

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

CO Brian Bacon came across a vehicle pulling a camper that had pulled to the side of the road. Both occupants were looking out the passenger window when CO Bacon rolled up to the driver's window. It was very apparent what the two individuals were up to when an uncased rifle was observed near the passenger. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy checked a camp near dark that had illegal ORV activity in the past. As they pulled up to the camp they observed a subject in a food plot walking back toward the camp and carrying a rifle. The subject did not have hunter orange, and a freshly shot deer was observed in the food plot. As other members of the camp returned from hunting, ORV violations and firearm violations were also observed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach checked a four wheeler parked along a recent cut over area. No helmet or gun case was observed with the ORV. CO Gerlach found the camp where the ORV had left from and waited for the operator to return. When the subject returned from hunting he was carrying a loaded rifle over his shoulder. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the complaint of a deer being shot in a fenced and posted field. The complainant had heard the suspect's vehicle slowly driving past the field three times before a shot rang out. The complainant left their hunting location and observed the suspect climbing over the fence to retrieve the doe he had just shot. The complainant wrote down his license plate as he fled the scene, and the COs were able to locate the individual a short distance away at a camp. While CO Gerlach interviewed the trespass suspect, Sgt. Pomroy observed an untagged deer in a barn on the property. Enforcement action was taken for the trespass incident and the untagged deer.

CO Brian Bacon waited at dark for subjects from a camp to return on their ORVs. Three different hunters returned on their ORVs with firearms violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and Sgt. Marc Pomroy received a complaint from a hunter of a vehicle road hunting with an uncased loaded rifle on the driver's lap. Within minutes of receiving the complaint, the COs located the suspect vehicle slow rolling along a forest road. CO Painter quickly contacted the driver and found a loaded rifle along with open intoxicants on the front seat. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund received a complaint of a vehicle that had just shot two deer from their vehicle while trespassing. The vehicle was stopped a short distance from the complaint area, and two freshly shot deer were found in the bed of the truck. Three subjects were arrested on various charges relating to shooting deer from the vehicle, loaning kill tags and trespassing.

CO Jason Wicklund received information of subjects hunting in a closed area. CO Wicklund contacted two hunters who were very nervous. Their initial story was that one of them killed two bucks with one shot and that they were back at their camp. With the help of CO Dave Painter, confessions were obtained for one of the subjects tagging the deer of the other so he did not have to use his firearm deer tag

While working a late night shining patrol, CO Jason Wicklund came across a vehicle stopped in the roadway. CO Wicklund found the driver leaning over the steering wheel with his foot on the brake. CO Wicklund carefully got the vehicle into park and awoke the driver. The driver claimed to be very tired from a lack of sleep. The driver passed field sobriety tests that were administered, but was ticketed for the open intoxicants found in the vehicle.

CO Marvin Gerlach, Sgt. Pete Wright and Cpl. Terry Short contacted several subjects at a deer camp who had an eight point buck on the buck pole. The hunters' stories about the deer didn't add up. Further investigation revealed that the deer had been shot by an unlicensed hunter. The tag was purchased after the fact by a relative and placed on the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson and Sgt. Matt Eberly checked a camp where three small bucks were hanging. A short discussion ensued when it became apparent that two of the deer were tagged with spouse's licenses that were purchased late in the afternoon of opening day. Eventually the subjects admitted to having shot the deer themselves and then purchasing tags in their spouses' names so they could keep hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho was investigating illegal blind and bait complaints on public lands in Marquette County. During one check, CO Aho found an eight point buck tagged with a 2008 non-resident firearm deer license kill tag. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Leadman and Elton Luce contacted and issued tickets to several hunters for illegal baits and blinds. During one of these contacts, CO Leadman was told by a hunter that he had shot an eight point earlier in the day. The subsequent license check revealed that the hunter was now hunting with a private land only antlerless license on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Elton Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright contacted three hunters bringing an untagged deer out of the woods at dusk on the deer season opener. In addition to this, one of the hunters who was helping didn't have a hunting license. When asked, he admitted that

since he normally stayed on private property, he would buy a license only if he shot a deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson met an ORV head on, on a narrow trail during the quiet time. The ORV accelerated past Officer Hermanson and almost hit his patrol vehicle. A short time later, the CO found the ORV being operated on the shoulder of a U S highway. After stopping the ORV, the operator admitted to taking off because he did not want to be ticketed for operating an ORV during the quiet hours. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund received information from the Iron County Court that a subject he ticketed for tagging a friend's deer on opening day pled not guilty to his charge. When the CO started to put together a report for the Prosecutor, it was learned that the person was a felon and prohibited from possessing a weapon. The CO re-contacted the subject, who had taken two more deer since the last visit. The subject was once again arrested and the deer and five firearms were seized.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy were on their way to work the deer decoy when they stopped an ORV operating on the roadway. The COs contacted the driver and asked if his firearm was loaded. The subject became nervous and stated that he might have forgotten to unload it the night before. The firearm was loaded and the subject was ticketed for the violation.

CO Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy observed a snowmobile operating in a careless manner on a local Iron County roadway. The COs checked the driver and observed that his snowmobile was unregistered and had no trail permit. The subject was warned the previous year by CO Dave Painter for the same violations. This time enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach investigated an illegal blind on state land where he had given a warning to an individual last year. A check of the location found the blind had not been removed. CO Gerlach contacted the owner of the blind at his residence and issued a ticket for the violation.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon contacted a 15 year old hunting unsupervised in an illegal blind, without a hunting license, over an early, excessive bait pile. He had operated an ORV from his father's camp with his 15 year old friend as a passenger, both without helmets, no ORV license, without a gun case, without supervision and without an ORV safety certificate. The supervisor who should have been present was back at camp and his 16 year old son was also hunting unsupervised, without a license and took an ORV to get to his hunting location, without a helmet or gun case. While CO Fitzgibbon was sorting this out, the first youth's uncle came back on foot, without hunter orange, with a loaded rifle after hunting hours, and had left his hunting license at camp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel investigated a hunting site that had been over-baited. A hunter was at the site who explained that he had already shot a deer. Though the hunter was in a deer blind, hunting over deer bait, he attempted to explain that he was hunting coyotes. After a short discussion he confessed to hunting deer. He was ticketed for hunting without a license.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon contacted one hunter who had tagged a deer with a 2011 kill tag. The subject was still out hunting with this year's license. He was ticketed for a tagging violation and his current license was seized.

CO John Wenzel was working with a law enforcement officer from another agency when they came upon an ORV operator carrying a rifle over his shoulder without a case. Upon seeing the officers, the ORV operator fled into the woods. The officers then checked a hunting camp in the area, and while there, observed two other hunters drive into camp with loaded and uncased rifles in the vehicles. While dealing with those two, the original ORV operator drove into camp. When questioned, he confessed to driving away, saying he panicked because he was hunting without a license. All received tickets and warnings.

CO Jared Ferguson was checking an area where reports of road hunting had been received when he heard a shot. He drove to a nearby camp and observed two subjects dressing an untagged antlerless deer. During discussion, CO Ferguson found another similar deer that had been shot the previous day and was hanging behind the camp. The two subjects confessed to shooting one deer each. The deer were seized and both subjects were ticketed for taking illegal deer.

CO Mike Evink and Sgt. Darryl Shann contacted a hunter and his wife in a tree fort on state land on opening day. The 7 x 5 foot platform was nailed and lag-screwed into a very large oak tree in a clearing. The hunter also had completely covered his rifle with cedar bark using a hot glue gun. A ticket was issued for the illegal tree stand and the hunter was directed to remove the blind and all the screws and nails.

CO Mike Evink and Sgt. Darryl Shann checked a box blind that had been on state land for at least seven years. The blind had been located years prior but when checked, it was empty. This year the owner of the blind was hunting in it. The hunter told the COs that he left it there so he would have the area to himself and nobody would crowd him. A ticket was issued and he was directed to remove the blind.

CO Mike Evink and Sgt. Darryl Shann checked a hunter who at first said he had a license. After making a big show of emptying his wallet and not finding a license, he was asked what color it had been. Being unable to guess the color, he confessed that when his companions had gone into a local store to buy licenses, he must have forgotten to do so. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Evink contacted three ORVs operating during the quiet period. All three also had no helmets. Though all had rifles with them, one of them didn't have a license and one of them had his rifle loaded. Tickets were issued for the violations.

CO Mike Evink and another enforcement officer were talking with a group of hunters at a camp near a two track when a vehicle with an expired license plate drove by. When contacted, the driver stated "So, we meet again". CO Evink recognized him as a subject who had been hunting two weeks prior with his girlfriend, who was also hunting, but without a license. She had been ticketed. This time, the driver had a loaded rifle in his vehicle. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Evink, along with another law enforcement officer came upon a male subject who stated his wife was late from cutting bows on federal land. While assisting the husband in the search, they talked with a driver of a vehicle to see if he had seen the woman. During the contact, CO Evink observed an untagged doe on the trailer being pulled by the vehicle. When asked, the driver stated it was shot with a crossbow on November 14th by a relative who had returned to Ohio. Further examination of the deer showed it to have been shot with a rifle. After a short interview, the driver confessed to shooting the deer with a rifle the night before season. It was also taken in an area where there are no antlerless permits available. Tickets were issued and the rifle and deer were seized.

COs Kyle Publiski and Kevin Postma received a complaint in mid October of a group of subjects who shoot deer at night from their cabin. Upon arriving on location CO Publiski found five gunshot deer and that the subjects were shooting out the back window of the hunt camp over a lighted bait pile. The subjects had already left for downstate. The COs continued surveillance for several weeks and during the second week of deer season their efforts paid off. The two COs caught two subjects red handed as they shot a small doe late at night. The pair were arrested and lodged in the Chippewa County Jail for the illegal take of a deer, exceeding the bait regulations of over two gallons of bait and felon in possession of firearms. The deer and gun were seized and reimbursement for the six deer is being sought.

CO Jeff Panich checked with a local deer processor to see how business was. As they talked the CO observed a deer head with a tag that indicated that the deer was brought to the processor within a few moments of the license being purchased. The CO responded to the subject's residence where he obtained a full confession that the deer was shot without a license and the license was purchased after the fact. The subject explained that he didn't want to spend money for the kill tag. Enforcement action taken.

CO Kevin Postma was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle being driven in a careless manner. A traffic stop was initiated and the CO found the subject was intoxicated and claimed that maybe he had one too many at deer camp. The subject was three times over the legal limit to drive a motor vehicle. Further investigation revealed that this was the third drunk driving arrest in recent years, making the incident

a felony. He was also in possession of marijuana, was driving on a suspended license and had open intoxicants.

CO Brett Gustafson was on routine patrol when he observed duck hunters in a boat heading to shore. Upon contact he determined that the boat owner received money to be a duck guide and take the others out for the day. The CO couldn't see his charter boat license on the side of the boat and began to ask questions. The subject was operating an unlicensed illegal charter operation and was ticketed.

CO Kevin Postma was on patrol when he encountered two subjects hunting without licenses. Further investigation revealed that one of the subjects had felony warrants and he was arrested and lodged in the Chippewa County Jail. The other subject was restricted from being in possession of a firearm due to previous felony convictions. His firearm was seized and charges are being sought for felon in possession and hunting without a deer license.

DISTRICT 3

CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Greg Drogowski checked a camp as the hunters were returning at dark. There was one vehicle from out of state at the camp, but after everyone was identified, no one provided a non-resident license. After determining the non-resident subject was hiding in the woods and seizing his firearm, which was found loaded on his truck, he eventually came out, stating he was just taking a walk. Checking further, the COs determined the subject had a Michigan ID card and had purchased a resident license. Further checks showed he was a possible match with a subject who committed a felony years ago. The firearm was seized and the subject ticketed, with possible charges pending for felon in possession of a firearm.

While patrolling a state forest campground (SFC) for deer camps, CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Greg Drogowski contacted a subject at a camp during prime hunting hours. As he exited his tent, CO Sklba could smell the odor of burning marijuana. After obtaining consent to look in the tent, the subject stated the officers should not be offended by anything found in the tent. On his cot was a large amount of marijuana and several smoking devices. Also seized was a bag of possible cocaine. He was ticketed for possession of marijuana, and his partner who has a medical marijuana card, faces possible charges.

CO Mike Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski received a complaint of a subject shooting a deer. The subject is currently on probation and prohibited from possessing a firearm. Working with local deputies, the suspect was located and found in possession of two untagged deer, one being an illegally killed doe. The subject's rifle was seized and he was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

On the afternoon of opening day, CO Andrea Erratt found three deer hanging in a barn, none of which were tagged, including seven and eight point bucks. The hunters were still hunting and when contacted, ticketed for possession of untagged deer.

CO Andrea Erratt followed up on a complaint of overbaiting and found several shooting lanes loaded with bait. A total of more than 200 gallons were on the ground. The subject stated he didn't know the limit on the amount of bait allowed. His son, who had just taken hunter safety, advised it was two gallons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carl Vanderwall and Sgt. Greg Drogowski handled a recreational trespass complaint where subjects were driving across the complainant's hay field to access other property. When located, the two hunters weren't sure whose property they were on, were not wearing hunter orange, lied about having a deer license, and had littered. One subject, when asked about never buying a deer license, stated "I tried to be honest". Enforcement action was taken.

Checking a buck pole at a camp, CO Carl Vanderwall and Sgt. Greg Drogowski found a buck tagged with a single firearm deer license. The person at camp stated the successful hunter just went out again. COs contacted the hunter who was hunting with a rifle, but without a license. The subject stated he "Wasn't going to shoot anything". Ticket issued for possessing a rifle during firearm deer season without a valid license.

On Thanksgiving Day, Sgt. Greg Drogowski observed deer hunters walking out of the woods. As he pulled over to contact them, they looked at him and continued walking. After stopping the hunters and checking for licenses, one hunter showed a deer license, but didn't have any ID on him. When asked what his date of birth was, he stammered for awhile, then stated "OK, I'm not going to play this game, the license is my cousin's". The other subject, a non-resident, stated his license was back at camp, and that he had already killed a doe. Joined by CO Jon Sklba, the COs went to their camp and eventually sorted out one illegally killed doe, loaning and borrowing licenses, and hunting without licenses. Enforcement action was taken, including on the subject that had loaned his deer license out to his cousin.

While on patrol, CO Andrea Erratt observed a large column of black smoke and found an uncooperative subject burning a large amount of carpeting, paint buckets, furniture, and other solid waste. The subject had not obtained a burning permit and was disposing of solid waste illegally by burning. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Duane Budreau and Carl Vanderwall made several trips to an illegal blind on state land. After finding two gut piles nearby, they finally contacted a subject in the blind who was sleeping. During the course of the interview, it was determined the subject had already shot a nine point and a five point, both bucks untagged. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Carl Vanderwall and Duane Budreau contacted two juveniles, 14 and 16 years old, who had no deer licenses, no hunter orange clothing and were in possession of marijuana. The COs met with their parents and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick is investigating a complaint on Bois Blanc Island of a big buck shot from a motor vehicle and on private property without permission. While hanging at a

deer camp, someone came in the middle of the night and sawed off one of the trophy buck's antlers. Next, the buck "disappeared", only to be found by the U S Coast Guard hanging on a Lake Huron light house ladder, along with a rifle left at the light house. The investigation continues.

CO Eric Bottorff received a complaint of unlawful ORV operation that had been occurring for several days in the Pigeon River Country (PRC) state forest. Sgt. Greg Drogowski dropped of CO Bottorff, who walked in on foot and waited. Three ORV operators showed up shortly after with multiple violations, including ORV operation in an unlawful area and during prohibited hours during firearm deer season, uncased firearms on motor vehicles, no deer license/borrow license of another, expired ORV license and no helmets. Several tickets were issued.

COs Carl Vanderwall and Duane Budreau persisted on checking a couple of illegal blinds on state land for the third year in a row. This time they found a subject hunting in one of them, also in possession of marijuana and a pipe made out of a rifle cartridge. He stated his friend was hunting out of the other illegal blind, but when contacted a short distance from the blind, told the COs that he had been walking all day and had not been in the blind. His tracks in the snow indicated otherwise. Both subjects were ticketed for hunting from illegal ground blinds and the one for possession of marijuana. The marijuana and rifle cartridge smoking pipe were seized.

CO Andrea Erratt investigated a gun shot heard on state land and found one subject hunting without a deer license and another subject who had shot a doe in the wrong Deer Management Unit (DMU), failed to tag the deer, and wasn't wearing any hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking the buck pole in Antrim County, CO Andrea Albert found an eight point tagged with a license purchased one hour before the end of hunting hours on the 15th. The hunter was interviewed and confessed that he shot the buck without a license and then went and bought his firearm deer license. A ticket was issued and the deer was seized.

COs Steve Speigl and Andrea Albert responded to a trespassing complaint where a doe had been shot and the complainants had the suspect's car blocked in on their property, not allowing him to leave. The hunter confessed to driving around on the property and shooting a doe. Enforcement action is anticipated for recreational trespass and the deer was seized.

COs Andrea Albert, Steve Speigl and Sgt. Joe Molnar set up a deer decoy to work complaints of subjects hunting from a motor vehicle. Within a few minutes of setting up the decoy a vehicle drove by and when it returned moments later, the occupant shot the decoy. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was ticketed for hunting from a motor vehicle; The hunter claimed he left his hunting license at home so Sgt. Molnar followed up with him later that night and discovered his firearm deer license was on a eight point

which was shot earlier in the season. He was then ticketed for hunting without a license.

CO Kelly Ross contacted a hunter who had an untagged button buck in the back of his truck, and upon further investigation, discovered that the hunter was a non-resident who was in possession of resident licenses. He was ticketed for his violations and licenses were seized.

COs Kelly Ross and Nick Torsky checked hunters at a camp on the night of November 14th who had bait at their hunting blinds and were suspected of hunting with firearms prior to the opener. CO Kelly Ross contacted a hunter in a blind who was dressed in full camouflage, who had a grunt call and a shotgun loaded with slugs; the hunter claimed he was not hunting and was acting disorderly with the COs. He was arrested and lodged at the county jail for his violations.

CO Mark DePew was patrolling the PRC on the night of November 13th when he drove by a vehicle and observed a lot of movement in the back seat of the car which, when he then lit up with his spot light, saw an uncased gun being put into a case. The vehicle was stopped, and the occupants were well known to the CO, as two of them had pending charges for illegally shooting deer. The occupants admitted they were out headlighting deer and were ticketed for their violations.

CO Mark DePew was driving behind a vehicle on state land, which apparently made the driver of the vehicle nervous because he threw a bag of marijuana out of his window, showering the windshield of the patrol truck with marijuana. The vehicle was stopped and it was discovered that the driver had a suspended driver's license. He was arrested for his violations.

CO Bill Webster checked a local buck pole on the night of November 15th and discovered a large eight point buck with a kill tag which was purchased shortly before the close of shooting hours. The hunter was questioned and admitting to hunting without a license and after shooting the buck bought the tag and brought it to the buck pole. The hunter was charged with taking a deer without a license and the buck was removed from the buck pole with great interest from the crowd who was looking on.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Joe Molnar received a complaint of a hunter shooting a deer in his neighbor's field, with one of the landowners watching the entire incident. When the COs arrived they found where the deer was shot in the field and a bait pile at the blind from where the deer was shot. While on the property CO Webster contacted an ORV operator who had a loaded and uncased rifle on his quad. He was also a non-resident who was hunting on his father's hunting licenses. The COs eventually found the hunter who shot the eight point buck and received a confession from him. The violators were ticketed for their violations and a warrant will be requested for trespass.

DISTRICT 4

CO Rebecca Hopkins responded to a recreational trespass complaint in Leelanau County. The complainants heard a shot come from private property that they knew should have no hunters. The complainants then observed a pickup truck pull into the orchard. The complainants, who were also hunting, contacted two subjects from the pickup truck as they were loading an eight point buck. When confronted, the trespassers stated "Have a nice day" and immediately left with the buck. The complainants were able to get a logo off the truck which was from a local construction company. CO Hopkins was able to locate the truck along with the two suspects. The buck was seized and warrants will be sought for the trespassing violation.

COs Rebecca Hopkins and Sean Kehoe conducted deer processor inspections in their respective counties and discovered several violations. CO Kehoe observed a firearm kill tag purchased in the afternoon of the date it was validated. Upon interviewing the tag owner, CO Kehoe was informed that he had not gone hunting but had purchased the kill tag upon the request of a friend. CO Kehoe then contacted the subject who harvested the buck who admitted to asking his friend to buy the kill tag. CO Kehoe issued tickets for loaning and borrowing tags of another. CO Hopkins observed a kill tag that was validated on November 18th and purchased on the same date at 8:15 p.m. after legal hunting hours. When interviewed, the subject admitted to buying the kill tag after he had shot the deer. The subject stated that he did not want to spend the money if he was not going to be successful shooting a deer. A ticket was issued for the illegal deer.

CO Sam Koscinski spoke with a subject sitting in his vehicle who stated he had harvested a deer earlier in the day. CO Koscinski located that deer near the vehicle, field dressed, untagged and covered with sticks, hidden under a tree. When asked why he had not tagged the deer, the subject advised that he did not have the time to complete the task. A ticket was issued for failure to immediately tag the deer.

COs Sam Koscinski and Holly Pennoni responded to a complaint of a deer a hunter had shot that was stolen before he could retrieve it. The COs located the deer and the second shooter. It was determined the second subject inflicted the killing shot and was entitled to the deer. Unfortunately the second subject failed to tag the deer and was ticketed for the violation.

CO Holly Pennoni and Sgt. Robert Torres observed a deer hanging at a camp that had a kill tag which was not validated and was delicately taped to the leg of the deer. The COs seized the tag and left the area to continue to patrol. Approximately an hour after legal hunting hours ended, the COs returned to the camp to investigate the kill tag violation. The subject who shot the deer with the non-validated kill tag attached had not returned from hunting. A short time later, the subject and his son returned to camp on an ORV. Attached to the ORV was another deer that had been field dressed and contained no tag at all. Tickets were issued to address the tagging violations.

CO Holly Pennoni and Sgt. Robert Torres observed a ground blind on public land without the required name and address. A check of the blind revealed no hunter but the COs were able to follow a line of ribbons leading from the ground blind to an occupied tree stand. Located in the tree stand was a Florida resident hunting without a license of any type. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Sgt. Robert Torres conducted a deer processor inspection and discovered several violations. Following up on the inspection, CO Vanderlinde ticketed a subject who shot a seven point on opening day and tagged the deer with his only deer tag, which was for an antlerless deer. The COs obtained confessions from two other subjects who had shot their bucks and then purchased the licenses after the fact. In addition to not having a license at the time the buck was killed, one of the subjects failed to validate the kill tag he'd purchased and attached to the buck after the fact.

CO Justin Vanderlinde encountered a 14 year old hunting unsupervised on public land. It was determined that the youth was instructed to inform the CO when he asked about the location of the supervising adult that the adult had to find a bathroom and would return within minutes. When it was discovered that this was not the case, CO Vanderlinde located the supervising adult hunting several ridges away and not in direct visual or audio contact. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Specialist Brad Dohm contacted a subject who was sitting in his motor vehicle with a loaded rifle and an unloaded handgun that the subject possessed a CCW permit for while smoking suspected marijuana. The subject claimed to be taking a break from hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky arrived at a complaint location involving an injured deer in a field. CO Brosky observed a hunting blind in an adjacent field and then observed a gun barrel extend from the blind. Looking in the direction of the rifle barrel, CO Brosky heard a shot and watched a deer go down. As CO Brosky walked out to the hunting blind he heard a subject say, "The DNR is here". He then observed a subject jump from the blind and attempt to hide the rifle. The CO contacted two subjects in the blind and advised them of his observations. Eventually the subject who shot the deer admitted to not having a license and attempting to hide the rifle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling when they heard local dispatch call out a house fire that had just been reported near their current location. The COs responded and found that the upstairs was fully engulfed in flames. The neighbors reported that they believed there were still persons in the residence. The COs then broke out the downstairs windows to vent the smoke and ultimately located and rescued the family dog that had hidden a few feet from one of the downstairs windows. It was determined that the residents had left just prior to the fire breaking out.

Sgt. Kevin Hackworth was driving near Idlewild in Lake County when he encountered a subject operating an ORV along US-10 against traffic. The subject had strapped an

untagged doe to the back of the ORV and had his 12 year old son sitting on the front rack with a loaded, uncased rifle across his lap. It was pointed out that the rifle was pointed toward the passing traffic and neither subject wore a protective helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was patrolling when he observed a subject walking toward a vehicle after having just dragged a deer out of the woods. When the subject saw the patrol truck, he turned and went back to the deer at a full run. CO Converse drove up to the deer in time to see the subject frantically attempting to tag the already gutted deer. A ticket was issued for failing to immediately tag the deer.

CO Steve Converse was following a set of ORV tracks on state forest land when he encountered a subject hunting from an illegal ground blind. Further investigation revealed that the subject had operated the ORV illegally to the location, had illegally cut and damaged several trees, did not possess a hunting license and was hunting over excessive bait. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was instructed to clean up the bait and remove the hunting blind.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper responded to a trespass complaint in northern Manistee County. Upon arrival, the COs located three subjects afield, in possession of loaded firearms 30 minutes after the close of hunting hours. A records check revealed that one of the subjects had a personal protection order issued against him that prohibited him from possessing a firearm and that another subject was a felon in possession of a firearm. The firearms were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper noted an improperly tagged deer while checking a local deer processor. CO Soper determined the owner of the deer tag and drove to the address associated with the license. The CO eventually located the subject behind his residence in an illegal deer blind on US Forest Service (USFS) property. When questioned about the deer, the subject admitted that he hadn't actually shot the deer but stated that a co-worker had. The subject stated that he had just tagged it for the co-worker. CO Soper, following up on the information, found that the second subject had taken an overlimit of bucks and had also taken the antlerless deer first located at the processor's without a valid license before giving it to his friend. Enforcement action was taken for the illegal deer and tagging violations.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a complaint of shots heard at 3:00 a.m. the night before that were coming from a residence. When CO Greenway arrived at the residence, she spoke with the homeowner and asked if they had heard any shooting during the night. The homeowner stated that they had not shot and had not heard any shooting. CO Greenway then observed a large bait pile located under a light in the back yard. The CO walked over to the bait pile and located fresh evidence of a deer being shot, including hair and blood. At that point the homeowner admitted to shooting a deer at night. This was the second time the same subject has been caught taking a deer illegally from that residence. The deer was seized and the subject ticketed for the illegal deer.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling when she encountered a camp on state forest land where an antlerless deer was hanging. CO Greenway spoke with a subject at camp who stated that the deer had been taken by his father. The CO then contacted the father and found that the person back at camp had actually shot the deer with a crossbow prior to the firearm season and had his father purchase an archery tag so he could keep hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were ticketing a subject for failing to wear hunter orange when two suspects from an earlier complaint drove by in a pickup truck with what appeared to be a deer covered with a tarp in the bed of the truck. A traffic stop was made and an untagged antlerless deer was found in the bed of the truck, along with uncased firearms in the cab of the truck. While interviewing the subjects it was learned that there were additional violations at a nearby residence. After completing the tickets the COs stopped at the reported property and discovered illegal bait piles and several license violations. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Bomay was patrolling on the firearm opener when he observed two nice bucks in the bed of a pickup truck at a residence. Upon contacting the successful hunter the subject informed Sgt. Bomay that he shot one buck and his wife shot the other. Sgt. Bomay inspected the tags and saw that the wife's tag was purchased on opening day, late in the morning. When questioned, the wife admitted to purchasing the license for her husband who had taken two bucks on the opener but only purchased the firearm license allowing him to harvest one buck. The second and larger of the two bucks was seized and a ticket was issued for the illegal deer.

Sgt. Michael Bomay received information of a subject trespassing and failing to wear hunter orange. Sgt. Bomay contacted the father of the suspect to advise him of the safety related complaint. While at the residence, two untagged deer were located almost completely processed. The suspect arrived on the scene and was still in possession of three unused deer tags. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Bomay was patrolling when he observed a vehicle parked after dark near state land with a non-resident license plate. Sgt. Bomay observed lights coming through the woods and believed the hunters were dragging a deer to the roadway. Sgt. Bomay waited for the subjects and when contacted discovered an untagged deer. The subject who harvested the deer had used an expired Michigan driver's license to purchase multiple resident deer licenses over the internet. The deer and licenses were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn and Lt. David Shaw were patrolling in Newaygo County on the firearm deer opener. The COs contacted a juvenile hunting who was unlicensed, not wearing hunter orange, trespassing, and hunting over an illegal bait pile. CO Ginn was able to locate the juvenile's father hunting nearby who was also hunting over a large bait pile. Enforcement action was taken against the adult for the baiting violation with verbal warnings issued on the youth.

CO Jeff Ginn was contacted by the Michigan State Police (MSP) to assist on a complaint of shots fired after dark. The driver of the suspect vehicle was questioned after a traffic stop. The driver stated that his buddy was still in the field attempting to recover an illegally shot deer. CO Ginn arrived and with the assistance of the MSP trooper and his K-9 partner, were able to recover the freshly taken deer and the second suspect hiding on his belly in a nearby field. The deer and firearm was seized and enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Ginn, Brian Lebel, Troy Mueller and Mike Wells participated in a joint patrol with the MSP conducting a traffic enforcement zone. When a speeder was stopped and in possession of deer, a CO was contacted and checked licenses for validation. Upon completion of the detail seven tickets and nine verbal warnings were given on various tagging violations. Several illegal deer were seized with no licenses attached.

CO Brian Lebel received a complaint of a trespass in progress on the firearm opener. The complainant stated that he observed two subjects take a large 10 point buck from private property without permission. The complainant had attempted to confront the subjects who were wearing full camouflage as they fled on foot. The suspects then contacted CO Lebel stating that they were tracking a wounded buck and had been confronted by neighboring hunters. CO Lebel informed the suspects to take the buck and he would contact them later in the evening. CO Lebel then continued to the complaint location, met with the complainants and was able to determine that the buck was indeed taken while the subjects trespassed. CO Lebel then went to the suspects' residence and upon interviewing the subject who shot the deer and checking the license, it was determined that the deer was taken illegally, including the subject purchased his license after hunting hours on opening day. The trophy 10 point buck was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller was patrolling state land checking deer camps when he came across a lone hunter in one of the camps. CO Mueller contacted the subject and through routine questioning, discovered the subject was a non-resident and had not purchased a Michigan deer hunting license. Hanging behind the camp was an untagged four point buck. The deer and firearm used were seized and a ticket was issued for the illegal deer.

CO Troy VanGelderren received a complaint of a hunter who shot a deer that proceeded to run onto the neighbor's property and that the neighbor had taken "his deer". CO VanGelderren responded to the location and determined that the neighboring hunter on the adjacent property did place a vital shot on the injured deer but then placed his fishing license on the hanging buck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was on patrol when he located a young hunter walking down the road with a loaded firearm after hours, no hunter orange and no hunting license. CO VanGelderren recognized the youth from a hunter safety course and inquired if he remembered what the CO spoke about in the class. The youth responded "some of it". Enforcement action was taken for allowing the youth to hunt unsupervised.

CO Troy VanGelderren was conducting a deer processing facility inspection when he located a large buck tagged with a license purchased the same day by a female hunter. CO VanGelderren checked with license control and was able to determine that the female subject had never purchased a hunting license before and had not attended a hunter safety course. CO VanGelderren contacted the female subject who admitted to purchasing the license for a friend who had already harvested two bucks. Contact was made with the friend and enforcement action was taken for the over-harvest of bucks, including the seizure of the large buck and the firearm used to harvest the illegal deer.

CO Mike Wells was conducting a deer processor inspection when he located a six point buck with a tag attached that had been purchased on the same day as the harvest. CO Wells interviewed the subject and was able to obtain an admission of shooting the deer without a license. The deer and firearm were seized with a ticket issued for the illegal deer.

CO Mike Wells received information of a subject who was deer hunting while his hunting privileges were revoked. While walking in on state land in an attempt to locate the subject, CO Wells came across a subject dragging an untagged button buck. CO Wells was able to eventually locate the revoked subject while hunting. Both subjects were ticketed for their violations.

CO Mike Wells received a complaint of a subject riding an ORV on USFS land with an eight point buck attached. CO Wells located the subject and determined that the subject had used his spouse's license to tag the deer. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the subject had also harvested a spike buck that was back at his residence. CO Wells followed up at the residence and located the spike buck with a non-validated combination tag attached. Tickets were issued for both tagging violations.

CO Mike Wells was stopped at a gas station on the evening of the firearm opener when he observed a vehicle with three deer attached quickly leave upon observing the patrol truck. CO Wells caught up to the vehicle and observed that no tags were attached to the deer. Upon contact with the subjects after a traffic stop, the occupants of the vehicle claimed to be in a hurry and had failed to tag the deer. Further investigation revealed that the three antlerless deer were taken off of public land without valid licenses. A fourth deer, a buck, was located in the trunk of the vehicle. All four deer were untagged and taken illegally. All deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells stopped to check a subject at his vehicle that had multiple deer attached. CO Wells discovered that the subject was a convicted felon and not allowed to possess a firearm. CO Wells requested the assistance of CO Carla Soper to retrieve the firearm used in harvesting the deer. The firearm and deer were seized with enforcement action taken for the felon being in possession of a firearm.

DISTRICT 5

COs Chris Bowen and William Cherry observed a subject riding an ORV without wearing a helmet and carrying a small deer on the back of the ORV. The COs stopped the operator and observed that the deer tag had not been validated. The hunter was attempting to get the deer back to his residence without validating the license.

COs Chris Bowen and William Cherry also received information on two leg hold traps with a bobcat in each. The complainant observed the cats in the traps and returned long after the 24 hours and saw that the bobcats were still in the traps so he called the RAP hotline. The COs contacted the trap owner and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn received information of a subject taking wood from state land illegally. CO Hearn checked the area and was able to locate three subjects cutting standing timber in an area closed to taking firewood.

CO Chuck McPherson and Lt. Creig Grey observed an area where standing timber had recently been cut. While checking the area, they located several subjects taking standing timber from a location that was marked for a timber sale, which made it closed to cutting fuelwood. One subject also had a warrant for his arrest.

COs Matt Liestenfeltz and Mike Hearn checked a deer camp and found half of a doe hanging in camp. Hunters at the camp claimed they knew nothing about the deer. While the COs were at the camp, a pickup truck drove in with two hunters carrying uncased and loaded rifles in the seat with them. One of the subjects admitted to having shot the doe on opening morning but did not have an antlerless tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson responded to a complaint of a subject shooting a doe, walking up to it and then leaving. When CO McPherson arrived, the doe had been loaded into a vehicle and was gone. COs McPherson and Chris Bowen returned to the area later in the day and found a subject hunting in a nearby blind. The hunter admitted he had shot the doe but did not have a doe tag. He returned later and took the deer. The hunter also had a baiting violation.

CO Chuck McPherson received information of a subject who had been talking about shooting a bobcat while deer hunting. When CO McPherson went to the camp, he talked to the same hunters he had ticketed a day prior for uncased bows on ORVs. The hunter who shot the bobcat told the CO it was in self defense but, evidence at the scene and the disappearance of the bobcat cast suspicion on the information. A warrant has been sought.

CO Chuck McPherson ticketed a hunter who had created a half acre food plot on state land. The subject had cut numerous mature maple trees and tilled the soil to make the plot. The subject also had bait and blind violations.

CO John Huspen assisted deputies on a complaint of shining and shooting a deer on the National Guard Military Base. The shooter, who worked security at the base, drove onto the base with a second subject in the vehicle and shined and shot a doe. The subjects were seen by several Marines who were at the base for training. The Marines ran to the vehicle and created a human chain to stop it. The subject nearly hit the officers but did stop. The shooter and the passenger were both intoxicated. They were taken into custody and face state and federal charges.

Sgt. Jean Davis observed two ORVs operating cross country through a large field. As Sgt. Davis approached, the ORVs sped down a two-track to their camp. Sgt. Davis contacted the operators, one of whom had a loaded handgun on his person while operating the unregistered ORV. The subject also had an untagged buck at the camp.

CO Bobbi Lively contacted a group of adult and juvenile hunters who were riding their ORVs in closed areas to reach their blinds, all of which were baited in a no baiting county. One hunter was a felon using a firearm with no hunting license. All of the minors were hunting without adult supervision and several hunters were not wearing hunter orange. Several of the juveniles were using firearms when not eligible and hunting on public land when not eligible.

CO Bobbi Lively located two deer heads thrown onto state land with the deer tags still attached. CO Lively contacted the person who had purchased the tags. The subject indicated she did not shoot the deer but allowed a friend to come onto her land and shoot the deer for her so she could feed the venison to her dogs. CO Lively contacted the hunter who admitted he had shot both deer, one of which was a spike tagged with the wrong combination tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen contacted a hunter who had shot a deer, tagged it, and then walked back to camp to get help in dragging it out of the woods. When the hunter returned to the location, the deer was gone and drag marks indicated the deer had been taken onto the neighboring private property. CO Bowen obtained a confession from a subject who admitted he took the deer, cut off the other hunter's tag, and put his own tag on the deer. He processed the deer and the meat went downstate to a residence and the head and hide remained at the camp. The meat was retrieved from the downstate residence and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn located a trail on state land where a tree had been cut down to purposely block the trail. At the end of the blocked trail, he located an illegal tree stand with screw-in steps and a large amount of bait. When CO Hearn returned, he contacted the hunter who was also not wearing hunter orange.

While on patrol after dark, CO Mark Papineau observed a vehicle that appeared to be shining a field with their headlights. As CO Papineau approached the vehicle, it was clear that the occupants were focused on a buck standing in the field. CO Papineau activated his emergency lights and contacted the three occupants who were intoxicated.

and in possession of two loaded and uncased firearms in the vehicle. The subjects were arrested.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation in which a subject had reportedly shot an antlerless deer on public land without a license. After a week of attempting to locate the subject, CO Papineau heard local deputies stop him for a traffic violation. CO Papineau went to the scene and interviewed the subject, who ultimately confessed to shooting the antlerless deer on state land and tagging it with a private land tag. In addition, the subject confessed to shooting the deer with a .22 caliber rifle and before the opening of firearm deer season. CO Papineau went to the subject's residence and recovered the deer.

While patrolling on opening day of firearm season, CO Mark Papineau observed several deer hanging in a garage and stopped to check the tags. CO Papineau observed that one of the deer was improperly tagged and had been killed with a rifle. When presented with the validation date on the tag and the condition of the deer, the hunter confessed to shooting the deer with a rifle the day before the opening of firearm deer season.

CO Warren MacNeill responded to a complaint of a lost hunter and was able to locate the subject in a thick Jackpine forest and return him to safety using his ORV. Not realizing he was being helped by a CO, the subject began to tell CO MacNeill how much he disliked the DNR. CO MacNeill played along until the subject saw his patrol truck and then quickly changed his tune, thanking CO MacNeill for saving him.

On opening day, CO Jon Warner stopped to check deer hanging on a buck pole at a local business. One of the trophy bucks he checked had a tag on it that was purchased mid-morning on opening day and was brought into the buck pole at noon. The shooter confessed to shooting the deer without a license and tagging it with another subject's license. Tickets were issued.

CO Brian Olsen watched a subject shine a field. When CO Olsen attempted to stop the vehicle, the subject initially failed to stop but eventually pulled over. The reason the subject did not want to stop became apparent when CO Olsen contacted him. CO Olsen found a cased, but loaded, rifle in the cab next to the driver. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Olsen checked a hunter who began to brag about the deer he had shot. The subject quickly confessed to not tagging the deer when he realized that CO Olsen was holding all of his unused licenses in his hand.

DISTRICT 6

CO Phil Hudson pulled into a camp where a deer was hanging in a tree. When the CO pulled in, a subject ran out of a camper toward the deer. As the subject was running he tripped on a branch and gracefully fell to the ground with his arm outstretched for the deer. The jade colored deer tag cast from his hand and softly drifted to the ground just

inches from the deer. A ticket was issued for not immediately validating and attaching a kill tag to the deer.

CO Chad Foerster stopped a vehicle on the opening weekend of the rifle deer season for stopping in the middle of the roadway. During the stop, it was discovered that there was a loaded firearm in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed several deer parts in the bed of the pickup truck, even though the driver stated that he hadn't shot a deer this year. It was determined that the parts in question belonged to his sister who'd shot a deer the day before and that she had not purchased a license until after legal hunting hours had ended. The deer was ultimately seized and enforcement action was taken on both incidents.

CO Chad Foerster checked two hunters at their home who had just returned from the evening hunt. The hunters were proud of the large nine point deer that was shot earlier that day. During the conversation, it was determined that the hunters were brothers and one was hunting for the other, meaning one of the brothers does not enjoy rifle hunting and buys kill tags for his brother to fill. It was also determined that the actual shooter had only an archery tag in his possession. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling an area where he has frequent trespassing problems when he located a person hunting from a tree stand. When the CO contacted the subject, he was not wearing any hunter orange, was under the influence of alcohol, and had approximately 10 gallons of bait set out. Upon a file check of the person, it was discovered that the trespasser drove there outside the restrictions of his license. Several tickets were issued.

While patrolling northern Huron County on November 15th, CO Bob Hobkirk was advised by CO Scott Brown that he had just received a phone call of a subject near CO Hobkirk's location who was hunting without hunter orange. Within a couple of minutes of receiving the information, CO Hobkirk located the hunter. As a result of the hunter's prior convictions, warrants will be sought for a felon in possession of a firearm.

While interviewing a hunter on a recreational trespass complaint, the hunter took CO Bob Hobkirk to a field where he claimed to have shot a deer. Once the hunter showed the CO where the deer had died, CO Hobkirk was able to track the blood trail and tracks to the property line and approximately 15 yards onto the adjacent property where the hunter did not have permission to hunt. The hunter confessed to the trespass and received a ticket for recreational trespass.

CO Seth Rhodea and Sgt. Tony Soave responded to a trespass complaint on the opening day of firearm deer season. The suspect told the COs he had permission to be on the property and later admitted that the last time he had permission was about 25 years ago. A ticket was issued and a nine point buck that had been shot was seized.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted several hunters about state land violations and a large bait pile. Upon speaking with hunters about the bait pile, they argued that they did not think it was in excess of the two gallons allowed. CO Rhodea then filled two gallon size bags with the deer bait to show the hunters how much excess was on the ground. A ticket was also issued.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he contacted two subjects loading an ORV onto a trailer hooked to a truck. The CO asked them how their hunt went. The subjects advised that they were not hunting. The CO observed the subjects had fresh blood on their hands and clothing. The CO asked again what they were doing and they stated that there was a buck in the back of the truck. Upon investigating the buck, the CO found it was not tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint from two deer hunters who were hunting in the shotgun only zone and advised that someone was shooting a high powered rifle on the bordering property. Upon arrival, the Sgt. observed a subject get on a tractor with an uncased assault style rifle in hand and start driving out of the woods and back to his residence. The driver was stopped and refused to turn the rifle over to the Sgt. The Sgt. then advised the subject that he would be placed under arrest for the uncased rifle if he did not hand it over. The subject still refused. At this time the Sgt. advised he would be TASERED if he refused and at the same time grabbed the gun and was eventually able to free it from his grip. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Saginaw County Jail and warrants were issued for possessing an uncased firearm on a vehicle, resisting and obstructing a police officer, possession of a firearm while intoxicated and possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony.

On the night before the firearm deer opener, Sgt. Ron Kimmerly was working in an area where shots have been heard after dark. At 7:50 p.m. while sitting in his patrol truck with the windows down, the Sgt. heard a gunshot that sounded very close. Within three minutes the Sgt. saw a vehicle round the corner and start heading toward him. The Sgt. made a traffic stop and found a loaded 30-06 rifle in the bed of the truck. The driver and the front seat passenger both lied to the Sgt. when asked if there were any open intoxicants in the vehicle. Both had an open beer. Tickets were written for the loaded firearm and the open intoxicants and the firearm was seized.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint that a hunter had shot four bucks this year and he does it every year. The complainant went on to say that he and others are sick of it. The Sgt. contacted the subject who was in his garage with two bucks hanging and two more sets of antlers on the ground. All four were tagged. The subject pointed out the two that he said his father shot. The Sgt. checked on the father's information and found that he was almost 80 years old. The tag was dated in the archery season and the Sgt. advised the subject that his father must be doing pretty well if he is still out bow hunting. The Sgt. then walked over to the subject and asked him to bring his father's phone number up on the cell phone that was in his hand. The subject must have pushed the wrong button because a slideshow started that showed the subject photographed with each of the four bucks. He then gave the Sgt. a written confession of killing the four

bucks himself and using his father's tags for two of them. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint that a hunter took a 13 point buck on the Green Point Nature Preserve. When the Sgt. pulled into the subject's driveway he observed that the door to the garage was open. When the Sgt. looked in he could see a spike buck that was hanging and appeared to have a tag in the ear. Upon contacting the subject he advised that he did shoot a 13 point buck on the property that bordered Green Point and that he never trespassed. The Sgt. then asked to look at the spike. The tag was not validated. The subject said that he thought he tagged the 13 point with the non-restricted combination tag so he was not going to tag the spike with the restricted tag. The Sgt. pointed out that the tag on the spike was the non-restricted tag. A ticket for failing to validate the tag was issued.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly observed a blood trail that crossed the street in front of him. Upon following the trail the Sgt. contacted the driver of a pickup truck driving down a two track who was also looking for deer. When the passenger saw the Sgt. it appeared that he hid something under the seat. Upon contact the Sgt. found two uncased and loaded shotguns in the back seat. When the Sgt. looked under the front driver's seat he found a loaded 357 revolver. Further investigation revealed that two of the hunters had just each shot a doe and one of them did not have an antlerless tag. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly received a complaint of a hunter who was hunting in a large, permanent, elevated deer blind in the Gratiot/Saginaw State Game Area (SGA). The complainant advised that the hunter is in the stand every year and thinks he owns the state land. The Sgt. found the hunter and also found that he had a warrant for his arrest. The hunter was lodged in the Saginaw County Jail and issued a ticket for hunting in the illegal blind.

CO Dan Lee received a RAP complaint of subjects driving across a farm field picking up deer. The complainant explained that the subjects did not have permission to drive on the farmer's fields and that he didn't think the deer had been tagged. The CO went to the location and found two men field dressing two untagged does in a ditch. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking the Crow Island SGA, CO Dan Lee saw two hunters on the dike about a mile away. On his way to contact the hunters, the CO located two more hunters. These duck hunters were both 15 years old. They said their dads had gone for a walk. The CO caught up with the strolling fathers, approximately three quarters of a mile away. The CO reunited the sons with their fathers and issued a ticket for unsupervised youth hunters.

CO Joel Lundberg located a residence with an illuminated bait pile. The CO was in the area of the residence about two hours after dark when he heard a gunshot from the general location of the suspect residence. COs Jason McCullough and Steve

Lockwood responded with night vision goggles, and a quick search of the woods behind the residence revealed a freshly killed deer, with a blood trail coming from the bait pile, which still had the floodlight illuminating it. A confession was obtained from the homeowners (grandpa and grandma) that they advised their 13 year old grandson to go out into the shed with a 20 gauge shotgun and shoot a deer over the bait. They loaded the gun, turned on the light and made sure there was bait for their grandson. Enforcement action was taken on both grandparents.

CO Ken Lowell was contacted regarding a deer that was shot the night before opening day. The CO located the deer in question after following tractor tracks in the road and following the blood trail that led to the subject's garage. The subject was contacted and a full confession was given to the CO regarding the deer. The subject had to work on opening day and thought he would get his deer the night before. Enforcement action was taken.

While investigating a complaint of a hunter taking an overlimit of bucks, CO Larn R. Strawn conducted an inspection at a taxidermist in his area. During the inspection the CO identified over 30 separate violations including the unlicensed taxidermist, untagged specimens and the illegal possession of game. The CO seized several specimens including a bull moose, sheep, buck deer, caribou, mink, fox, coyote and a skunk. The incident and inspection results have been forwarded to the local prosecutor for review and action.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Larn R. Strawn responded to a complaint of persons shooting into a field after hunting hours. The CO located a wounded deer and promptly searched the area for the suspects. While searching the area the CO located a vehicle which had pulled into the area and appeared to be attempting to recover the deer. When the CO pulled up to the vehicle the operator fled. The CO then gave a high speed pursuit for over six miles until ultimately stopping and apprehending the driver with the assistance of a local deputy, who had established a road block. The driver admitted to shooting the deer in the field. The CO arrested the driver and booked him into the Isabella County Jail on the charges of felony fleeing and eluding a Conservation Officer, taking the deer illegally and the possession of a controlled substance.

While patrolling the early morning hours, CO Larn R. Strawn watched as a sport utility vehicle raced up to the back of his truck and narrowly missed slamming into the back of his patrol truck by mere inches. The driver then erratically passed the CO on the right shoulder of the road. While the vehicle passed the CO observed severe damage to the front of the vehicle, including a large tree branch stuck and protruding from the rooftop cargo rack. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was contacted. The operator admitted to driving through a stop sign and going off road as well as drinking alcohol. After field sobriety tests the driver was arrested for operating while impaired and lodged in the county jail.

CO Jay Person responded to a complaint of shots fired where a subject may have trespassed on the property and shot a deer. Due to fog, the CO had to return the next

day to search for evidence. Following up the next day, blood was found on the complainant's property. By an investigation and interview with a neighbor, the CO developed a suspect, who admitted to shooting the deer, baiting the deer and trespassing on the complainant's property. Enforcement action was taken.

On the firearm deer opener CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a gunshot victim who was hunting along the Clinton/Gratiot county line. Upon arrival the CO found an older male lying along the wood line with a large wound to his thigh. Upon initial investigation, the subject related that he shot at a deer with his 44 magnum revolver and his gun must have re-cocked itself and then went off again striking him in the thigh. The round went through his thigh and exited out the back of his leg. Luckily he missed the main artery and his femur. The subject was transported to Carson City Hospital and the case was turned over to the Clinton County CO for further investigation.

CO Jeremy Payne received a complaint of someone who was bragging about shooting an overlimit of bucks during the archery season. On opening day, Lt. Ron Utt and CO Payne checked the property where this individual was known to hunt. As the COs approached the subject, who was not wearing any hunter orange, they witnessed him shoot a seven point buck with a rifle. CO Payne interviewed the subject and he admitted to already harvesting two bucks during the archery season. The COs then went to the subject's residence to see the antler sets from archery season and found a third fresh antler set. The subject then admitted to taking a total of four bucks during the 2012 hunting season. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Jeremy Payne checked a hunter who was standing on a county road. When the CO asked to check his hunting license the hunter was unable to provide one. The CO then escorted the hunter back to the camp where he located a doe that was tagged with an antlered deer license. A truck then pulled into the camp that had three deer in the bed of the truck. A doe in the back of the truck was tagged with a buck license and a buck was tagged with a doe license. The third deer was tagged correctly and belonged to a subject who returned home downstate. Before the CO left the camp he located a deer carcass in the campfire. While interviewing hunters at the camp it was determined that deer was harvested by the hunter who returned home. A check of his license indicated that the hunter only purchased one antlerless deer tag for 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Edmore SGA, CO Jeremy Payne witnessed a truck with its windows down driving extremely slow on the roads. The CO was able to sneak up to the truck on foot and stop the vehicle. The CO asked the hunters where their rifles were and if they were unloaded. The driver said they were in the back of the truck and they were loaded. The passenger of the vehicle then said, "But they are on safety." A further investigation found that both rifles were uncased and loaded in the bed of the truck. When checking their licenses it was determined the driver intentionally purchased a firearm deer license and a combination license. The passenger did not have a valid license because he was borrowing his mother's. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Mike Mshar contacted a juvenile who attempted to hide from him on state land in Allegan County. The juvenile's father had dropped him off and was hunting one-quarter of a mile away. When contact was made with the father, a file check revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody for the warrant and ticketed for allowing a juvenile to hunt unsupervised.

CO Mike Mshar contacted a group of hunters in southern Allegan County. After a license and record check it was found that one of the subjects had an outstanding felony warrant for burglary out of Indiana. The subject was taken into custody to be extradited back to Indiana.

CO Chuck Towns contacted two hunters exiting the woods on their golf cart with loaded uncased firearms. When the subjects saw the CO they immediately began trying to unload their firearms from the moving cart. The driver lost control and crashed into the ditch. After making sure the subjects were not hurt, enforcement action was taken.

CO Gary Raak responded to a complaint of a subject killing two large antlered deer with a .30-06 rifle at night. The investigation led to a subject who admitted to the crime. The deer and firearm were confiscated and the subject is being charged for the illegal taking of the animals.

CO Gary Raak responded to a complaint of a subject killing a turkey during the closed season. The witness observed the subject shoot and take possession of the bird. The suspect claimed he couldn't resist the opportunity to have a fresh bird for the holidays. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Gary Raak responded to a hunter harassment complaint where a subject got upset when an adjacent landowner was parking where he didn't want him to. The complainant informed the subject he had every right to park where he wanted to since it was his own property. The suspect then proceeded to shoot his Muzzleloader into the ground near the complainant and then went back to his residence and fired five more rounds off and yelled "Your deer hunt is over now!". Contact made with the suspect by the CO resulted in his admission, saying it was his way of getting even. Charges will be sought for harassment.

CO Chris Holmes concluded an 11 month investigation into a subject believed to be involved with multiple violations of the hunting and trapping laws of Michigan. COs Holmes, Steve Mooney, Paul Higashi and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers conducted search warrants on two residences stemming from the investigation. During the search warrant service the COs seized nearly two dozen illegally killed/possessed game birds and animals including rabbits, squirrels, waterfowl, migratory birds, mink, raccoon, and deer. Nearly 50 traps and associated trapping equipment were also seized from the residences, along with firearms used in the crimes. It was also discovered that several other people were involved in the incidents and multiple count arrest warrants will be requested.

CO Cary Foster of Ionia County responded to a 911 dispatch, along with emergency medical personnel and law enforcement, to a scene on the firearms deer opener to two unresponsive subjects found on public land. First responders found a sleeping 12 year old hunting with a rifle on state land, with his father also found asleep approximately 100 yards away. CO Foster ticketed the adult for allowing the minor to hunt with a rifle on public land and for failure to provide supervision when he did not awake even after numerous first responders had arrived at the scene.

CO Cary Foster was on patrol in the Portland SGA when he checked a hunting camp. While inspecting tagged deer he noted a button buck was tagged with a regular deer license. Further interviews and investigation at the camp led to a confession from the person who had illegally taken the deer and the identification of a vehicle that was reported stolen in the City of Detroit, but not removed from computer records after the vehicle was recovered by the owner.

CO Cary Foster and Sgt. John Jurcich were patrolling after dark when they observed an ORV dragging a deer from a woodlot. Sgt. Jurcich walked into the woods without light attempting to not alert the operator. Sgt. Jurcich found the deer was tagged with a non-validated license and the operator of the ORV, along with his young daughter, had driven to the hunting location on a revoked driver's license to go hunting. The COs arranged for a relative to come to the scene and return the hunter and daughter to their residence. CO Foster ticketed the hunter for failing to validate his deer tag after it was learned he had also failed to validate the tag of a buck taken opening day. Warnings were issued for driving both a motor vehicle and ORV while his driver's license was revoked.

CO Chris Simpson was checking hunters in the Muskegon SGA on opening day and contacted a subject who was hunting with his 12 year old son, who was carrying a .410 shotgun. A license check revealed the adult was in possession of both a combination and a regular deer license. The hunter was ticketed for purchasing too many deer licenses and warned for allowing the juvenile to hunt with a firearm on public lands.

CO Chris Simpson continued to check public land areas and returned to an area for the evening hunt where he had heard shots earlier in the day. CO Simpson contacted an adult and two juveniles leaving the woods well after hunting hours, all with loaded guns. One of the young hunters was 12 years old and carrying a firearm and had no deer license at all. The adult was ticketed for allowing the underaged hunter to be using a firearm on public lands.

COs Chris Simpson and Greg Patten were checking tags at the Muskegon SGA check station when a person arrived wanting a Missouri buck aged by a staff member. The COs contacted the hunter who had arrived at the station with a full head of the deer he had imported into Michigan from a positive CWD state. The head and antlers were seized and the hunter ticketed for the illegal importation of the animal.

CO Greg Patten contacted an individual coming out of the woods with an antlerless deer that was tagged with a Little River Band tribal tag. During the contact, the hunter gave an incorrect name to Patten. CO Patten worked with tribal enforcement officers to interview two subjects to establish that one non-tribal member shot an antlerless deer without a license and borrowed a tribal tag from a Little River Band member to cover the deer. CO Patten will be charging the hunter with taking of an illegal antlerless deer and LRB enforcement will be seeking charges for a loaned tribal license.

COs Greg Patten and Sgt. John Jurcich worked a trespass complaint on land controlled by the Muskegon Conservation District. CO Patten found a vehicle parked near the district property and located a hunter in full camouflage hunting deer. The hunter led CO Patten in the wrong direction searching for two of his friends while Sgt. Jurcich circled a section of private and conservation district property. He found the other two hunters in camouflage trespassing across private land where they had been confronted by a landowner after passing three signs. Two tickets were issued for trespassing and two tickets were issued for failing to wear hunter orange.

CO Greg Patten followed up on a complaint of a bow hunter who found a location where a deer was field dressed during bow season. Two spent and one unfired shotgun shell were found on the ground near the scene. CO Patten continued to investigate and located the deer, which was tagged with an non-validated kill tag. It was further established the deer was hit with a crossbow but located and shot with a shotgun by another unlicensed hunter after dark. CO Patten ticketed one subject for an non-validated tag and is seeking additional charges for a second person in this case.

COs Ivan Perez and Lt. Tim Robson were on patrol in Ottawa County when they were sent to investigate a complaint of excessive baiting near a previous location where CO Perez had recently ticketed a person for a similar violation. The COs walked into the property where they were met by the property owner. A continued search of the area confirmed the complaint and the owner was ticketed for exceeding the two gallon baiting regulations.

CO Dave Rodgers patrolled Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) property in southern Kent County seeking hunters he has been looking for through bow season. He succeeded in locating a hunter who was planting food plots while trespassing on MDOT land. He also located and ticketed two hunters in full camouflage hunting with excess bait on the same properties. Numerous tickets were issued for the violations.

Sgt. John Jurcich assisted in patrolling Muskegon County on opening day and issued a ticket to a subject for failing to wear hunter orange, after he was observed hunting in full camouflage - including face paint. Sgt. Jurcich also responded to a trespass or dispute complaint where hunters fired in the direction of a hunter in a tower blind as the hunters trespassed on adjacent properties. After an extensive foot patrol of the area it was determined the suspect hunters had left the area but a 13 year old hunter was found alone hunting on a nearby parcel. After nearly two hours of searching and several

phone calls, the hunter's father was located doing laundry in six miles away in Ravenna. Sgt. Jurcich ticketed the parent for allowing the child to hunt unsupervised.

CO Andy Bauer received a RAP complaint from a hunter that someone on an ORV was driving around on the neighboring property before daylight, shining spotlights, shooting and blowing air horns. COs Bauer, Jeff Robinette and Sgt. Zach Doss were at the location before daylight the first weekend of firearm deer season. Sgt. Doss posed as the hunter, while COs Bauer and Robinette took positions of observation. Sgt. Doss drove to the hunting location and an ORV immediately left the residence on the neighboring property and drove within 125 yards of the complainant's blind, and shining lights through the woods. The suspect then drove to a ridge top and shot into the darkness with a shotgun and blew air horns. Sgt. Doss contacted the suspect and located an uncased shotgun and a loaded handgun in the two seat ORV. COs Bauer and Robinette arrived and the subject was subsequently lodged in the Berrien County jail for a felony weapons offense, reckless discharge of a firearm, and hunter harassment in addition to other charges.

CO Brad Brewer and Sgt. Zach Doss were on patrol in St. Joseph County, when they received a RAP complaint of a subject trespassing and shooting from a vehicle, and that the subject had wounded a deer, which was now lying in a field. Upon arrival, the deer was located and had to be dispatched and a description of the vehicle was obtained. CO Brewer and Sgt. Doss subsequently located the suspect vehicle driving into another field about an hour after dark. Contact was made and it was discovered that the suspect had allowed his 13 year old son to hunt unattended and that the son had killed a deer while trespassing, while the father had been on another farm shooting from the vehicle. The suspect confessed to his violations, and one illegal deer was seized and the father is being charged with taking the illegal deer from the vehicle, allowing the minor to hunt unaccompanied and additional charges.

CO Steve Mooney received a complaint of subjects shooting and killing a deer from a vehicle. CO Mooney located the dead deer and began surveillance. CO Chuck Towns was called to assist with the investigation. After a couple of hours, the suspects returned and picked up the illegally killed deer. The investigation led to two charges of possessing an illegally taken deer.

CO Jeff Robinette received a complaint from a hunter on opening day of firearm season. The complainant was just about to shoot a six point buck, when the deer was shot from the adjoining property by a person who did not have permission to be on the farm. The suspect then went to retrieve the deer and was confronted by the complainant about the trespassing. The suspect took the buck without tagging the deer. CO Robinette discovered that the suspect had not purchased a firearm deer license until after killing the buck while trespassing. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss were on patrol when they observed an adult and a youth, both with firearms, walking back to their deer stand. The only problem was that

the youth was not wearing any hunter orange. When he saw the patrol vehicle, the youth set his firearm down in the woods. Upon contact, the father stated that the youth did not have any hunter orange, and later confessed to taking the son deer hunting without purchasing his son any deer licenses. The father had taken his son to a hunter safety class earlier in the fall, but obviously decided to set a poor example. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Jeff Robinette and Sgt. Zach Doss were on patrol in Cass County following up on information of a subject hunting on the railroad. Checking the area near sundown, a subject was located trespassing on the railroad. Further investigation led to a felony warrant for the subject's arrest; he was intoxicated and was a felon in possession of a firearm. The subject was lodged in Cass County jail and warrants are being sought for the violations.

CO Mike McGee received a complaint about a woman who was walking her dog when the dog went into a ditch and began smelling around a dead animal. The woman reached into the ditch to get her dog out and set off a body-gripping trap on her hand. Luckily, the retractable dog leash in her hand kept the trap from completely closing; however, the woman was unable to get out of the trap. She was able to call 911 and a deputy responded and released the woman out of the trap unharmed. CO McGee was contacted and discovered that the trapper, who CO McGee had previously ticketed, was trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

On the opening morning of the firearm deer season, CO Rich Nickols was called to a hunter casualty incident. The hunter was using a .44 magnum revolver and shot at a deer. The gun was then unknowingly re-cocked and the hunter then discharged the gun into his left thigh. The wound was not fatal but caused extensive damage.

CO Rich Nickols assisted CO Dan Bigger with a complaint of a subject who shot multiple bucks between the archery and firearm deer season. After observing the subject's garage for a short time, the COs made contact and found four freshly killed bucks. After interviews the subject admitted to shooting five bucks this season and using other peoples' tags.

While driving through the Rose Lake SGA after dark on the opening day of the firearm deer season, CO Rich Nickols observed a camp set up in one of the parking areas. CO Nickols contacted four subjects who were in a tent smoking marijuana. One of the subjects had a warrant and one was a convicted felon who happened to have a medical marijuana card. The subject with the warrant was turned over to local deputies and a ticket was issued for state land violations and the camp was evicted.

While checking deer at a processor, CO Rich Nickols located a six point buck tagged with an antlerless license. During an interview, the hunter admitted to hunting and shooting the deer without a license and borrowing a kill tag. In addition, an untagged

yearling doe was located in his father's garage. Apparently the father took out his nine year old son on opening day and allowed him to shoot the deer without a license. Charges are also pending on the father for possessing an untagged deer and violations of the mentored youth hunting regulations.

While refueling at a gas station, a citizen contacted Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Rich Nickols about someone who had shot multiple deer on opening day without tagging them. The citizen gave the address to the subject's residence. Sgt. Bahlau and CO Nickols spoke with the subject's father who led the COs to two untagged deer in a pole barn. The deer were seized and a follow up interview was conducted where the subject admitted to his wrongdoing.

CO Damon Owens investigated a safety zone complaint where a subject was hunting approximately 70 yards from the complainants' residence. CO Owens and CO Shane Webster met with the subject who felt he was not within the safety zone of the complainant. Further investigation revealed that the subject was well within the safety zone and had taken three deer without a license but decided to quickly purchase the licenses after the fact. A full confession was given and charges are being sought through the prosecutors' office for hunting within a safety zone and take deer without a license.

CO Damon Owens followed up on an improper tagging complaint where a restricted tag was used in taking a four point buck. Initially, the subject stated he had not hunted this deer season. After a brief face to face conversation presenting the antlers, cape and non-validated kill tag attached, the subject quickly changed his story. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger was contacted at his residence on November 14th and requested by the county to investigate shots fired and spotlights seen in the area. CO Bigger responded to the location and, as he waited for any activity, heard a shot nearby and saw a spotlight behind a residence. CO Bigger contacted the homeowner who was sitting in his residence with a gun rest on his kitchen table and shooting into stumps in his back yard to sight in his shotgun before the opening day. The subject would then use the spotlight to observe where the round was hitting the target. CO Bigger advised of the unsafe manner of sighting in his firearm and advised him he should consider sighting in his firearm before 10:30 p.m. the night before the firearm opener.

CO Dan Bigger observed a vehicle sitting on the edge of the road and upon further investigation, noted a gun case in the back seat. The vehicle registration was checked to see if the owner had a license and it turned out he did not. CO Bigger located the subject in a tree, and as the CO approached, the hunter continued to look in the opposite direction. CO Bigger was finally able to get the subject's attention and requested his hunting license. The subject was not wearing any hunter orange and began to pack up his gear in the tree stand. CO Bigger advised him to unload the firearm and leave it in the tree; however, the subject began to place a rope around the firearm and was going to lower it from the tree stand. CO Bigger ordered the subject to

leave the gun in the stand and pointed away from him. The subject reluctantly complied and came down from the tree stand. The investigation revealed the individual was not the vehicle's registered owner and had a hunting license, but had never taken hunters safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger observed a vehicle in a corn field and checked the computer to see if the owner of the vehicle had a hunting license as there was a gun case in the back seat. No hunting license was indicated but a phone number was listed. CO Bigger called the phone number and spoke with the subject's wife, who stated her husband was out hunting. CO Bigger thanked her and began driving to the back of the field where the hunting blind was located. As CO Bigger approached, the subject walked away from the blind and threw his firearm into the field next to the corn. CO Bigger contacted the subject and asked how the hunting was going. The subject said he was not hunting and was just out looking for trespassers. CO Bigger asked if he had planned on shooting a trespasser with the gun he had just thrown into the field. The subject, knowing he was caught, admitted to not having a license. After nearly 40 minutes of searching, the gun was located; a rifle which was being used in the shotgun zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger located a buck on a buck pole that had a tag which was purchased just prior to the deer being hung on the pole, and that had a female's name on it. CO Bigger asked who had dropped off the deer and found that the husband dropped it off. CO Bigger contacted the female and questioned her about the deer with her tag on it. After a few questions she admitted that she hadn't shot the deer. CO Bigger located the subject who had entered the deer in the contest who was already back in the field hunting. CO Bigger questioned the subject and found that he had shot an eight point earlier in the year and wanted to keep hunting so had his wife purchase a license on the buck pole after he shot it. Charges are pending.

CO Dan Bigger requested CO Rich Nickols to assist in an overlimit of deer being taken in southern Shiawassee County. CO Bigger dropped CO Nickols off in a corn field to observe one of the subject's residences to see if there was any evidence of deer on the property. CO Nickols was at his location for less than five minutes when he informed CO Bigger to return as the subject was currently hanging up a deer. COs Bigger and Nickols contacted the subject and a total of four deer were found hanging, along with two skulls with antlers. All subjects at the residence were separated and after several minutes of conflicting stories, a confession was obtained from one subject for shooting a 10 point, two seven points, a six point, and a four point, and using other peoples tags. The subject still had his tags in his wallet and presented them to CO Bigger. Charges are pending for five illegal deer.

CO Dan Bigger noted a deer at the buck pole in Shiawassee County that had been tagged with a license purchased that same evening. CO Bigger contacted the event coordinators and checked what time the deer was brought in and by whom. With the times conflicting, CO Bigger located the subject who had brought in the deer. During the interview, it was pointed out that the license was purchased at a location where it

would have not been possible to get to the subjects hunting location, shoot a deer, gut it and get to the buck pole in the amount of time it had taken. The subject admitted to having a family member stop and purchase the license after he had shot the deer so that he could keep his licenses. Charges are pending.

CO Dan Bigger responded to a confrontation between farmers and a hunter. Upon arrival the farmers stated they had a deer that was being taken off their farm field by a subject and they confronted him. A fight nearly broke out and they told the hunter he could not take the deer and that he was not to be on their fields. The hunter took the deer and dragged it back to his property and left. CO Bigger was able to contact the hunter and located the deer he had hidden. The hunter confessed that he knew he was trespassing but didn't care. Charges pending for trespass and illegal deer

CO Dan Bigger patrolled along the Shiawassee River by foot on Thanksgiving day and observed a subject hunting in a tree stand with no hunter orange. The subject looked at CO Bigger and attempted to hide against the tree. CO Bigger stepped behind a tree for a moment then again observed the hunter, who quickly tried to hide behind the tree again. After several times, CO Bigger looked at the subject again, who was now wearing a hunter orange hat. CO Bigger contacted the subject who admitted he was trying to blend in and knew he should have his orange on. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy and Sgt. Troy Bahlau were dispatched to a recreational trespass complaint. They contacted the subject trespassing who advised that he once attempted to contact the property owner years ago to acquire permission but was unsuccessful. He felt that since the property wasn't posted "No Trespassing", that was a loophole which would allow him to hunt the property. The COs advised him that because the land was farmland, the posting wasn't required and his "loophole" was incorrect. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster and Damon Owens responded to a safety zone complaint where the complainant had heard a shot very close to his home and soon after watched someone attempting to recover a deer very close to the complainant's back yard. Upon arrival, the COs discovered the subject with an untagged buck. An investigation revealed the subject had only purchased an antlerless license for the season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster discovered two antlerless deer in the back of a subject's pickup upon responding to a safety zone complaint. A check of the tags revealed the licenses were purchased several hours into opening day despite the subject stating he had started hunting early that morning. A confession was obtained that the deer were taken prior to purchasing the licenses. The subject showed the COs where he had been hunting, and while checking the area the COs discovered a third deer partially field dressed lying in the field. The subject again confessed that he had taken that deer as well and produced a third tag that had been purchased after the fact.

The subject was also hunting within 80 yards of the complainant's residence. The illegally taken deer were seized and charges are pending.

While responding to a complaint, COs Shane Webster and Damon Owens passed a field where it appeared individuals were loading a deer into a pickup truck. The COs returned to check the hunters, and as CO Webster approached he observed a man attempting to quickly notch out a tag and the contents of the man's wallet spread out over the tailgate of the pickup. The untagged, field dressed deer was half into the pickup and half on the ground. CO Webster secured the hunters ID and allowed him to finish the process of tagging the deer. The man was quite agitated and upon completion of his task stated that everything was good and motioned that he was done talking to the Officers. CO Webster explained that he knew exactly what had taken place. CO Webster informed the man that he had seen the COs turn around and had quickly attempted to locate his license, spilling his wallet contents to find it, knowing he had failed to tag the deer despite having taken it over an hour earlier. A ticket was issued for failing to immediately attach and validate his kill tag.

COs Shane Webster, Damon Owens, and Sgt. Troy Bahlau contacted subjects returning to their deer camp after hunting hours in response to a complaint in the area. The COs found both subjects with loaded firearms well after hunting hours. One of the hunters was not in possession of his hunting licenses and as he searched for them in his vehicle, Sgt. Bahlau noted the smell of illegal substances. A search revealed marijuana and prescription medications not prescribed to the individual. One of the hunters also admitted to taking an antlerless deer in a DMU where he did not have a tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn received a complaint of shots fired from a vehicle toward deer in a field. One of the complainants gave a license plate and vehicle description. While looking for the subject at the residence of the vehicle's registration, CO Thorn found an illegal deer in the garage belonging to the daughter of the subject. After investigating that deer, the daughter said that her father was at work. The subject was found at work and gave a full confession of hunting deer from his vehicle while on his way to work. The subject did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a trespass complaint, CO Todd Thorn located a vehicle parked in the woods near a small camp. A blood trail was followed and the trespasser was found in a tree stand. CO Thorn gained permission to search the vehicle and found an untagged doe wrapped in a sheet in the trunk. A warrant will be sought in this case.

While on his way home, CO Todd Thorn spotted a truck in a field with its headlights on. The CO approached the truck and a subject was seen field dressing a deer in front of the vehicle. The deer was a large buck with no tag on it. The man stated that he had the tag at his house next door but hadn't had the time to put it on the deer yet. CO Thorn found out the deer had been shot three hours prior and then learned that the subject hadn't had the time to purchase a license yet this year. A warrant will be sought.

CO Kyle Bader checked hunters at Coldwater Lake State park. One hunter was sitting in the passenger side of a pickup. She said she was waiting for her husband to scare deer out of the woods so she could shoot at them. She was not wearing any hunter orange, did not have any deer tags in her possession and had an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. The hunter was issued a ticket for the uncased weapon in a vehicle.

CO Derek Miller and Sgt. Joe Kellam responded to a complaint of a hunter who was observed shooting four deer and stating he had to go to town to buy licenses. The COs spoke to the complainant and located the deer hidden in the woods. The COs waited for the subject to show up and made contact. One buck had an non-validated license wrapped around an antler and the other three were untagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller was on patrol and observed deer hanging at a house. He stopped and talked to the hunters, who said they each shot one of the deer on private land. A license check revealed that only one of the subjects had an antlerless tag, and neither one of the deer were tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller responded to a complaint where there were several deer hidden in a shed. Contact with the hunters led to a confession that one untagged deer was shot by an out of state resident that didn't want to use his tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller responded to a complaint of late waterfowl hunting in Lenawee County. The CO located a boat still out on the water and observed the hunters until after dark. The CO contacted the hunters when they came to shore in an unregistered boat, with no life jackets and improper waterfowl licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Goss and Brian Fish investigated a tip of a rifle killed deer in the shotgun only zone. The subject was questioned and admitted to the killing the deer with a rifle. A Winchester .300 mag. was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Fish responded to a complaint from a nephew that his uncle was trespassing on his hunting land. Upon investigation it was found that the uncle was already in the Jackson County jail.

Upon checking a local internet big buck contest, CO Jeff Goss observed a large 15 point buck that appeared to be untagged. The buck was reportedly killed in Michigan; however the hunter was an Indiana resident. He checked the hunter in the computer license system and discovered that he did not have a Michigan deer license. Upon contacting the Indiana DNR, a Game Warden interviewed the subject, who confessed to actually shooting the deer in Indiana without a license.

While patrolling on the opening day of the firearm deer season, CO Jeff Goss observed two subjects wearing hunter orange walking down the road with shotguns. After contacting the pair, one advised that he did not have a deer license for that particular

area. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that he did not have a license for any area. It was also discovered that he was in possession of a stolen shotgun.

While conducting a processor inspection on the second day of the firearm deer season, CO Jeff Goss located a buck that was clearly shot on opening day. Upon further investigation it was revealed that the tag was purchased earlier that second day. During the interview the subject confessed that he was hunting on a doe tag and went out and bought his buck tag after he shot the buck.

CO Jeff Goss received an anonymous tip of a subject shooting a deer with a rifle in the shotgun zone. COs Goss and Brian Fish responded and when contact was made with the subject at his residence, he showed the COs an untagged deer in the garage. When asked why the deer wasn't tagged, the subject advised that he wasn't sure how to notch his tag so he never bothered to put one on it. After questioning the subject about the firearm used to kill the deer, he advised that it was shot with a 20 gauge. CO Goss asked the subject what color the ammunition was that he used and he said plastic, once again the CO asked what color the ammunition was and he finally replied red. After further questioning from CO Fish, the subject took him in the house and handed him the 30-06 that he shot the deer with.

While conducting a processor inspection, CO Jeff Goss was talking to a customer who was just dropping his buck off. He asked him when he shot his deer and he replied Thursday. Upon inspecting the tag on the deer the CO noticed that it was purchased on Friday. When asked about the discrepancy, the subject advised that it was his wife's tag on the deer. The subject stated that he didn't want his season to be over with, so he had his wife purchase a tag to put on the deer .

CO Jeff Goss was first on scene to a shooting call where an individual stumbled into his house apparently shot in the chest with a firearm. Family members who called 911 were unsure as to how the victim had been shot. CO Goss secured the scene so medical units could attend to the injured subject. The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the sheriff's department.

CO Jason J Smith responded to the location of a complaint where a vehicle drove through a fence and appeared to have picked up a deer and then took off. CO Smith had no leads to go on, but while checking the deer camp on the next property over, he found violations of uncased guns on an ORV, riding triple on an ORV, no helmets and loaded firearms in a motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J Smith was stopped by a citizen who expressed their concern of an individual who shot multiple deer, especially a nice eight point on opening day without a license. CO Smith drove by the subject's house and decided to stop. CO Smith asked the hunter if he'd shot any deer and the hunter admitted that he'd shot an eight point on opening morning at around 7:30 a.m. CO Smith had already inspected the tag and questioned the hunter more on why the tag was bought at 10:30 a.m. opening morning. After a short interview the hunter admitted to hunting without a license. He'd shot a

buck and then had to wait for the store down the road to open to purchase a license. Warrants are being sought.

DISTRICT 9

While patrolling in northern Genesee County, Sgt. Tom Wanless observed a subject standing on the edge of the corn field in the middle of a section with a firearm and dressed in camouflage. As the CO started walking toward the subject, the subject started walking away. Eventually the CO contacted the individual who was part of a three-man deer drive through a corn field. The subject stated he did not realize he did not have his orange on. When asked for his hunting license, the subject stated that he left them at the house and that they were green. The subject's brother, who was standing next to him, told his brother that if his license was green, it was from last year, and that he did not have a license. A check revealed he did not have a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler and Sgt. Tom Wanless responded to a hunting incident where a subject shot himself. The subject was climbing up into his hunting blind while carrying his shotgun. The firearm went off and struck the subject in the hand, passed through the hand and grazed his head. The subject fell to the ground and tried to get back to the house. He was able to call for help on his cell phone. The subject was transported to a hospital with severe hand and head injuries.

Cpl. Peggy Ruby and CO Linda Scheidler investigated a complaint of a hunter shooting after hours and within a safety zone. The hunter's blind was located and measured by the COs to be outside of the complainant's safety zone. While at the blind the COs observed a large amount of bait. The hunter showed up to hunt and the bait was measured to be eight gallons over the two gallon limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler received a complaint from 911 of a hunter harvesting a deer within another's safety zone. The CO measured the distance from where the hunter admitted to shooting. The distance was 31 yards. The CO then asked to take a look at the deer. The hunter admitted to not purchasing a tag yet for the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of a recreational trespass in progress. The CO responded to the property located on the Lapeer/St. Clair County line. The property had recently changed hands and the hunters did not have permission from the new owner. CO Kiel walked the property and rounded up four deer hunters. One subject was hunting with only an antlerless deer permit for the wrong DMU and another was located in a tree without wearing any hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel took a few minutes during mid-day of the third day of firearm deer season to check a few anglers. The CO walked the shoreline of Lake St. Clair Metropark's back marsh and was able to make contact with a few anglers. Of the 12 anglers checked,

CO Kiel wrote six tickets for overlimits of bluegill. The anglers were in possession of up to 24 bluegills over the limit.

During the evening hours of November 15th, COs Ken Kovach and Ben Lasher stopped two different vehicles for shining. One of the vehicles cast a light right in front of the pair and continued to do so for a few minutes as they slow-rolled the county roads with the COs behind them. Enforcement action was taken with the occupants of both vehicles.

While patrolling in Casco Township, CO Ben Lasher observed a hunter standing on the edge of the road under the high power lines of Consumers Energy. After talking with the subject the CO looked down the lines and observed a subject in a tree stand and not wearing hunter orange. The subject was removed from the property and enforcement action was taken.

Lt. David Malloch responded to a complaint opening morning where a subject who was a convicted felon allegedly shot a deer with a rifle in Lapeer County. Lt. Malloch arrived on scene the same time as a Lapeer County deputy and the subject's probation officer. The subject was at work; however, his girlfriend told the officers the subject shot three deer and that they were in the barn. An inspection revealed they were all shot with a smaller diameter bullet and were tagged with licenses purchased after they were shot. Lt. Malloch checked the blind behind the barn and found three spent .30-06 casings. The officers, along with CO Ken Kovach, tracked down the subject and brought him back to his house where he gave a full written confession. CO Kovach will be seeking an 11 count warrant on the subject for felon in possession of a firearm, take deer without a license, take deer with a centerfire rifle in the shotgun zone and the lending/borrowing of a license.

St. Clair County 911 dispatched CO Ken Kovach to a complaint where a subject had just shot and killed two deer from the window of his vehicle in Greenwood Township. The CO was in the area and quickly located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The CO interviewed the subject and got a full confession along with two untagged deer that were in the back of the truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach responded to a complaint of recreational trespass. The CO contacted the complainant who provided more information. The CO tracked down the subject who was a juvenile dressed in full camouflage. Due to the subject's age, the complainant did not want to prosecute. While talking with the juvenile, CO Kovach was provided information on possible illegal deer that were taken on the property earlier that day. The CO took the information and went to the residence of another subject where he got permission to search the house and he found three deer, two were untagged, in the basement. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel checked a duck hunter on Lake St. Clair. While checking the hunter's shell bag, the CO found a couple dozen loose, random shells in the bottom of the bag that looked suspicious. Using his Hot Shot shell detector, the CO confirmed his suspicion of lead shot. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel followed up on three cases for northern Michigan Conservation Officers. While interviewing one subject on a headless "dumped deer," the CO found that the subject had shot five antlerless deer throughout the season. The CO found the subject still in possession of one unused antlerless kill tag of the five that he had purchased. When questioned, the subject admitted to tagging one of his deer with his girlfriend's license. Warrants will be sought.

CO Kris Kiel sat on a field for shining activity in November. Just as he was about to leave for the evening, the CO spotted a vehicle shining. A traffic stop was conducted and the subject admitted that he was a hunter and knew that it was illegal to shine in November. The subject stated that he even saw CO Kiel's patrol truck in the area earlier in the evening and should have known better. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska and Sgt. Tom Wanless observed a juvenile operating a two wheeled ORV on the shoulder of a busy roadway in Harrison Township against the flow of traffic. The COs followed the juvenile with emergency lights on as the subject turned onto a private dead end drive. As the subject passed a few of his friends on the side of the road, they yelled at him to stop because the police were behind him. The subject immediately stopped. There were numerous violations including roadway operation and no ORV safety certificate. The juvenile's mother was called and responded. CO Szyska explained the violations and the safety concerns. The subject was released to his mother with several warnings to him and to his mother for allowing him to operate unsupervised.

CO Todd Szyska tracked down a subject who dropped a doe off at a processor a few minutes after the license was purchased. The license was not validated. The subject admitted to shooting the deer and not immediately tagging it. The following day he took it to the processor who would not accept it without a tag. The subject told the CO that it was quicker to buy another license than to drive all the way home to get the original. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson responded to a complaint of subjects hunting deer with a .22 rim fire in Marathon Township. The CO located a subject and his son who admitted to hunting squirrels that morning but said they were not hunting deer. The subjects and their vehicle matched the description according to the complainant. As the CO continued to question the subjects, the father stated that they were out hunting squirrels and as they were sitting quietly, a herd of deer came out and startled them. The father stated that he got scared, turned and shot the closest doe to him. Once he shot it, he never tagged it. The CO asked to see their hunting licenses and neither of them had deer hunting or small game licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a group patrol, Sgt. Arthur Green was parked in a field in an area of several shining complaints. A vehicle drove down the road and started casting a spotlight across the nearby fields. Sgt Green conducted a traffic stop and during the interview of the subject he was asked if he had any warrants for his arrest. After a pause the subject replied no. A LEIN check showed an outstanding warrant in the 17th

District court. The subject was ticketed for shining during November and bond was taken for the warrant.

On opening day of the firearm deer season, Sgt. Arthur Green observed a vehicle parked in front of "No Parking" and "No Trespassing" signs at the south end of Metropolitan Airport property. After calling CO Mike Drexler to assist with a search for the subjects, Sgt. Green contacted the Airport police for confirmation of the property lines. Sgt. Green, CO Drexler and two Airport police officers searched the wooded area and located one of the hunters. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Arthur Green contacted two subjects sitting on railroad tracks in Oakland County. One of them was dressed in all camouflage and had a shotgun. The other had on a hunter orange jacket. While interviewing the subjects, a third hunter approached from across a field carrying a shotgun with no hunter orange visible. The first two subjects were issued tickets for railroad trespass and the first and third subjects were issued tickets for no hunter orange.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a RAP complaint of possible trespassers at the Consumers Power Plant near Luna Pier. Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Dan Walzak also responded and met with the security supervisor. The hunters had boated to the shoreline of an interior section of the property. The COs tracked the footprints that led from the boat and located two waterfowl hunters on the shore of Consumers property. They were within the posted property of Consumers. One of the hunters had left all of his licenses in a different location. Both hunters were ticketed for recreational trespass and one was ticketed for hunting without a Federal Waterfowl stamp.

CO Mark Ennett observed two waterfowl hunters in a boat at Pointe Mouillee SGA. CO Ennett observed both the boat operator and the passenger violate chasing and shooting waterfowl regulations from a moving motor boat. The boat operator was ticketed for chasing/rallying birds from a moving motor vessel, and the passenger was ticketed for shooting at waterfowl from a moving vessel.

COs Mike Drexler and Mark Ennett responded to a RAP complaint of a subject who shot a seagull at Pointe Mouillee SGA and were able to locate the dead gull. The COs went to the address of the registered owner of the suspect vehicle. A conversation with CO Dan Walzak about a similar complaint he handled in late October led to the conclusion that the shooter was the same juvenile in both complaints. CO Walzak had spoken to the youth and his parents and issued a warning on the previous complaint. CO Drexler investigated the same juvenile as well, but on a complaint that did not have sufficient information to name a suspect. CO Ennett, with the cooperation of the juvenile's suspect's parents, charged the youth in the Probate Court system in Monroe County. The case is pending.

While checking deer hunters, CO Dan Walzak contacted an individual with a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. When asked why he had the loaded shotgun in his car the subject stated that he was done hunting. CO Walzak advised him that the loaded

firearm in the vehicle was illegal and asked him if he had a hunting guide. The subject answered "Yes, but I must have missed that part". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon responded to the Metropolitan Airport property that Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Mike Drexler were searching. As the COs were returning to their vehicles with the hunter, a lone ORV rider returning from hunting drove down the easement on the property. He was not wearing a helmet or eye protection. Upon investigation it was found that the individual's driver's license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a telephone call from members of the Detroit Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers who reported they found three deer carcasses near their horse stables. CO Rabon found the carcasses and noted the deer were shot and their backstraps had been stripped and removed. A kill tag was found on one deer identifying a possible suspect who was contacted and identified two other suspects. All are cooperating and prosecution is pending.

Chief Gary Hagler and CO Brandon Kieft responded to a complaint of recreational trespass on the opening day of firearm deer season. While meeting with the complainant, the COs attempted to follow tracks left by the subject; however, they were unable to get a specific location or direction of travel for him. When the complainant pointed out the subject's vehicle parked along a nearby road, CO Kieft recognized the name of the owner as someone he had caught trespassing three seasons earlier on opening day. The COs decided to check the same location where the subject was caught three years earlier. The subject was found trespassing in the same location as before without wearing any hunter orange clothing. The subject was ticketed for both violations.

CO Brandon Kieft was on patrol when he observed a dead deer hanging from a tree in a yard without a deer license attached. While verifying the small buck was not tagged, CO Kieft noticed a DNR "Public Hunting Area" sign displayed on the landowner's barn. CO Kieft interviewed the homeowner who provided the name of the hunter who shot the deer. The homeowner also admitted to "finding" the sign along state land and putting it up on his barn. The hunter was ticketed for his violation and the DNR sign was taken down and seized.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a complaint of a hunter trespassing on gravel pit property in Oxford Township. When the hunter was located, CO Kieft obtained his identification and interviewed him. Even though the subject claimed to have never been on the property before, CO Kieft recognized his name. The subject had been ticketed by CO Ken Kovach a few years earlier for trespassing on the same property and failing to tag his deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively responded to a complaint of subjects hunting on Consumers Energy property. CO Shively spoke with the complainant who stated he watched the subjects shoot a deer and then take the deer back to a residence in a pickup and that they were

processing the deer in the garage. CO Shively responded to the residence and contacted four subjects processing an untagged doe. CO Shively began to question one subject dressed in camouflage who had blood on his hands, asking who shot the deer. The subject said he was not hunting and that someone else, who was now gone, had shot the deer. When CO Shively asked where the tag for the deer was the subject stated the shooter had gone to purchase one. When asked for the shooter's information, the subject finally admitted that he shot the deer and did not have a license. When asked for his identification, the subject said he did not have any because he had just gotten out of jail. The subject was ticketed for taking an antlerless deer without a license, the firearm was seized, and the deer was donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

CO Ben Shively responded to a safety zone complaint where a subject was hunting within 50 yards of a residence and had twice discharged a firearm. CO Shively met with the complainant and checked the neighboring property. He located one ladder stand within the safety zone that had six bait piles all exceeding the two gallon limit. CO Shively checked the stand the following morning and located the hunter in the stand. He was ticketed for hunting within a safety zone and overlimit of bait.

CO Ben Shively was responding to a RAP complaint and was stopped behind a school bus that had its lights activated and was unloading children when a car drove past without even slowing down. CO Shively was able to turn around and stop the vehicle just down the road. The driver gave the excuse that she was lost and that is why she didn't stop for the school bus. The subject was ticketed for failing to stop for a school bus and warned on other motor vehicle code violations.

CO Ben Shively responded to a safety zone complaint where a subject was dressed all in black in a tree stand with a shotgun. CO Shively contacted the subject as he was leaving the stand with his crossbow and found the subject hunting within the safety zone of the complainant. The subject was ticketed for hunting within a safety zone and an overlimit of bait. He was warned for not wearing hunter orange during the firearm deer season and given a hunter orange vest from the Hunter Safety Program.

CO Ben Shively was heading to a location for a shining patrol when he observed a vehicle parked on a side road next to the field where he was going to set up. The CO continued down the road and turned around and came back to where the vehicle was parked. While approaching, CO Shively saw the vehicle turn around at the end of the road and then he saw lights in the trees at the back of the field. When CO Shively pulled down the side road the vehicle was gone. CO Shively continued down the side road and caught the glimpse of something out his passenger side window. The vehicle was driving blacked out in the field. CO Shively turned around and was able to stop the vehicle three-quarters of a mile away. When questioned about the shining the subject stated that he had been hunting up north and didn't have any luck and was just out looking for deer. When asked if there were any firearms in the vehicle the subject stated he had a gun in the back seat. CO Shively opened the back door and moved a coat and found an open gun case with a 30-06 and four rounds on the floor. The

subject was ticketed for shining deer with weapon in possession and recreational trespass.

CO Ben Shively was checking vehicles along state land when he found the registered owner of one of the vehicles had purchased an archery license the day before archery season and purchased a combination license the day before the firearm deer season. A check of the previous year showed the subject had done the same thing. CO Shively contacted the subject as he was exiting the woods and obtained his licenses. When asked about the license purchases the subject appeared not to care and said they let me buy them at the store. The subject was ticketed for purchasing an overlimit of licenses.

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CO Josh Wright was on patrol in Tuscola County when he spotted a plume of black smoke in the sky. Wright was approximately 6 miles away when he spotted the smoke, and soon discovered the source of the smoke. There was a large fire burning at a rural site where a property owner and an assistant were burning the remnants of a garage, household furniture, refuse, used tires, Styrofoam, and brush. CO Wright contacted the local fire department, who responded and extinguished the illegal burn. Detective Erick Thorson from the Environmental Investigation Section office in Bay City responded to investigate the violation. The 77 year old property owner was on scene and admitted the he recently purchased the property and was cleaning out the nearby house. He said the fire "got away from him". When investigators pointed out a burned used tire, the suspect stated "that's the one that got me in trouble", referring to the black smoke that came from the burning tire. Enforcement action was taken and the suspect was fined \$275 on November 21, 2012.