating an ORV unsupervised. CO Wells made contact and verified that the juvenile was unsupervised and that the ORV had no license on it. The juvenile admitted that his cousins were out riding their motorcycles and they were supposed to be with him. CO Wells could hear ORVs operating to the south of his current location. A few minutes later, two motorcycles were observed and both operators were not wearing helmets. The motorcycles turned down a road and left the area. CO Wells went to the residence of the juvenile and located one of the motorcycles entering the driveway. Contact was made with the operators and it was discovered that the driver was not only without a helmet, but the machine was not licensed. The second motorcycle operator returned to the residence a short time later without a helmet, no license on the machine, the operator's license was suspended, and file checked revealed that the motorcycle was not titled. Citations were issued to both motorcycle operators for the lack of licenses, no helmets, and the DWLS violations. Warning was issued to the subjects for the unsupervised juvenile and the youngster was turned over to his grandmother.

CO Mike Wells was conducting an inspection on a deer processor when he discovered a 4-point antlered deer (3x1) tagged with a combination restricted deer license. RSS checked revealed that the female owner of the kill tag had no record of completing a hunter safety course. Further investigation revealed that a juvenile at the same residence as the tag owner had also been obtaining regular deer license, with no record of hunter safety. A few days later, CO Wells made contact with the deer owner and she admitted that neither she nor her son had taken a hunter safety class. She admitted she had shot the deer and that she had left her combination regular license at home. She only had possession of her combination restricted license and used it to tag the deer. CO Wells explained the violations of the combination restricted license and obtaining a license when not eligible, due to her failure to take a hunter safety class. The deer was seized and a citation was issued for the violation of the combination restricted license. A warning was issued for the obtained license when not eligible. Within one week of this contact, the deer owner and her son enrolled in a hunter safety class and have since completed it successfully.

CO Mike Wells was conducting an inspection on a deer processor when he examined a large 10-point buck and its' kill tag. Examination of the tag revealed that it had been obtained at 0905 in the morning and validated for the same day. A few days later, CO Wells made contact with the deer owner and obtained an admission that he had forgotten to purchase his license prior to the harvesting of the deer. He admitted that he went afield at first light and shot the deer with his crossbow at about 8 AM. He left the deer lay and went to the local store obtaining his license approximately one hour after he shot the deer. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken, including addressing the excessive amount of bait that was placed at the hunting location.

DISTRICT 5

CO Steve Lockwood and Josh Wright were patrolling rural Gladwin County in the early morning hours when a vehicle caught their attention. The operator failed to stop at a stop sign and failed to use a turn signal as appropriate. Upon initiating emergency lights to affect a stop, the operator continued to drive at a slow speed for another quarter mile. Upon contact, the COs discovered an uncased firearm in the vehicle. In addition to the firearm violation, it was also discovered that the vehicle did not have any insurance and the registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken at the scene.

CO Kyle Bader and PCO Colton Gelinas were patrolling Ogemaw County when they observed a small buck and doe on a buck pole outside of a residence. When they attempted to contact the owner of the property, they were unsuccessful. When the COs arrived back at the residence later in the evening, there was an additional doe hanging on the buck pole. Further investigation determined that the hunter purchased over the counter antlerless deer tags for Oscoda County but shot the deer in Ogemaw County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Warner assisted MSP on a violent domestic assault and battery located far off the main road. The responding MSP units had encountered a locked gate that was preventing entry to the property where the assault occurred. Using a unique tool carried by COs, CO Warner and troopers were able to open the gate, access the victim, and locate the assailant. The assailant was arrested and lodged in the Iosco County Jail.

After some recent road hunting complaints in Oscoda County, COs and U.S. Forest Service LEOs conducted a deer decoy patrol. After one vehicle passed the decoy location exhibiting strange behavior, CO Jonathan Warner moved closer to the road in an attempt to gain a better look at the occupants. As the vehicle passed, CO Warner noticed the passenger was holding an uncased crossbow out the passenger window. Contact was made with the occupants and enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen assisted MSP with a report of a subject who had passed out in a ditch. While CO Huspen was in route to the complaint, the subject was reported getting up and running into the woods yelling. CO Huspen and the MSP Troopers spent time trying to locate the subject but were unsuccessful in their attempt. Later during the same day, dispatch advised the officers that the subject was back lying in another ditch. This time the subject stayed in the ditch and EMTs checked the health of the subject. The trooper located a wallet of another person on the subject and the subject had three warrants for his arrest. The subject was lodged for the outstanding warrants and charged with disorderly person.

CO Ben McAteer was contacted via radio to assist Michigan State Police on a traffic stop on southbound I-75 in Crawford County. During a vehicle search, troopers located multiple game birds in the trunk of a suspect's vehicle. CO McAteer responded to the vehicle and identified multiple woodcock, grouse, and one fully dressed duck. The owner of the vehicle stated that he had been in the Upper Peninsula hunting where he

had shot the birds. A check of the suspect revealed that the hunter had failed to purchase a federal waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken for transporting the duck without a fully feathered wing, failure to purchase a federal duck stamp, and possession of marihuana.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Ryan Andrews were notified of a complaint of someone shooting a deer with a firearm during the archery season. Contact was made with the complainant and additional information was obtained. The suspect was contacted and claimed he used archery equipment to harvest the deer. The investigation, however, determined the wound on the deer was from a firearm and not archery equipment. The suspect then admitted to using a .243 rifle to harvest the deer. The suspect was arrested for taking the deer with a firearm during the closed season.

CO Sam Schluckbier contacted a hunter leaving state land in Kalkaska County. Upon contact, the hunter was eager to show off his recently harvested spike horn in the back of the truck. CO Schluckbier informed the hunter that harvesting a spike horn in Kalkaska County is illegal. He explained that the area is under antler point restriction regulations that restrict the harvesting of antlered deer to 3 or more points on one side. The hunter claimed that he was unaware of the law and failed to educate himself prior to hunting this season. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Charles McPherson were investigating a complaint regarding a hunting blind and vehicles being operated in closed area. A hunter was sitting in the blind in question and was contacted. The blind had a large number of live trees cut in an attempt to conceal it from view and the hunter had driven across numerous state managed food plots to place the blind in its location. The hunter was also hunting over a large amount of bait. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

COs Will Brickel and Joel Lundberg were working an evening deer patrol when they observed a truck pull into state land in Midland County at dusk. Two individuals got out of the truck, retrieved their compound bows, nocked arrows, put on their headlamps and began walking through the woods. After watching them for a short period of time, the COs made contact with the hunters. During a quick interview both hunters confessed they were stalking deer with their headlamps because they had heard it was a very successful way to get a deer. Both subjects received a citation for attempting to take game with an artificial light and received warnings for not taking hunter safety, hunting without a deer license, transporting uncased bows, hunting after legal shooting hours and for borrowing a deer license of another.

COs Will Brickel and Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint of two subjects who had shot two trumpeter swans in the Maple River SGA. The COs responded to the scene and upon arriving were told by the complainant the suspects were packing up and heading to the launch. The COs were advised one of the swans dropped dead and it looked like the other may be injured. CO Brickel made contact with the suspects as CO

Gowenlock searched the area for the swans. When asked who shot the swans, neither of the suspects spoke. After interviewing the two suspects further, they admitted to shooting the two swans. The suspects advised they pushed one down into the mud and showed CO Brickel where it was. CO Gowenlock, with help from the complainant, was able to find the injured swan. Each suspect was issued a citation for shooting a protected species. The hunters' firearms were confiscated and reimbursement to the state for each swan is \$1,500.00 not including the fine.

While working in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to a recreational trespass complaint. The complainant stated he was confronted by the ORV trespasser on private lands. When the complainant asked the suspect to leave the property, the suspect failed to comply. CO Bucholtz arrived on scene and spoke with both parties. Enforcement action was taken.

While on routine patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to a baiting complaint. CO Bucholtz arrived on scene and inspected the area. No suspects were located. In the following days, while surveilling the area, CO Bucholtz was able to contact a suspect. A large amount of sugar beets, carrots and corn was found near the suspect's hunting blind. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was investigating a possible recreational trespass complaint when he located a large illegal deer bait pile. The suspect was located and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Quincy Gowenlock heard a broadcast from Saginaw County Central Dispatch of a Thomas Township Officer chasing a suspect on foot. The suspect was wanted for retail fraud from a local store. CO Gowenlock responded to assist the officer with the foot chase. While in route, central advised the suspect was just seen running past the front window of the Thomas Township Police Department. When the CO arrived on scene with the township officer the suspect was located hiding in the garage right behind the police station. The suspect was arrested on numerous charges.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint from an individual who had found an injured great horned owl while waterfowl hunting in the marsh. The hunter was able to capture the owl and take it to his house. CO Hobkirk picked up the owl from the hunter's residence and transported it to a licensed raptor rehabilitator.

In Huron County, a subject contacted CO Robert Hobkirk regarding an archery hunter who was trespassing and baiting deer in excess of the allowable amount. When CO Hobkirk investigated the complaint there was a property line dispute between the two land owners, but there was no question that the hunter was using well in excess of two gallons of bait. CO Hobkirk issued a citation for the baiting violation and encouraged the land owners to resolve the property dispute with a land survey.

While patrolling Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located a deer hunter as he was walking out to his tree stand before daylight. The hunter advised he had hunted several

times already this season without any luck. When CO Lowell asked to see his hunting license the hunter could only produce a fishing license. A citation was issued for hunting deer without a license.

While patrolling Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell stopped a couple dirt bikes riding on the county road. Both riders thought they could ride on the roads as long as they had an ORV license. The CO advised them they could not operate dirt bikes on the county roads. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a processor inspection in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located an antlerless deer which was tagged suspiciously. CO Lowell made contact with the hunter who shot the deer and it was determined he shot the deer and then bought the license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg received a complaint from an archery deer hunter that he could hear bullets "whizzing" past him while he sat in his tree stand. Upon investigating the adjacent property, CO Lundberg discovered a group of kids ranging from 8-18 years of age were shooting a .22 caliber rifle into a pond on their property. The rounds were ricocheting off the water and past the archery hunter sitting in his tree stand. The mother of the kids was smoking marijuana and the father was intoxicated from drinking. The mother was lodged for possession of marijuana and the parents were issued a citation for allowing their children to discharge a firearm in a careless manner.

While checking a deer hunter's license in the field, CO Joel Lundberg observed a bloody arrow in the hunters quiver. After questioning him about his success so far, the hunter admitted to shooting a deer the week prior and not tagging it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a complaint of shots fired in Sanilac County. A check of the area resulted in CO Rhodea locating a vehicle which matched the description of the vehicle involved in the complaint. Upon contacting the owner of the vehicle, the CO noticed fresh blood in the back of the vehicle. The owner at first denied shooting a deer then admitted he shot one once the bloody truck was pointed out to him. A report will be submitted to the prosecutor's office requesting several charges for the people involved.

CO Josh Russell received a complaint of a deer hanging in a garage without a license. CO Russell went to the address and witnessed the deer in the garage but no one was home. CO Russell returned a few hours later and the deer was skinned and again no one was home. CO Russell waited in the area for approximately an hour and a half until another complaint came in. CO Russell eventually made contact with the individual who could not tell the CO why the deer was not tagged previously, but now had a tag on it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell received a complaint stating an individual had just heard two gun shots and could see two people dragging something out of the field back to a house.

CO Russell made contact with the individuals who had shot two deer with a gun on someone else's property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith and PCO Jon Byars stopped two anglers on a local waterway in Tuscola County. Both did not have a fishing license and one also had a warrant for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright received a complaint that a hunting party at Fish Point State Wildlife Area in Tuscola County was shooting at swans and had hit one. CO Wright responded to the scene and recovered evidence but the hunting party had left. During a follow up investigation CO Wright located the hunters and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright received an anonymous complaint from the Report All Poaching hotline of a person in Tuscola County bragging how he has taken several turkeys and a deer this year. Upon checking the suspect's license purchases, it was found that he had not bought any hunting licenses for the 2016 season. When CO Wright made contact with the suspect he received a confession that he had taken three turkeys and shot a deer with a .22 caliber firearm this year. Evidence was collected and charges are being submitted to the prosecutor for further review.

CO Joshua Wright pulled up to assist a Michigan State Police trooper on a vehicle search in Tuscola County when a semi-truck crossed the center line to go around the trooper and nearly collided with a pick-up pulling a camper trailer. As the pick-up swerved to avoid the collision, it lost control and rolled over. CO Wright quickly responded to the accident and was able to climb inside the overturned pick-up and remove three children that were still buckled in their seatbelts. The passengers suffered minor injuries from the broken glass and the operator of the semi was cited for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

DISTRICT 7

CO Matt Page checked a small game hunter from out of state. After checking the subject's license, it was apparent the subject was hunting with a resident license. Furthermore, the subject had been doing so since 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol when they observed two anglers fishing at an access site. While the COs pulled into the parking lot, one of the anglers set down their fishing pole. Upon contact, the angler was found to not to have a fishing license and a short bass was in his possession. The angler was cited for fishing without a license and received a warning for possessing an undersized bass.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol at a public access site when they noticed an angler fishing off of his dock. Upon contact, the angler revealed that he did not have a fishing license. He was cited for fishing without a license.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Zachary Bauer were checking shore anglers along the river. After checking one angler through LEIN, a felony warrant was revealed. The angler was arrested and transferred to Three Rivers Police Department.

CO Brewer and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol when they got a complaint of a trespass in progress. The COs arrived on scene and located the hunter. Further investigation revealed that the deer hunter was not trespassing, but had no deer kill tags in possession. The hunter was cited for deer hunting without his kill tags in possession.

CO Steve Mooney was stopped and asked about what sections of the Black River are closed to fishing for salmon. CO Mooney gave the subject very specific directions as to where it is legal to fish and where the river is closed. A short time later, CO Mooney discovered the subject attempting to snag fish in the closed section of the river. The subject was cited for fishing in the closed trout stream.

CO Matt Page conducted a surveillance patrol on a closed trout stream where he observed two subjects targeting salmon. Upon contact, it was also found that the subjects had oversized hooks and neither subject was in possession of a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page and CO Steve Mooney spoke to a hunter safety class about laws and safety. The class had approximately 30 students in attendance at the Bloomingdale Sportsman's Club on October 16th.

CO Jeff Robinette checked a number of anglers in Cass County and discovered two anglers that did not have fishing licenses. Both subjects were cited for fishing without licenses.

CO Andy Bauer spoke to approximately 25 students at a hunter safety class held at the Coloma Rod and Gun Club.

CO David Rodgers set up surveillance along the Rogue River in response to several snagging complaints received and was able to watch two subjects on the wall at the dam doing some vertical jigging in the corner. One of the subjects hooked salmon on two occasions. He fought them and landed them right across from CO Rodgers. Both fish were visibly hooked in the side. The angler placed the fish on a stringer. After the second fish, CO Rodgers approached and issued a citation for foul hooked fish.

While checking for salmon runs at the Portland Dam, CO Cary Foster observed several subjects fishing above the dam. Upon checking the subjects, they stated they had caught a bluegill and a bass. CO Foster inquired about the bass and how big it was. The subject showed CO Foster the bass on the stringer in the river. The bass appeared to be short and CO Foster asked the subject how long it was. The subject stated he figured the bass was 16 inches long. CO Foster inquired how it was measured. The subject stated he just used his hand and estimated its length. A quick

check with a measuring tape confirmed the bass was only 12 inches long. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster received a tip of a subject claiming to have taken 2 bucks and a doe early in the morning on October 2nd. The subject posted pictures on social media, stating he was tagged out by 8:30AM. CO Foster met with the subject and confirmed the story. The subject confirmed he shot all 3 the same morning with his bow from the same stand. The subject then also confirmed he had not purchased his tags until after he killed the deer. A prior check of the Retail Service System revealed he had not purchased any deer licenses for 2016 until 9:07am. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster received a call from Wildlife Division staff in regards to a vehicle being stuck in a Montcalm County lake/wetland in the Flat River State Game Area. CO Foster went to the area and observed a pink blazer buried up to its axels at the edge of a lake/wetland. The vehicle was impounded from the scene and the owner was contacted the next day. The owner stated he pulled in to look at the water and did not realize he had the vehicle in drive instead of reverse when he attempted to back out. He became stuck and was unable to get the vehicle out. He was planning on removing the vehicle after he got out of work. The owner was cited for Operating a Vehicle in a Wetland/Lake.

While checking records at a local deer processor, CO Ivan Perez and CO BJ Goulette noticed a deer had been brought in that appeared that the license may have been purchased after the kill. The hunter was interviewed and he confessed that he had gone out hunting and killed the deer before purchasing his license and bought it later before taking the deer to the processor. The hunter was charged with taking the deer illegally.

CO Justin Ulberg followed up on a tip received from CO BJ Goulette referencing waterfowl hunters that were shooting after legal hours. CO Ulberg responded to the area of the complaint and was able to locate an adult and two juveniles hunting. CO Ulberg observed the hunters continue to hunt approximately ½ hour after the legal hunting hours for waterfowl. CO Ulberg eventually contacted the hunters and discovered the adult did not have a valid waterfowl license or federal waterfowl stamp. One of the juveniles also did not possess a hunting license and was using toxic shot. CO Ulberg addressed the violations with the adult and spoke with him about setting a good example for the juvenile hunters on insuring that he was following the regulations.

CO Ivan Perez and CO Justin Ulberg followed up with a hunter after doing a meat processor inspection and discovered a suspiciously tagged deer. It appeared that the tag was purchased after the deer had been killed. CO Perez and CO Ulberg responded to the residence of the subject who tagged the deer. After a short interview, the subject indicated that his son actually shot the deer and he purchased the tag. A license check revealed that the son had not purchased a deer license for the 2016 hunting season. CO Perez and CO Ulberg responded to the son's residence and obtained a confession that he had shot the deer without having a deer license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg, while checking streams in Kent County during the fall salmon run, observed two subjects fishing. Contact was made with the subjects and CO Ulberg discovered one of the subjects was fishing with illegal gear. The other angler had a salmon on a stringer and CO Ulberg questioned where the fish was hooked after seeing no hook marks in the mouth. The angler who caught the fish admitted to hooking the fish in the tail. Enforcement action was taken.

While on a late night patrol, CO Jeremy Beavers and Justin Ulberg were checking the Lowell State Game Area when they noticed a vehicle parked in a secluded parking area. The vehicle appeared to have been parked for a while and was covered with leaves. CO Beavers ran the license plate and discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Indiana. Contact was made with the police department of Lafayette, Indiana and the vehicle was impounded.

CO Greg Patten conducted a deer processor inspection and found an antlerless deer tagged the same day that it was dropped off. After contacting the hunter, he told CO Patten that he shot the deer at 1:00 PM the day he dropped it off. He went on to say that he hunted all morning. CO Patten asked him how he bought his deer tag while hunting he confessed that he bought it after the fact. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol along the Muskegon River, CO Greg Patten came across a vehicle parked at the river with its windows down. When CO Patten drove up, the passenger gave him a surprised look and quickly looked away. CO Patten contacted the vehicle occupants and saw a baggie of marijuana lying on the center console. The marijuana was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten checked a bait complaint that came in through RAP. CO Patten found a subject hunting over about 20 gallons of corn piled up in front of him. A LEIN check showed that the subject had a fail to appear warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken on the baiting and the subject was lodged in the county jail on his outstanding warrant.

While on patrol along a closed trout stream, CO Greg Patten located a subject who had trespassed on posted private property preparing to go fishing. The property owner has had ongoing trespass issues that CO Patten has dealt with in the past. Checking further, CO Patten found the subject had a suspended driver's license. The subject claimed that someone else drove the vehicle, but CO Patten did not locate anyone else in the area. Enforcement action was taken.

This weekend, CO Greg Patten located a subject bow hunting without any licenses. The subject recently moved back to Michigan from out of state. He said that he had not had time to get a new driver's license and that it was too expensive to buy a non-resident license. A LEIN check showed that the subject had a child support warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken on the hunting license violation. The subject was lodged in the Ottawa County Jail on the warrant.

CO Ivan Perez received a call from a subject who hunts private property alongside the Bass River Recreation Area in Ottawa County. The area in question has had numerous complaints in the past regarding trespassing issues as subjects would cross private lands to access parts of the recreation area that are harder to get to. The complainant stated that there was a vehicle parked at a dead end road that had a bow case in it. CO Perez arrived on scene and ran the plate. It came back to an elderly lady from the U.P. CO Perez also noticed several stickers on the vehicle indicating that it may be a local college student that was using the vehicle. CO Perez made contact with college police who were able to assist him in identifying the subject using the vehicle. CO Perez hid his vehicle and waited for the suspect to emerge. Contact was made with the suspect just as he was crossing the fence off the private property right next to a posted sign on a tree that stated "No Trespassing". He had a climbing tree stand and his compound bow with him. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking waterfowl hunters on open space lands in Ottawa County, CO Ivan Perez came across a subject returning to a parked vehicle to retrieve shotgun shells for his hunting partner who was still afield. CO Perez checked the subject's hunting licenses and waterfowl stamp and walked approximately 500 yards back to the spot where they were hunting. While walking back, the young man stated that he was really interested in becoming a CO and began asking several questions as to the requirement needed to apply. CO Perez filled him in on the process from start to finish, as they proceeded to the hunt location. Once on scene, CO Perez checked his hunting partner and issued a warning for an unsigned waterfowl stamp and had him sign the stamp in his presence. CO Perez noticed a backpack on ground, and the subject who walked back with him stated it was his and he gave him permission to search it. In a front pocket, CO Perez found a plastic bag containing a broken glass marijuana pipe. The subject then began to recite bible passages stating that, "God put the fruits of the land for his people to use" and began to inform CO Perez that marijuana should not be illegal to use. The broken pipe was confiscated. No other marijuana was found.

CO Ivan Perez received a call from a local land owner who stated that a farmer who leases his land in the Coopersville area was harvesting corn and came across marijuana growing in the middle of the field. CO Perez called the farmer who agreed to meet him at the site. CO Perez made contact with WMET, the local drug enforcement team, and had them meet him at the location. They all followed the farmer to the site and pulled approximately 100 plants, some over 6 feet tall. The incident is being investigated.

CO Christopher Holmes and PCO Scott MacNeill received a complaint of a hunter who had killed a buck and not purchased a license in Kalamazoo County. After a lengthy investigation and the service of a search warrant, it was found that the hunter had purchased a deer license after killing the buck. The hunter had also never taken a hunter safety course. Multiple charges are being sought with the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 8

CO Andrew Monnich received a complaint of a deer being dumped in a ditch. The caller stated that he was out working in a farm field when he witnessed a truck pull over on the side of the road and dump the carcass, and then drive south into Ohio. CO Monnich located the deer carcass on the Ohio/Michigan state line. It was a small buck with the antlers cut off. With a description of the vehicle, CO Monnich traveled south to see if he could locate the vehicle. About 2 miles into Ohio CO Monnich noticed a truck matching the description parked in a driveway and saw a man cutting something up in his garage. CO Monnich made contact and it turned out he was cutting up some venison from a deer he harvested in Michigan. CO Monnich noticed a small set of antlers lying on the garage floor and asked about the carcass from the deer. The man stated that he dumped the carcass on the road since he had no way of disposing it. Enforcement action was taken and the man properly disposed of the carcass.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Eric Smither responded to a complaint from a park ranger in the Pinckney Recreation Area of an unlabeled tree stand on state land. While investigating PCO Smither noticed there was also a bait pile that was over the two gallon limit. The COs located the suspect who admitted to having the over bait and the unlabeled tree stand. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols located the suspect and conducted a follow-up interview from an earlier recreational trespass complaint. During the initial investigation CO Nickols had located a fresh deer gut pile. CO Nickols checked the suspect in the DNR retail sales system and learned he had purchased his license the same day and within a few hours of the complaint being made. CO Nickols was able to gain a confession from the suspect for purchasing a license after shooting the deer. An 8 point rack was seized and charges are being sought for taking a deer without a license.

CO Rich Nickols was working an area in Clinton County for waterfowl hunting activity and found two subjects packing up to leave. The subjects had a limit of ducks between them. When checking licenses CO Nickols found one of the subjects did not have a federal migratory bird hunting stamp and was hunting with an unplugged shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds attended a local Kiwanis Club meeting in Hillsdale as a guest speaker. The CO talked about the job duties and day to day activities of a Michigan CO, the hiring process, and the training an officer goes through. There were 45 members and a guest present. The CO also answered several questions related to hunting and fishing.

CO Chris Reynolds observed an ORV operating on a closed highway and stopped the operator. During the stop several other violations were observed. The CO explained all of the violations to the operator and educated him on ORV law for the county. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds completed an investigation on a subject who had possibly taken an 8-point whitetail deer without a license. During the investigation an anonymous

informant gave the CO information that implicated another hunter in the case and additional information showing that the first hunter had taken two deer. The CO interviewed the second hunter who confessed to one of the deer being shot before a license was purchased then loaning a tag to the first hunter to tag the second deer taken. A report will be submitted and charges sought on all violations uncovered in the investigation.

CO Josh Jackson attended a local hunter safety class at the Branch County Conservation Club and talked with several students about the importance of hunting and safety in the field. The 40 students showed great enthusiasm and the attendees had many great questions for the officer.

While investigating a suspicious kill tag, CO Isaac Tyson and CO Josh Jackson contacted the tag's owner who stated that he had shot the deer on opening day. A check of the subject's license showed that it was not purchased until after close of hunting hours. The COs asked to see the suspect's bow that he used to kill the deer and he brought out an old bow that looked as if it hadn't been shot in years. The COs pressed the subject who finally admitted that he didn't shoot the deer and that his friend had shot it and asked him to buy a tag for it. After some additional investigating, CO Tyson located the subject who had actually shot the deer. The subject made a full confession of shooting the deer without a license and having his friend buy a tag for it. Prosecution is being sought through the prosecutor's office on all violations.

CO Shane Webster responded to a complaint of a person riding an ORV on the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail which is closed to motor vehicle use. The complainant stated the ORV appeared to be loaded with bait. CO Webster responded and located the bait pile and tracked down the ORV operator. The bait was well over the 2 gallon limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster investigated a case wherein a subject had taken an eight point buck without a license. Further evidence was obtained and the subject was interviewed and confessed to having his spouse go purchase a license after he had shot the deer. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau, while returning from a security assignment in Lansing, responded to a B&E in progress. Upon arrival, it was found the single occupant of the home mistook a Consumers Energy crew who were on sight changing out the electric meter as an attempted B&E.

DISTRICT 9

Checking waterfowl hunters, CO Dan Walzak made contact with a subject with a loaded firearm almost 30 minutes past legal shooting hours. The subject also had an unsigned federal migratory bird stamp. Enforcement action was taken

District 9 COs provided waterside security for the USS Detroit during her stay in Detroit and on the day of her commissioning.

COs David Schaumburger and Dan Walzak set up surveillance on a group of waterfowl hunters at the Pointe Aux Peaux SGA to observe possible late hunting violations. The end of waterfowl hunting hours on that day was 6:58 PM and as that time went by, the COs did not observe the hunters moving to pick up decoys, nor did they hear them unloading their weapons. At 7:24 PM, 26 minutes after shooting hours, the COs heard one of the hunters unload his weapon, a few minutes later they were observed picking up decoys. The COs made contact with the hunters at 7:40 PM and began checking licenses and equipment. Both hunters were already in violation of hunting waterfowl after hours, but it was also discovered that one of the hunters still did not unload his firearm and had an unsigned federal duck stamp; the other hunter had an unplugged shotgun and did not have any of the required licenses to hunt waterfowl. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger observed a vehicle on the side of the road in an odd location that was not known to be open to hunting. The CO observed hunting equipment in the vehicle and decided to go for a walk and attempt to locate the hunter. Contact was made with the hunter in the woods. The hunter stated he did not have permission to hunt the area because he thought it was state land. The hunter was informed it was not state land, and even if it was, it would have to be posted open to hunting. CO Schaumburger approached the bait pile he was hunting over and also located approximately 10 gallons of bait. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Wright, Matthew Page, Brandon Hartleben, Sgt. Damon Owens, and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked the annual Detroit Free Press/Talmer Bank Marathon which ran through the City of Detroit and onto/off of Belle Isle. The team encountered many marathon participants that stated thank you for being out there, thanks for your service, and even an off duty female Indiana CO sped by and shook hands and said thanks as she ran off to finish and get her medal. This year the weather rained down, and there were no medical issues or injuries on the marathon leg of Belle Isle.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Joseph Deppen received a cell phone complaint of a subject hunting in the St. John's Marsh refuge. When the COs arrived, they observed the subject in the refuge shoot multiple times at wood ducks. When the subject exited the refuge, the COs made contact. The subject had shot one wood duck and admitted to seeing the refuge/no entry signs. Other violations included unsigned federal stamp, no Michigan waterfowl license, and hunting from a dike. The duck was seized, enforcement action was taken, and reimbursement will be sought for the duck.

While checking public hunting land in St. Clair County, CO Ken Kovach and PCO Joseph Deppen encountered three waterfowl hunters. Routine checks yielded that two of the three hunters had unsigned federal waterfowl stamps. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking waterfowl hunters in St. Clair County, CO Ken Kovach and PCO Joseph Deppen responded to shots that were heard after legal hunting hours. Upon entering the suspected area, a vehicle was located and a quick check yielded ORV ramps and a crossbow case. COs continued checking the vehicle as an ORV approached. The hunter on the ORV had a pistol in his possession, but it had not been fired. However, the hunter had an uncased crossbow on the ORV, no helmet, and no ORV registration sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was working an evening patrol checking hunters as they were finishing up their hunts for the day in Macomb County. CO Silorey noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road on state land just prior to the end of legal shooting hours. After exiting the vehicle and following a foot path several yards into the thick brush, CO Silorey observed the silhouette of a hunter in a tree stand. The hunter exited the tree stand well after hunting hours ended. CO Silorey made contact with two hunters that came from that direction. Both hunters were still loaded with bolts in their crossbows. In addition to being loaded after hours, both of the hunters had failed to affix name and address to their tree stands, were using screw in steps, and had exceeded the bait quantity restriction. It was also found that one suspect had five prior convictions, and the other suspect had 3 prior convictions with the DNR. Enforcement action was taken. CO Matthew Zultak responded to a complaint of a subject taking a whitetail buck without a license in Lapeer County. CO Zultak interviewed the subject and gained a confession. The subject had shot the deer two days before he bought his license. The eight point antlers were seized and a report will be submitted to the county prosecutor's office.

CO Matthew Zultak followed up on a RAP complaint in Lapeer County. Upon arrival at the location, CO Zultak located a gross over limit of bait. A subject was found on the property and the subject admitted to the over baiting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker responded to a RAP complaint in Genesee County of a subject hunting in a cemetery. CO Becker pulled into the cemetery to find the subject at his stand putting out bait. CO Becker asked the subject if he had permission to hunt on the cemetery property. CO Becker called the owner of the cemetery property and he stated that the subject did not have permission to be there. CO Becker also noticed that the subject had just placed two bags of bait out. When asked about the amount of bait, the subject stated that he placed two bags on top of the two bags that were already there. CO Becker explained that the amount of bait was definitely more than the two gallon limit. The subject was also advised that he did not have permission to hunt there. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker responded to a RAP complaint in Genesee County regarding a hunter reporting a stolen trail camera and bait. The hunter stated that the subject was caught on another trail camera loading bait into a bucket. CO Becker tracked a path to a neighboring property where he located a bucket, bait pile and a trail camera. CO Becker made contact with the landowner and obtained permission to look at the pictures captured by the trail camera. They showed the landowner's son placing a bucket of bait in front of his own camera wearing the same clothing of the subject captured on the

complainant's camera. CO Becker was able to get a confession to taking the hunter's bait. The subject also had photos of himself hunting prior to taking the bait. An RSS check revealed that the subject had not purchased a hunting license this year. CO Becker also took the subject's confession to hunting without a license when faced with his own photographs. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking a hunter in Highland Recreation Area, CO Jason Becker observed a subject drive by on the road on a mini cycle. CO Becker had to cut short his license check of the hunter to stop the subject on the mini cycle. CO Becker asked the subject why he was operating on the public road. The subject stated that he had just fixed it and was testing it out. CO Becker advised the subject that the mini cycle was not a registered motorcycle, which it had no ORV license, the subject was not wearing a helmet, and the subject's driver's license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking an area known for over limit of bait in years past. He located approximately three bags of bait placed in front of a pop up blind. CO Becker viewed the pictures on the trail camera over the bait pile. The last three photos showed a subject dumping bags of feed five minutes before CO Becker checked it. CO Becker came back later that afternoon to find the subject hunting in the blind. When asked about the bait, the subject stated that he thought it was five gallons. CO Becker explained that the limit is two gallons, and that he had placed much more than five gallons on the bait pile. After reviewing the pictures from the trail camera, CO Becker also determined that the subject placed bait well before September 15. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Oakland County, CO Christopher Knights received a complaint from the head ranger at Bald Mountain stating that an individual believed to be destroying trees and brush for his illegal tree stand. CO Knights made it to the location and made contact with the hunter. The hunter stated that his stand was legal, however, when CO Knights walked back to the stand he discovered that it was not properly marked and that the hunter cut down numerous trees to make shooting lanes. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Christopher Knights got a tip from the RAP dispatchers that someone had shot a 9 point buck without a license. CO Knights went to the residence in Clarkston and made contact with his wife. She stated that her husband was out back hunting; CO Knights asked if he had shot a deer this year and she stated he did. CO Knights advised her to call him on his cell and meet him at his vehicle. The individual came out of the woods in his hunting attire with his crossbow and seat. The hunter was asked about the deer he shot earlier in the year; he stated he shot an 8 point buck in the same place he was hunting tonight. CO Knights asked to see his licenses; the individual advised he didn't purchase any 2016 deer licenses. CO Knights explained to him this was illegal and he will need to provide him with the deer head. The hunter gave CO Knights the deer head and his crossbow was also seized as evidence. CO Knights issued him a citation for

hunting that same night without a license and advised him we would be seeking a warrant for the illegal 8 point buck.

BELLE ISLE

While working a shift on Belle Isle, PCO Troy Ludwig and CO Quincy Gowenlock had just started their patrol around the island when they noticed a vehicle which was oddly parked in an intersection. As the COs checked on the vehicle an older woman got out of the car and stated she was so happy to see them. As the COs looked at her car, they noticed she had backed up over a large boulder and was high centered. The driver stated she accidentally backed up over the boulder the previous night and had been stuck there all night because the tow company could not find her. To make matters worse, her vehicle battery died and then her cell phone so she was unable to make or receive any calls. The COs told her not to worry because they would stay with her until the tow truck arrived. The tow truck arrived a little while later and the COs made sure she was on her way.

CO Jason A. Smith and PCO Jon Byars were checking anglers on Belle Isle. After watching two subjects hiding in the woods for a period of time, it was determined that they were drinking alcohol and fishing. Neither subject had a license and confirmed that they were drinking alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas received information from MSP dispatch regarding a possible suicidal person threatening to jump off of the MacArthur Bridge at Belle Isle. CO Cardenas responded and observed a vehicle matching the description stopped in the middle of the bridge. The subject exited the vehicle and climbed over two railings to get on the outside edge of the bridge. The subject then jumped off of the bridge into the Detroit River. CO Cardenas pulled up behind the van and observed the person struggling to stay afloat. CO Cardenas encouraged the subject to keep kicking and swimming, but the person was not able to stay afloat. CO Cardenas returned to his patrol unit, retrieved a ResQ Disc and threw it towards the subject. CO Cardenas pulled the rope tight and pulled the subject's head above the water. CO Cardenas then held the person's head above water for about 10 minutes until a Detroit Harbormaster vessel arrived on scene and pulled him from the river. The subject was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he was treated for hypothermia and ultimately released after making a full recovery.