

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
10/18/10 – 10/31/10**

DISTRICT 1

CO Jason Niemi discovered an unpaid campsite at the Cedar River Campground. While waiting for the camper to show up, he observed a slow moving vehicle enter the campground that was operating in an odd manner. He contacted and arrested the driver for driving while intoxicated. The subject was in possession of drug paraphernalia and admitted to having been smoking marijuana as well. He was lodged in the Menominee County jail.

DISTRICT 2

CO Derek Miller responded to a call for help from a group of duck hunters who had run out of gas in their duck boat. CO Miller located the hunters and safely returned them to the boat launch.

CO Derek Miller observed a motor vehicle with two occupants who appeared to be road hunting. Upon contact the two subjects had loaded/uncased firearms, were in possession of marijuana, and the driver had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action taken.

CO Robert Crisp responded to a personal Injury accident in Alger County. CO Crisp administered aid to the female driver who had suffered a slight stroke while on the way to the hospital for her blood dialysis appointment.

CO Robert Crisp, while on patrol, came across a hunter who had just pulled off to the side of the road. CO Crisp stopped to check on the driver's condition. The driver had a shotgun near him and CO Crisp checked the firearm and found it to be fully loaded with bird shot. When asked why he was driving around with a loaded shotgun the hunter replied because he never sees any COs around the area. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt responded to a baiting complaint. She checked the site in the rain and surprised both herself and the hunter. She was surprised to find someone out bow hunting in inclement weather and he was surprised with a ticket.

CO Andrea Erratt was conducting a plainclothes fishing patrol on the Boyne River. She was fishing a hole from the bank when an individual waded out into the river in front of her and began fishing the same hole. This required her to quit fishing to avoid tangling lines. The man who stepped in front of her was fishing with an illegal device and received a ticket for it.

CO Steve Speigl was passed on a curve by a motorist in a hurry. The driver nearly lost control and went off the road as he passed the marked patrol vehicle. CO Speigl paced the subject and also clocked him at 91 mph. The driver was issued a ticket for careless driving.

CO Kelly Ross worked plainclothes at the 9th Street Dam in Alpena. Two subjects were practicing "snag and release" after intentionally snagging several fish, photographing them, then releasing them. One other subject retained a foul hooked fish and CO Joe Molnar was called in. Enforcement action taken.

CO Joe Molnar observed a subject walking down a county road. The subject was wet up to his knees and covered in mud. The subject said he was out riding his 4-wheeler and got very stuck. CO Molnar returned to the scene with him and discovered the subject riding in a prohibited area and without an ORV license. Enforcement action taken.

CO Joe Molnar worked a late shooting waterfowl complaint and located two subjects. They shot one-half hour late, were in possession of lead shot, and had no licenses. Upon talking to one of the subjects, CO Molnar learned that he had shot an eight point buck during the early antlerless season. Parts of the deer were located and seized. The investigation continues.

CO William Webster received a complaint of a subject with a combination license who shot a four point buck in DMU 487. Regulations require that antlered deer taken with a regular combo license in DMU 487 have a minimum of 3 points on a side. The subject had already returned downstate. CO Brandon Kieft followed up with an interview and the subject confessed. Enforcement action taken.

While working the elk hunt CO William Webster was contacted by a guide who reported that one of his antlerless elk hunters had shot a spike bull. The shooter was very remorseful and apologetic. The elk was seized and enforcement action taken.

CO Mark DePew reports the disposition on an illegal turkey case from this spring. The subject paid over \$1,300 in fines and costs, plus restitution and lost his hunting privileges for the year of conviction plus three.

CO Mark DePew worked a complaint of snagging on the Boyne River. After a short time three subjects were ticketed for snagging, retaining foul hooked fish, and illegal gear.

CO Richard Stowe received a deer baiting complaint that turned out to be piles of leaves. Contact at the camp however showed evidence of baiting which led to the discovery of baited deer stands. A ticket was issued.

During the October elk hunt, two separate hunters with antlerless only elk tags mistakenly shot two spike bull elk on the same morning. Both hunters reported the incidents, and they are being investigated by COs Bill Webster and Matt Theunick.

An elk guide, who was warned in the August elk hunt for guiding without a license on public land, was found guiding elk hunters again on public land in October. This time he was ticketed. COs William Webster, Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski teamed up to make the case.

CO Eric Bottorff checked deer baiting sites from last year where he was unable to make contact with a suspect. Upon checking one on state land, he found a subject bow hunting over a bait pile. Enforcement action taken.

DISTRICT 4

CO Angela Greenway responded to a complaint regarding a person who had an illegal tree stand on state land in Lake County. CO Greenway located the stand and found that not only had the person failed to place his name and address on the stand, he had also used screw-in steps and was hunting over bait. Enforcement action was taken on the violations and the bait was removed.

CO Jim Espinoza received a complaint of persons snagging salmon on the Pere Marquette River. After arriving, CO Espinoza had difficulty locating the suspects mentioned in the report but had no problem finding persons attempting to snag fish. Tickets were issued to persons retaining foul hooked fish and using illegal gear.

CO Jim Espinoza was working a foot patrol on the Pere Marquette River when he observed two subjects attempting to snag salmon. One of the subjects was known locally for bragging about taking fish illegally and not getting caught. The subject and his fishing partner were ticketed for possessing fish taken illegally.

CO Brian Brosky received a complaint of persons trespassing on a landowner's property and located two subjects traveling down a private road on an ORV without helmets and possessing open intoxicants. As they approached CO Brosky, the CO could see that they were dragging an untagged eight point buck that they had taken off of the property they had just left. When asked why they were trespassing, one of the offenders began defiantly stating that the property was not properly posted so they could not be written a ticket. CO Brosky quieted the gentleman by explaining that there were no posting requirements when trespassing on an ORV and pointed out the lack of a tag on the deer. Enforcement action was taken and the offenders were instructed to not return to the property.

CO Jeffery Ginn contacted a subject on the Muskegon River with a total of 13 trout. The subject was eight trout over the limit which included three brown trout during the closed season and five undersized rainbow trout. Tickets were issued to address the fish violations.

CO Troy Vangelderren was working along the White River when he watched a subject walk upstream. A short time later the CO observed the same subject walking back down the stream; this time with a fish under his arm. Upon contact, the subject stated that he was trying to revive the fish and wanted to release the fish downstream. The subject then quickly attempted to put the fish back into the water. CO Vangelderren was able to retrieve the fish from the water as it was already dead and covered with leaves. A ticket was issued for the possession of a brown trout during the closed season.

CO Michael Wells responded after 11:00 p.m. to a poaching complaint of three shots being fired. What started as a poaching complaint turned out to be a barracked gunman who fired three shots inside his father's trailer. CO Wells was the first person to arrive on scene and called for backup. The standoff lasted approximately eight hours before the gunman gave up and was taken into custody with no one being harmed.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn located a pile of garbage being burned behind a residence. After several interviews, it was determined that the neighbor had agreed to burn trash for the owner of the trailer across the street. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobbi Lively located a baited deer stand where the subject had used screw-in steps and failed to put a name and address on the stand. Officer Lively located a vehicle nearby but could not find anyone in the stand. She waited for the subject to come out of the woods and after locating an uncased bow in his vehicle, she asked the subject to take her back to his stand where he had been hunting. At first, he took her to the stand she had just checked and she explained to him that he had not been hunting there. The subject then took CO Lively to a second illegal stand that was also baited.

CO Joel Lundberg encountered two subjects in the woods who had been hunting. They stated that they hadn't had any luck but CO Lundberg found a bloody arrow in the back of the truck. The subjects confessed to shooting two deer, neither of which had been tagged. The subjects were also in possession of marijuana.

While following up on a bait complaint, CO Joel Lundberg found a subject hunting illegally over a bait pile. During the conversation, the hunter indicated that he had shot a deer; however, he still had all of his tags. Further discussion led to a confession of failing to tag a deer.

DISTRICT 6

CO Robert Hobkirk received a request for assistance from a hunter who had been hunting on Heisterman Island for seven days. The hunter had gone to the island in a small boat and motor and wanted an escort back to shore due to the rough waves. Just as CO Hobkirk was about to leave the access site to assist the hunter he received further information that the hunter's boat motor was inoperable. CO Hobkirk took the necessary gear to bring the hunter safely to shore and went to the hunter's location on

the island. As CO Hobkirk was pulling up to shore at the hunter's location, he hit a rock and sheared off the propeller on his boat. CO Josh Wright was contacted and assisted both CO Hobkirk and the hunter off of the island. The hunter was very thankful for the COs assistance.

While following up on a deer bait complaint, CO Jason A. Smith contacted an individual who was hunting over an illegal bait pile and had failed to purchase a deer license. Officer Smith issued tickets for both violations and seized the subject's bow.

CO Joshua Wright received a call at his residence that individuals were taking large overlimits of geese after shooting hours. CO Wright responded in his personal vehicle and found the hunters packing up. After identifying himself, Officer Wright investigated and found a total of six geese over their limit and an unplugged gun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright and Sgt. Tony Soave were patrolling in conjunction with a night flight for shiners after hours. The COs stopped a vehicle for shining an hour after legal hours had ended and found a passenger in possession of a bow with an arrow ready. Evidence was collected and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person was dispatched to southern Midland County to investigate a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of a subject shooting a hawk. The complaint stated that a subject was observed shooting a hawk out of the air behind his residence. When CO Person arrived at the location, no one was home; however, a search of the area revealed a dead red tail hawk in the field behind the residence. Later in the day, follow up investigation with the subject led to his confession of shooting the hawk. When asked why, he stated he was a big pheasant hunter and has been watching the hawks kill numerous pheasants in the field. The subject shot the bird out of midflight with a .22 cal. rifle. The bird was seized and a warrant is being requested through the prosecutor's office.

CO Jay Person was contacted in reference to a complaint of litter located on state land. The litter was lying near a party spot where a large, old, white pine tree had been cut down for firewood for the party the night before. Following up with names on the litter led Officer Person to the responsible party who dropped the litter and the subject who cut the large tree. Tickets were issued for the violations and a large sum of money was collected for restitution on the tree.

While working the Fish Point area, CO Seth Rhodea contacted five underage hunters within the "retrieval only" area next to the refuge. Upon checking, lead shot was also found on several of the hunters. The CO followed the juveniles to their residence and contacted their parents. Tickets were issued for allowing the juveniles to hunt unsupervised.

While patrolling in Tuscola County, CO Seth Rhodea observed a vehicle whose occupants were shining with handheld flashlights out both the driver and passenger

sides of the vehicle. A traffic stop was made and a rifle was located next to the passenger in the vehicle. A deer was also found in the bed of the pickup which had been hit by the driver of the truck. The deer and firearm were seized by the CO and the driver and passenger were both ticketed for shining with weapon in possession, possessing an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle and possessing a road killed deer without a permit.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Larn Strawn came across a driver cruising the back roads shining fields. After observing the vehicle for a couple miles the CO made traffic stop and attempted to contact the driver. While approaching the vehicle on foot the driver suddenly shifted his vehicle into gear and sped away. The CO ran back to his patrol truck and pursued with lights and siren for about one mile. The driver was fleeing at such a high rate of speed he lost control and crashed his vehicle at the next intersection. The driver then got out of his vehicle and fled on foot into a densely wooded area. Due to the severity of the collision the CO thoroughly searched the vehicle and immediate area for injured passengers before tracking down the driver. The driver was arrested and charged with multiple felonies, operating while intoxicated and shining after 11:00 p.m.

CO Vicki Goss finally caught up with a couple of hunters who were suspects in an ongoing RAP complaint involving baiting and trespass. The subjects were found in their tree stands with arrows nocked one-half hour after legal hunting hours. Both subjects were hunting over piles of carrots. Appearance tickets were issued for the violations and one subject was transported to jail on an outstanding warrant.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers responded to a felonious assault call in Gratiot County. The complainant had been having problems with hunters trespassing on his property and observed one of their vehicles parked on the side of the road near his property. The caller jumped on his ORV and drove to the suspect vehicle to get the plate number. As soon as the victim pulled up to the vehicle the subject came out of the woods with a gun. The subject told the victim that he was going to shoot him in the head. As the victim took off on his ORV the subject shot his gun down the middle of the road. The subject was apprehended, interviewed and lodged in the county jail.

COs Jeremy Payne and Quincy Gowenlock were working duck hunters in the Maple River State Game Area (SGA) when they observed a group hunting in the refuge. The hunters were all issued tickets for hunting in the closed area and all their ducks were seized. The COs then checked another group of six hunters near the refuge. Each of these hunters also received tickets. Four hunters had no plugs in their guns, one had no license and another was hunting with two guns.

CO Chad Foerster was working shiners when he observed an occupied vehicle parked in a suspicious area. The CO contacted the occupants and found the driver had an expired driver's license, the front passenger had a warrant for his arrest and the rear passenger was in possession of an uncased bow. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

COs Andy Bauer and Zach Doss worked sections of streams in Van Buren County. Given the activity level, COs worked 14 straight hours issuing 20 tickets and arresting two on outstanding warrants. Some of the violations encountered were illegal hook size, unbaited hooks, retaining foul hooked fish and snagging fish. Three of the subjects ticketed by CO Doss had been written tickets for similar offenses by CO Steve Mooney earlier in the week at the same exact location. Several of the individuals who were ticketed had been previously warned for minor offenses earlier in the week.

CO Zach Doss received a complaint of recreational trespass on a subject with five DNRE prior arrest convictions. CO Doss contacted the subject and discovered he was hunting without a valid kill tag in possession, had an unregistered handgun, and was in violation of his CCW permit conditions. The trespassing issue is still under investigation.

CO Ken Cerny followed up on a late shooting complaint during waterfowl season that he received in 2009. Back in 2009 CO Cerny responded to the complaint but the suspects were gone prior to his arrival. When the 2010 waterfowl season opened, CO Cerny set up on the location of the previous year late shooting complaint. The same suspects returned to the site to hunt waterfowl. CO Cerny heard several shots after hours and contacted the hunters. Enforcement action was taken for waterfowl related offense.

CO Jeff Robinette contacted two separate waterfowl hunting parties who were shooting 20-30 minutes after legal hunting hours on a lake in Cass County.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson investigated a complaint of someone taking deer illegally with a firearm during the archery season. Responding to the complaint, COs Patten and Simpson found two bucks that had been shot with a firearm and another buck that was shot with an arrow, but was untagged. After interviews, two subjects confessed and were issued tickets.

CO Greg Patten investigated a complaint of someone baiting deer. CO Patten contacted a subject at his deer camp and located a spin cast feeder full of corn as well as a pile of apples and carrots. The subject admitted to illegally baiting deer and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a closed trout stream, CO Greg Patten observed a vehicle drop off two subjects with fishing equipment. CO Patten continued to observe the subjects fish the closed stream then witnessed both subjects try to net several fish. CO Patten contacted the subject and found they were a father and his 13 year old son. The mother was the driver of the vehicle that dropped the subjects off. When CO Patten explained that this was a closed trout stream, the father asked how they were supposed to know where to fish. CO Patten referred them to the fishing guide that was on the center console of their vehicle.

CO Jeff Rabbers responded to a complaint of subjects snagging salmon on a closed trout stream. Upon arriving, CO Rabbers observed two subjects carrying two fish back to their vehicle. The subjects were also in possession of spears and nets. After interviewing the subjects, CO Rabbers obtained a confession for the illegally spearing and netting of the fish, including another bag of fish hidden in the bushes. The driver of the vehicle that arrived to pick them up was suspended.

CO Cary Foster was working fishing activity in Ionia County when he observed three subjects looking for salmon and then trying to snag them with weighted and unbaited treble hooks. When CO Foster contacted the three subjects and explained to them that he had been watching them for 45 minutes, they admitted to attempting to snag the salmon, but one of them explained that they were trying to "snag them in the mouth".

COs Gerard Goulette and Ivan Perez worked the Grand Haven Marsh for duck hunting activity. They observed two swans flying and flare when they heard gunshots. When COs Goulette and Perez located the hunters, they were retrieving two birds that they had just shot. When the COs made contact, it was observed that the subjects had their guns loaded while under power. One of the subjects was proud to show off his binder of laminated photos for duck identification and quickly identified the birds they shot as Coots. The COs had to explain that the birds were actually Pied - billed grebes.

CO Andy Bauer received an anonymous complaint reference a bow hunter with a firearm shooting at deer. CO Bauer interviewed the bow hunter who claimed he shot at a coyote with the gun while he was bow hunting.

CO Ken Cerny responded to a shining and shooting complaint in the Sturgis area. While in the area, CO Cerny observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle. When the vehicle was stopped, CO Cerny found five juveniles with five loaded guns, and a spotlight between the front seats. CO Cerny also located a gun shot deer in the area. The investigation continues.

COs Zach Doss and Andy Bauer responded to a complaint from the Van Buren County dispatch regarding a trespass issue. COs observed that the subjects had illegally used the Kal-Haven trail to access property to trespass. When contacted, the subjects did not have hunting licenses and were attempting to take deer.

COs Zach Doss and Andy Bauer responded to a RAP complaint regarding subjects shining on Wolf Lake. COs observed the subjects for some time using a spotlight and attempting to spear fish. Several violations were noted when the subjects were contacted, including no navigation lights, unregistered motorboat, and attempting to take fish by unlawful method, as spearing season is closed.

DISTRICT 8

COs Rich Nickols, Dan Bigger, and Jeremy Payne worked the waterfowl opener and located two subjects hunting in a newly established waterfowl refuge. The subjects had

close to their limit of ducks taken illegally and wondered why no one else was in the area. Enforcement action was taken.

On opening day of waterfowl season, CO Dan Prince contacted two subjects who had taken wood ducks 40 minutes after shooting hours had ended, the subjects also were hunting while intoxicated, had firearms capable of holding more than three rounds, and had other minor violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince and Sgt. Troy Bahlau assisted local police departments on a vehicle accident that resulted in a five person fatality.

CO Dan Prince and Sgt. Troy Bahlau received a report of a subject hunting from his residence with the use of illegal bait. The investigation showed that the subject was hunting over a mixture of mineral blocks, whole carrots, shelled corn, water softener pellets, and pears, which he used as bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Peter Purdy responded to an ORV trespass complaint on a local golf course. CO Purdy located the ORV operating illegally on the course and contacted the operator. CO Purdy found that the ORV was carrying two juvenile passengers on a machine designed for only one person; that none of the occupants on the ORV were wearing the proper safety equipment; and that the ORV was dragging an illegal, untagged buck. Enforcement action was taken.

While working waterfowl enforcement, CO Peter Purdy contacted a subject in an unregistered boat with no personal flotation devices or fire extinguishers on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader contacted a subject operating an ORV on the roadway. The subject was carrying an uncased bow on an unlicensed ORV and operating the vehicle without a helmet or properly working headlights. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a shining patrol, CO Kyle Bader contacted occupants of a vehicle shining after legal hours with a loaded, scoped 30.06 rifle under the seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss contacted a subject who was the target of a trespass and baiting complaint. The subject was surprised to be contacted by CO Goss and admitted to the illegal activity. In the course of the conversation the subject revealed the location of an illegal meth lab on the private property he was hunting. CO Goss located the meth lab and turned the information over to the narcotics unit for follow up. Enforcement action was taken on all charges.

CO Al Mendez received a complaint of a subject killing a deer and failing to tag it with the required kill tag. As CO Mendez was interviewing the subject on the tagging violation he heard numerous gun shots near their vicinity. CO Mendez's investigation

on the gunshots revealed a subject who was wanted on an arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken in both instances.

COs Jason J. Smith and Rick Villerot investigated a complaint of subjects shooting waterfowl in a closed area inside the boundaries of Hayes State Park. The COs located the subjects with two geese and took enforcement action.

While investigating a complaint, CO Brad Brewer located two subjects one of whom was hunting while intoxicated while the other was hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens assisted the local police departments with the search for an armed bank robbery suspect. CO Owens assisted the K9 unit in locating the suspect who was hiding in the woods with a duffle bag full of cash, a mask and a handgun. Enforcement action was taken.

While responding to a complaint, CO Damon Owens located a subject with an untagged deer in his possession who hadn't purchased a hunting license since 2008. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens responded to a complaint of four dirt bikers trespassing on private property at a local gravel pit. CO Owens apprehended the operators of the dirt bikes before they were able to flee. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster contacted three subjects who were hunting waterfowl on private property without permission. While interviewing the subjects they stated that they were legal as they did everything "by the book". In addition to the trespassing, the COs found unplugged shotguns, use of toxic shot, and no federal waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince has been investigating numerous baiting complaints. On one of the recent complaints the homeowner, who had placed whole carrots and shelled corn behind his pole barn, stated that he did not hunt over the bait but only used the bait to hold the deer on his property until the rut. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger located two subjects firearm deer hunting over bait, dressed all in black, and with no hunting licenses. CO Bigger also located an untagged, illegal deer in a barn belonging to one of the subjects. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Peter Purdy observed a subject walking off of state land with a bow in his possession. Upon contact the subject stated that he wasn't hunting, but was just walking in the woods and didn't have a stand. CO Purdy's investigation showed that the subject was being less than truthful as a tree stand was located baited with apples and sugar beets. The subject admitted that the tree stand without a name and address on it was his. The subject also felt that if he scattered the bait instead of leaving it in piles,

then he was legal. CO Purdy advised the subject what was legal and took enforcement action.

CO Shane Webster observed two subjects kill three waterfowl twenty minutes after shooting hours had ended. Upon contact with the subjects it was discovered that one subject was shooting with an unplugged gun. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Linda Scheidler is investigating numerous baiting complaints. While following up on one of them in northern Genesee County, CO Scheidler and the complainant were approaching the tree stand and observed a bow hunter in the stand. After asking the hunter to come down, the three were talking about the baiting regulations and a doe walked up to the bait pile and started to feed 15 yards from the trio. Enforcement action was taken and the bait cleaned up.

CO Ben Lasher received a RAP complaint of a subject trespassing in southern St. Clair County. CO Lasher contacted the complainant who informed him a subject was parking on an undeveloped road and entering onto a parcel of property where he did not have permission. CO Lasher caught the subject near his vehicle as he was getting ready to go hunting. He did not have a hunting license and he did not know whose property he was hunting. As the CO was escorting the subject to retrieve the subject's tree stand, the subject was adamant he was not baiting. While the subject was taking the blind down, CO Lasher found a pile of apples in a shooting lane to the blind. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich and Sgt. Tom Wanless checked several groups of waterfowl hunters in the Harsens Island managed area. Almost every group they contacted had various marine violations with their watercraft. Two hunters who were contacted had 36 and 32 shells respectively, in addition to lead shot and one of them had an unplugged shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson was in court in Dearborn on an illegal deer case that he and CO Dan Walzak helped investigate for the local police agency. The subject took a plea deal by pleading guilty to two of the four charges.

CO Ken Kovach was asked to assist a local police department on a safety zone and possible baiting complaint. Once CO Kovach arrived on scene, the case was turned over to him. CO Kovach determined there was a safety zone violation; however, no bait was located. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft followed up on a complaint of a hunter who had shot two deer in a county park, but failed to tag them. With the assistance of a local deputy, CO Kieft walked the park area and located the hunter's tree stand which was facing a bait pile of corn, sugar beets, and carrots. CO Kieft and a deputy responded to the hunter's residence and conducted an interview. After numerous lies by the hunter, a search of

the house, garage, and backyard produced evidence of two untagged deer and the baiting violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft conducted an interview with an individual who shot an antlerless deer from his truck window with a crossbow. On the night of the violation, local deputies conducted traffic stops on two vehicles and located the illegally-taken deer. A written confession was obtained and CO Kieft seized the individual's crossbow. Warrants will be sought on violations of taking a deer from a motor vehicle, taking a deer after legal hunting hours, and failure to immediately tag the deer.

CO Brandon Kieft wrapped up an investigation involving the illegal dumping of 18 commercial vehicle tires in the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. After receiving a license plate number, CO Kieft conducted interviews and eventually located the driver of the pickup truck that dumped the tires. The driver confessed to the violation and was issued a ticket. He was also ordered to pick up the tires and dispose of them properly.

CO Ben Shively responded to a call from a local police officer who was holding two subjects that had just poached a deer. The subjects were returning from hunting when they saw an eight point deer in their headlights. The subjects pulled into the parking lot of a bank and the driver held a spotlight on the deer while the passenger shot two bolts from a crossbow into the deer. A security guard witnessed the activity on a surveillance camera and drove to the location and made contact. The guard called local police officers and they called station 20. CO Shively arrived and obtained verbal and written confessions from both subjects. CO Shively seized the spotlight and crossbow and the deer was turned over to a processor for the Sportsmen Against Hunger program. Multi count warrants will be sought on both subjects.

While on patrol in Rose Township, CO Ben Shively was flagged down by a property owner who was complaining of trespassers. CO Shively walked the property with the owner and contacted one of the hunters. He was told to call the others that were out there and they all returned to the parked vehicles. Four hunters were ticketed for recreational trespass, one was ticketed for hunt deer without a license, and another was advised and released on a misdemeanor warrant. The property owner was very grateful for CO Shively's work.

CO Ben Lasher was patrolling southern St. Clair County in the evening hours when he observed a single headlight coming down a dirt road. CO Lasher stopped the ORV illegally operating on the roadway. While talking with the operator, CO Lasher noted several other violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher assisted CO Kris Kiel on an illegal dumping case in Columbus Township in southwestern St. Clair County. A witness observed two subjects dump several bags of garbage in a remote area. The witness followed the subjects to a residence and obtained a license plate number before calling the RAP hotline. CO Kiel opened the bags and found three gun shot deer; one fawn, one doe, and one large deer that appeared to be a buck. CO Lasher contacted the registered owner of the truck

while CO Kiel stopped at the residence where the witness last saw the subject's vehicle. After interviews of several subjects at various locations, the COs determined the deer were shot in Kansas and Indiana. Follow up with those states is being conducted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was working surveillance on a group of waterfowl hunters who were shooting after legal hours in Lapeer County. The subjects were calling and shooting at waterfowl when CO Kovach contacted them over 30 minutes after the legal hunting hours. All three subjects were in possession of lead shot and unplugged guns. The subjects stated they did not think anyone would be around to check them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was working road hunting activity on a rainy, weekday afternoon in northern Lapeer County. CO Kovach observed a pickup truck with two dead deer in the back. After observing a motor vehicle violation, the CO stopped the truck. After addressing the traffic violation CO Kovach inquired about the two bucks in the bed of the truck. After a short conversation, the subject admitted to shooting both bucks and then purchasing the licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a tip that two subjects were hunting an area with a rifle during the archery only season in the shotgun zone. CO Kovach set up on the subjects and waited them out. Well after dark the subjects came out of the woods with rifles. CO Kovach contacted the subjects, who eventually admitted to hunting a monster buck. They wanted to get the deer before someone else did during the season. Enforcement action was taken.