

**Law Enforcement Division
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DISTRICT 1

CO Mark Leadman contacted a hunter coming out of the woods with his muzzleloader. When asked to produce a hunting license, he handed over his wife's license. He stated he must have accidentally left his license at home. CO Leadman called the subject's residence and was informed by the wife that her husband had shot a buck earlier in the season. A ticket was issued for hunting without a license.

CO Marvin Gerlach is investigating a case of a non-resident using his camp address in Michigan to buy resident licenses. The investigation has revealed that the individual purchased five resident antlerless tags and a resident combination license this year. Once his investigation is complete, he will be seeking charges and restitution for all licenses illegally purchased.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a slow rolling truck in Dickinson County. After a short conversation with the driver, CO Bacon asked if the muzzleloader in the case on the front seat had a primer in it. The driver stated that it did and that he was just being lazy. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a hunter coming out of the woods at the close of the muzzleloader season. The hunter was driving an unregistered ORV, operating without a helmet and had a loaded/uncased muzzleloader on his lap. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

COs Mike Evink and Jared Ferguson assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with the investigation of a hunter who had died in his hunting blind. The blind caught fire and the hunter was not able to escape before being overwhelmed by the smoke and fire.

CO Jared Ferguson was able to connect with a continuing problem road hunter. Upon contact, the driver had a loaded, uncased rifle on the seat, as well as open intoxicants in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon ticketed two individuals who had blocked roads into public land. The cases were not related other than both subjects wanted to have the public land to themselves.

CO Kevin Postma received a complaint of a subject hunting in a prohibited area on nature conservancy property. Upon locating the hunter's tree stand the CO found bait and a crossbow hanging from the tree. A foot patrol was conducted to locate the hunter, during which a subject in a black pickup truck spotted the CO and then quickly turned

around and left the scene. A call to a nearby local police officer resulted in a traffic stop which led to a full confession of trespassing and hunting without a license.

CO Kevin Postma assisted local deputies with a search and rescue of two lost hunters. The CO located the lost pair within minutes of arriving on scene.

COs Mike Hammill and Kellie Nightlinger responded to a complaint of shining and shooting after hours. CO Nightlinger conducted a traffic stop of a suspicious vehicle in the area in which the subjects stated that they were out looking for their buddy who was out looking for his buddy because he was highly intoxicated. The two COs followed the subjects back to their deer camp. No illegal deer were located, but the COs located illegal bait, illegal blinds on state land, and illegal ORV activity. Tickets were issued and the intoxicated lost subject was safely returned to the deer camp.

DISTRICT 3

On the Lake Huron shoreline, CO Jon Sklba observed two duck hunters in a lay-out boat, and a tending motorboat close by. As CO Sklba watched, the motorboat continually drove into flocks of ducks that had landed some distance away from the lay-out hunters, flushing them off the water. CO Sklba observed the tending boat and the lay-out hunters communicating and then continue their activities. The subjects were met at shore when they were done and three tickets were issued for rallying waterfowl. A warning was given for hunting without licenses or Federal waterfowl stamp in possession.

Due to persistent road hunting and recreational trespass problems, CO Jon Sklba and Sgt. Greg Drogowski deployed the deer decoy on private land on the last day of deer season. The deer decoy was placed directly behind a fence and private property signs. At dusk a slow-rolling vehicle stopped and CO Sklba observed the rifle barrel come out the window. A shot was fired and a subsequent traffic stop made on the vehicle. The humbled driver was ticketed for hunting from a motor vehicle and recreational trespass.

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint and located a tribal hunter on state land that had planted a food plot and has an illegal blind. A report has been forwarded to tribal COs for follow up.

CO Michael Feagan was first on scene to a call where a subject had cut his leg with a chain saw and was bleeding profusely. The bleeding was controlled and the victim was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

CO Jon Sklba contacted a complainant regarding a bald eagle taking one of his domestic ducks. The complainant wanted to shoot the eagle, and at the least, cut down the nesting tree to "send the eagles a message". CO Sklba advised the subject of the laws protecting eagles and their nest trees, and offered options to protect his domestic ducks.

Checking on a complaint of dumped deer carcasses, CO Jon Sklba found three deer carcasses, including two bucks with their antlers cut off. There was a partial deer tag left on one of the carcasses. CO Sklba found the tag holder and interviewed him and others involved. During the process, an untagged eight point buck was also located. Multiple tagging violations were also discovered. One subject admitted that he didn't tag his buck so he could continue to hunt in muzzleloader season and shoot another deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba reports a third offense snagging case that settled before trial resulted in the defendant pleading guilty and receiving \$875 in fines and a two year fishing license revocation as the penalty.

On the last day of firearm deer season CO Kelly Ross received a call from a hunter who mistook a bull elk for a deer. The hunter stated he saw the body and antlers in the brush and shot and when he came upon the animal he realized his mistake and turned himself in. A report is being forwarded to the local prosecutor.

Sgt. Joe Molnar was on patrol when he observed two individuals riding an ORV without helmets. A traffic stop was conducted and it was found that the youths had been drinking. A check of the VIN number showed the ORV did not belong to them and a phone call was made to the owners, who discovered their ORV was missing. CO Bill Webster arrived at the site and assisted in arresting the youth for larceny of the ORV.

Sgt. Joe Molnar was checking state land during muzzleloader season when he contacted two hunters in a truck who had two uncased and loaded muzzleloaders, neither had hunting licenses and were non-residents. Sgt. Molnar followed them to their camp where contact was made with three individuals who were gutting a doe. An uncased muzzleloader was located in their truck and a confession was obtained for shooting the deer from inside the vehicle and outside of the appropriate deer management unit. CO Kelly Ross arrived and assisted, and while dealing with the hunters, the camp owner arrived, who also had an uncased muzzleloader. The hunters were ticketed for their violations and the deer was seized.

Sgt. Joe Molnar received a complaint of two individuals shining a deer with their headlights and shooting it. Sgt. Molnar was out of position to respond and requested assistance from local law enforcement. County deputies and MSP troopers responded and secured the scene, and located a spent cartridge and the suspect's vehicle. Sgt. Molnar went to the suspect's residence and received a confession from two individuals to shooting the deer with a rifle after hours, and was told the location of the doe. The rifle and deer were seized and charges are being sought for using an artificial light to take game.

While working in the Pigeon River Country, CO Andrea Erratt contacted a trapper who was checking mink and muskrat traps. He possessed untagged traps and a file check revealed his driver's license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

A four count warrant was issued for the arrest of an uncooperative subject who shot a deer from the roadway within yards of an occupied residence without the landowner's permission. CO Steve Speigl's investigation led to charges being issued for reckless discharge of a firearm, safety zone violation, overlimit of deer and fail to make a reasonable attempt to retrieve game.

Emmett County CO Duane Budreau is investigating a felonious assault and hunter harassment complaint. A group of subjects hunting state land made threats to another group of hunters who were participating in a deer drive on state land. The subjects had an illegal camp set up on state land and had claimed the area as their own. Warrant requests are pending.

DISTRICT 4

CO Brian Brosky received information from a subject who witnessed dogs take down a deer. The eyewitness was able to provide CO Brosky the dog owner's location. CO Brosky responded to the residence and located the unlicensed dogs still running at large. The CO also was able to locate the deer that was killed. Enforcement action was taken against the dog's owner.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski followed up on a road hunting complaint. Although they were not able to prove the hunt from a motor vehicle charge, they did locate a buck that was taken prior to the subject purchasing a hunting license. The license used to tag the buck belonged to the spouse of the subject who actually harvested the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse stopped to talk with two subjects who were operating on a two-track road on public land. When asked about their deer season's success, one subject informed the CO that he had already killed a five point buck during bow season. Both men were in possession of rifles but had no hunter orange with them. CO Converse asked them for deer licenses. One subject didn't have any licenses with him and the other subject who killed the five point handed the CO an unused combination license. The subject admitted to failing to tag his deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse responded to a complaint of shots fired at 4:30 a.m. CO Converse canvassed the area the next morning, going door to door and located a subject with deer blood and hair on his clothing. CO Converse questioned him and eventually obtained a confession to shooting a deer at night and without a license. The subject was also a convicted felon. The deer was seized and the case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

CO Angela Greenway received a call from the mother of a subject she had written for possession of an untagged deer. The woman stated that her husband was ultimately responsible for the deer. CO Greenway investigated the matter further and dad finally admitted that it was his deer. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a complaint of tires burning in Wexford County, CO Carla Soper found that a farming operation had used over 10 tires to get a large brush pile going. The subject stated that it was the only way he could burn the brush hot enough so that he wouldn't have to bury anything later, and it also got rid of all their used tires. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was on patrol when he observed a vehicle exiting the woods with an antlerless deer. CO Ginn contacted the subject and found that the doe had been tagged with an antlerless license from a different area. The subject attempted to provide false information to the CO but quickly changed his story and admitted to harvesting the deer in the wrong deer management unit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel was contacted by local deputies who were on a complaint and noticed an untagged deer hanging in the garage. The subject admitted to CO Lebel that he shot the deer and failed to purchase a license. A check of the license system confirmed the hunter has not purchased a license for several years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was contacted by the sheriff's department concerning a subject they stopped who was dumping a deer carcass in the woods. CO VanGelderren was familiar with the location since he has received previous complaints of deer carcasses being dumped in the same location. CO VanGelderren interviewed the subject who stated that the remains came from an eight point that he shot in Wyoming. CO VanGelderren followed the subject to his residence and was provided with an eight point rack with a Wyoming tag on it. With Wyoming being a documented CWD state, the subject was ticketed and the carcass collected and taken to be incinerated.

CO Troy VanGelderren interviewed a subject who shot a deer on opening day and then purchased his license later the same day. The CO had investigated this same individual earlier in the year for an illegal bait pile. The subject admitted to shooting the buck with no license. CO VanGelderren also located two additional deer hanging in the subject's barn. One deer had no tag on it and the other nice buck was tagged with the son's antlerless tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was conducting a meat processor inspection and located two deer with improper tags on them. One was a spike buck tagged with an antlerless tag. The other spike buck was tagged with a combination restricted tag. Both spike bucks were taken by the same subject. CO Wells located the subject and issued a ticket for the taking of an illegal deer.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn patrolled a remote, swampy area of state land where there is a significant problem with illegal ORV operation. CO Hearn contacted a hunter who was afield without his kill tags. The hunter told the CO where he had walked and entered

onto state land over a mile away. CO Hearn went to the area where the hunter had indicated he entered, and at dark checked the same hunter riding his ORV in the closed area with no registration and no helmet.

COs Chuck McPherson and Chris Bowen responded to a trespass complaint that had occurred several days earlier. Once on scene, CO Bowen checked the 170 acre parcel while CO McPherson contacted the property owner. CO Bowen found the hunter asleep in a makeshift blind on the property. The hunter had no hunter orange and had purchased multiple deer licenses for the season.

CO John Huspen contacted several hunters who had purchased multiple licenses. One subject would not admit to having purchased additional licenses, but then showed CO Huspen his first two kill tags which he had previously used on two deer. Eventually he admitted to purchasing additional licenses and told the CO he did plan to continue to hunt with the licenses.

While on patrol, COs Mark Papineau and Steve Lockwood contacted a deer hunter. When asked for his license, the subject began to frantically search for his wallet. Unable to locate his wallet, the subject informed the COs that he must have lost his wallet and his licenses, but then provided the COs with his name. In checking the license system, it showed multiple purchases by the subject, including three archery tags and a public land antlerless deer license. The subject also admitted to purchasing too many licenses and leaving his wallet at home as he never expected to be checked.

COs Steve Lockwood and Mark Papineau located a truck parked on state land with blood in the bed. When the hunter returned to his vehicle, the COs asked him about the blood and he told them that he'd shot a deer that morning but had neglected to tag it. He also told them of a friend who was hiding in the woods because he wasn't wearing hunter orange, and the friend had shot a deer the previous night and hadn't tagged it. CO Lockwood went to find the other hunter who was hiding in the woods and located him shortly thereafter. When questioned, the second hunter confirmed the first hunter's story of the two untagged deer and also added that they had shot a third deer the previous night at 11:00 p.m. with the aid of a .17 magnum and an artificial light. CO Lockwood then re-contacted the original hunter, who was waiting with CO Papineau, and asked about the third deer to which he quickly confessed. A trip back to their hunting camp produced the two untagged deer and one illegal gunshot deer all of which were hidden in the trees along with the .17 magnum rifle used to commit the crime.

CO Steve Lockwood checked a deer hunter who was hunting without a license and who also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. During the investigation, the subject admitted to shooting two deer during the firearm deer season without a hunting license.

While on patrol, CO Brian Olsen observed a slow rolling vehicle on a desolate road. CO Olsen was able to pull his patrol truck up next to the vehicle before the driver saw him. Once the driver noticed CO Olsen's patrol truck next to him, he immediately stopped his car, jumped out, and started racking shells out of his loaded, uncased .30-06 rifle.

DISTRICT 6

On the last day of the 2011 waterfowl season, CO Robert Hobkirk located a hunter near the Sebewaing River. When the CO asked how the hunting had been, the hunter replied, "Not so good now, you're going to find two geese in the sled." Unfortunately for the hunter, goose season was not open. A ticket was issued for taking Canada Geese during the closed season.

Three hunters who had been charged with numerous license violations, lead shot and unplugged firearms during the first week of waterfowl season were sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs, 18 hours community service and lost their hunting privileges until 2015. The hunters had a history of game violations in Huron County.

CO Nick Atkin received a complaint of people stealing timber from a log deck on state land. During the investigation, CO Atkin located the subjects in possession of 80 eight foot logs that were stolen along with an illegally taken deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin received information that a subject shot a deer with a rifle during muzzleloader season. CO Atkin located the subject who was in possession of a deer shot with a rifle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster received a complaint of a hunter possibly in violation of the 2 gallon bait law in the Tobico Marsh State Recreation Area. CO Foerster located the stand in question and found it occupied by a hunter not wearing hunter orange. The hunter was well over his legal bait limit, had failing to wear hunter orange while hunting with a muzzleloader, and did not have his kill tag with him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was at a local boat launch in Bay County when he observed several subjects across the channel in the marina hurrying to pack up their fishing gear and coolers. The CO waited until the anglers were packed up and headed out of the marina before he contacted them. Further investigation revealed the anglers were over their legal limit of 50 perch each. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason A. Smith and Phillip Hudson checked a hunter as he came out of the woods 40 minutes after legal hunting hours with his firearm still loaded. There were also two other uncased firearms in the hunter's vehicle that he had been driving around with for the last week or two. He was issued a ticket for possessing a loaded firearm outside of legal hunting hours.

COs Jason A. Smith and Phillip Hudson were checking a state game area after dark one night and stopped to talk with the occupants of a truck that was traveling slowly down the road. A loaded semi-automatic pistol was on the bench seat of the pick-up truck next to its holster, just in front of the container with the marijuana and illegal pills.

After they had the driver dump out his open beer, the violations were addressed with the subjects.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of a subject putting out too much bait. The subject was located, and he had just finished carrying out about six bags of various types of bait in the state game area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was on patrol when he observed a large fire with a lot of black smoke coming from it. When the CO arrived he saw a large tire being burned. The owner was able to put the fire out and was ticketed for burning tires.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted three anglers at the Quanicassee River. Upon asking to see the anglers' licenses, none of the anglers could show the CO a license. Upon checking all three subjects through the license system, only one had bought a license for the 2011 fishing season. Two tickets were issued.

COs Holly Pennoni and John Person conducted a decoy patrol in an area where the landowner has had problems with hunters trespassing and shooting onto their property. A ticket was issued to one road hunter for an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle. This person had been previously ticketed for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

CO Holly Pennoni received a complaint of someone who shot a deer while not wearing hunter orange and was believed not to have purchased a license. CO Pennoni located the subject with a deer that had been tagged with a license purchased after the hunter shot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking hunters leaving the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA), CO Dan Lee was approached by a man who stated that he had never seen a Conservation Officer in the area and that they need to do a better job enforcing the laws there. Unfortunately for the man his request was answered. The man was operating an ORV with a passenger, neither had helmets, had no ORV license, and no one was carrying the appropriate permit for the game area.

CO Joel Lundberg was patrolling a secluded section of state land after dark when he observed a truck shining deer. After following the vehicle, a traffic stop was made and a loaded firearm was found sitting on the front seat between the driver and the passenger. The subjects both stated they were just out driving around looking for a deer to fill the freezer. The light and firearm were seized and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

COs Ken Cerny and Paul Higashi worked a complaint during muzzleloader season of a subject who was on parole and was prohibited from possessing any type of weapon. After repeated attempts, the COs located the subject hunting with a bow and arrow,

while failing to wear hunter orange and without any type of hunting license. The COs located a second subject who was hunting with a crossbow using his firearm deer license and was not wearing hunter orange. Both subjects were ticketed and the subject on parole was lodged.

CO Mike McGee was on patrol when he observed a deer hunter in his stand without hunter orange. CO McGee watched the hunter and made contact 40 minutes after legal shooting hours and found the subject still possessed a loaded gun. The subject had filled one of his combination licenses and then also purchased a firearm deer license.

CO Andy Bauer was called to Grand Mere State Park for two subjects who killed a deer in the closed section of the park and had taken an antlerless deer with a private land license.

CO Steve Mooney was called near the end of firearm deer season at 3:00 a.m. by a local police department who had responded to a complaint of shots fired and made a traffic stop. Upon arrival, CO Mooney obtained a confession from the driver of the vehicle. A second subject had shot and hit a deer under the spotlight, and had gone to retrieve it when the traffic stop was made. After a long morning, the second subject was located and a confession was obtained. The 30-06 rifle with a laser sight was seized along with the illegally taken deer that was located by CO Mooney.

CO Andy Bauer concluded an investigation from the five day quiet period, where a local deputy had made a traffic stop and found slugs and an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. CO Bauer obtained a confession and ticketed the subject.

CO Steve Mooney was contacted by the local sheriff's department on December 1st, and advised that a deputy had stopped an ORV on the road with a dead deer on the back. The subject told the deputy that he shot the deer that morning. Upon arrival, CO Mooney discovered that the subject shot the deer the last day of firearm season and then purchased an antlerless deer license. The subject was ticketed for taking an illegal deer.

COs Chuck Towns and Mike Mshar responded to a trespass complaint from a local hunter safety instructor. Two subjects were contacted who admitted to the violation, one of whom was in possession of a stolen firearm and was a convicted felon. The stolen firearm was turned over to the MSP for follow up. The subjects also had no licenses or hunter orange and one of them had an outstanding warrant.

CO Chuck Towns responded to a complaint of a subject who had called 911 after capsizing his boat on the Kalamazoo River. He'd made it to shore, but was unable to make it any further due to his condition. The subject was located by patrol boat and returned safely to shore where he was treated for exposure.

CO Mike Mshar conducted inspection checks at local processors which resulted in numerous violations for hunting without licenses, tagging violations and many illegally

taken deer. A violation for the illegal importation of deer from a CWD positive state was also identified. The deer was confiscated and a ticket was issued.

CO Mike Mshar contacted subjects operating a motor vehicle in a closed area of the Allegan SGA. One of the subjects was in possession of a crossbow with night vision attached.

CO Mike Mshar responded to a bait complaint where a subject had put out a truck load of pumpkins. Contact was made and the illegal amount of bait was removed and the subject was ticketed for the violation.

CO Patrick McManus and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers responded to a complaint of a group of waterfowl hunters who were trespassing. Contact was made and it was determined that the subjects had been warned the day before that they were not allowed to hunt the property.

CO Cary Foster worked a RAP complaint in Ionia County of a subject taking too many bucks this season. CO Foster located five heads tagged with licenses belonging to several other people and one untagged buck. CO Foster obtained a confession to the violations and the hunter was ticketed for taking four bucks over his limit and license violations. The investigation continues into subjects who may have loaned this hunter additional tags.

CO Cary Foster located six hunters leaving the woods during the muzzleloader season. Two hunters promptly mentioned the bucks they took on the opening day of the firearm season. CO Foster was holding their tags at the time of the conversation and quickly established one had purchased too many licenses and had used another person's license to tag the first buck.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson responded to a report of hunters taking ducks from a moving motorboat on Muskegon Lake. CO Simpson returned to the lake hours after the initial complaint and again found the hunters active. CO Patten observed a bird taken while the boat was underway and the hunters were detained and ticketed for the violations.

CO Ivan Perez investigated a complaint of a hunter taking a deer while trespassing on a neighbor's property. Further interviews established the deer was taken with a rifle in the shotgun zone while trespassing by a hunter who had never completed hunter safety training.

CO Ivan Perez was on patrol near the Bass River Recreation Area when he began to follow tracks from an ORV to a nearby residence. While attempting contact at the home he noticed the smell of marijuana coming from a doorway. Contacting a resident, whom he recognized from previous run-ins, CO Perez observed marijuana in use. The resident quickly produced a medicinal marijuana card but CO Perez pointed out the others present were not to be using the marijuana and the use was occurring with a

three year old child in the room. Confessions were obtained from two for the illegal use of the ATV in the recreation area and enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Orange was following up on a RAP complaint of illegal wood cutting in the Rogue River SGA when he located two different vehicles "mudding" near Clear Lake. When contacted, one driver became evasive and continued to stare at the console in his vehicle. CO Orange asked what he had in the console that should not be there. The driver produced a large bag of marijuana and prescription pills not belonging to him. Additional narcotics were located by CO Orange and the suspect and case were turned over to a Kent County drug team for additional investigation.

CO Goulette assisted local deputies after a traffic stop late one night which took place after a chase of a vehicle that was traveling in excess of 110 mph. Deputies located a rifle and spotlight and the operator admitted he planned on shooting a deer. The driver was arrested for flee and elude, operating under the influence and felony firearms violations.

DISTRICT 8

While following up on deer processor inspections, CO Rich Nickols issued three tickets. Two were for buying licenses after shooting deer and one for using the kill tag of another.

On the last day of the firearm deer season CO Rich Nickols was on patrol and observed two hunters cross the road ahead of him. CO Nickols contacted the hunters and found one of them in possession of a loaded shotgun one half hour after the end of hunting hours. In addition to being loaded after hours, the subject was a convicted felon and currently on parole. The weapon was seized and a warrant request is being sought for the felon in possession of a firearm and hunting after legal hours. The second subject was ticketed for being afield without a valid hunting license.

CO Damon Owens investigated a complaint where a subject allegedly had an untagged deer in a shed. CO Owens attempted to contact the homeowner who would not come out to address the situation. CO Owens secured the area in question with assistance from MSP and went to obtain a search warrant. Once the subject realized that the officers were not going away, he decided to come out and explain the situation. Enforcement action taken.

CO Daniel Prince had just checked into service to do a waterfowl patrol when he was contacted by a complainant who was waterfowl hunting in Washtenaw County. The hunter had witnessed another group of field hunters shoot and knock down some "swans". The complainant reported that the group of hunters was packing up in a hurry. The complainant was close enough to get the vehicle license plates. He reported that one vehicle had just left in a hurry and that he was talking with the rest of the subjects. CO Prince then asked to talk with the hunter who had shot the swan. CO Prince told the hunters not to leave the scene and that local law enforcement was en route and that

the Washtenaw County CO had been contacted and would be there shortly. CO Prince asked the man what had happened. The hunter stated in so many words that he "messed" up. CO Prince asked the subject to tell the hunters that had just left the scene to return. CO Prince stayed on the phone until local police and CO Jason J Smith arrived. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy investigated a deer hunting trespass complaint where a hunter trespassed on private property and shot a deer during the first day of muzzleloader season with a 12 ga. shotgun. The investigation is still open.

CO Daniel Prince received a waterfowl complaint in Livingston County. The complainant reported that two different groups of waterfowl hunters were decoying and shooting Canada Geese. CO Prince met with the complainant who let CO Prince borrow his canoe. CO Prince and the complainant canoed the trip through ice to make contact with the hunters. Both groups of waterfowl hunters stated that they failed to read the waterfowl guide and assumed the goose season was opened for the last two day duck hunting season. Geese were seized and enforcement action taken.

COs Daniel Prince and Pete Purdy worked the Huron River for after hours waterfowl shooting. The COs contacted two duck hunters who were hunting twenty minutes after closed hours. The hunters stated that they did not know when shooting hours ended. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Pete Purdy and Dan Prince contacted two deer hunters returning from the woods. The pair turned out to be an adult son and father. The father had no hunter orange and the son was afield without kill tags. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy handled a complaint from a local college of two students captured on school security cameras running up and down a hallway with no shirts on, and carrying deer parts. The investigation revealed the subjects cut the parts off a road kill deer as a prank then littered the parts at a state access site. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn observed an ORV being driven on a roadway. CO Thorn approached the driver, who was attempting to operate the ORV on the snowy road with one hand while holding an uncased bow in the other. The driver also was not wearing any hunter orange, nor was he wearing a helmet or eye protection. The operator reacted angrily to CO Thorn when he was stopped, but calmed down quickly when he realized the severity of his actions and pending multiple violations. A LEIN check revealed the hunter's driving privileges were restricted to driving to and from work. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling well after hunting hours had ended, CO Todd Thorn came upon a vehicle parked along the side of a road. There were boot prints leading off into the woods and there was blood on the tailgate of the SUV. CO Thorn could not see a deer inside the vehicle, nor could he see the hunters. After waiting near the vehicle for approximately 20 minutes, two men in camo approached their vehicle. CO Thorn contacted the individuals, who had shot a deer and were dragging it back to their vehicle. CO Thorn ran LEIN checks on the hunters and found one had three warrants

including one felony warrant for vehicle theft, and two civil warrants for child support. The man was arrested and taken to jail. Charges pending for the illegal deer.

CO Todd Thorn contacted two hunters getting into their vehicle after coming out of the woods of a state game area. One individual had a felony warrant out of Ohio for domestic assault and was extradited, and the other had two misdemeanor warrants for fail to pay OUIL fines and for domestic assault. Both of the men had also lost their driving privileges. The pair were arrested and taken to jail.

While investigating the scene of a litter complaint, CO Todd Thorn found a deer tag still attached to an antler amongst the litter. COs Thorn and Rich Nichols tracked down an individual who eventually admitted to dumping two carcasses and other litter in a ditch. The subject also admitted to using his son's tag on the deer that he shot and failed to validate. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Todd Thorn spotted a slow-moving SUV driving down a dirt road in an area of frequent complaints of road hunting activity. CO Thorn stopped to speak with the driver and found an uncased .50 cal muzzleloader on the seat with the passenger of the vehicle. The passenger attempted to excuse himself by saying that he was from out of state. CO Thorn explained to the man that he needed to know the Michigan laws if he wished to hunt in Michigan. A ticket was issued after the non-resident hunter posted bond.

CO Brad Brewer responded to a call for help from a local resident who wounded a deer while hunting outside the village of Jonesville. The small buck ran into the Village limits and was running through the back yards of several homes. When he arrived, the deer was laying in a row of bushes in the front yard of a home at a busy intersection. The deer jumped again as CO Brewer was trying to find a safe angle to approach it. It ran through the intersection, stopping traffic and finally fell in the front yard of the local elementary school. CO Brewer was able to safely dispatch the deer, which was recovered and legally tagged.

CO Jeff Goss noticed the new state record crossbow killed deer looked very similar to one on the web site of a game ranch. After a few calls it was determined the hunter had shot the deer on the ranch and was trying to get endorsements for the animal being a deer taken in the wild. CO Goss called the hunter and the hunter withdrew his trophy.

COs Derek Miller and Jason J Smith responded to a safety zone complaint to track down individuals participating in a drive next to private land. They found them on state land nearby and waited for the hunters to come out one by one, and asked them all separately about the deer they shot. The COs obtained a confession about an untagged doe hanging in a relative's garage that was shot earlier in the day. After arresting one subject on a warrant, they went over to the relative's garage to locate the untagged deer and issued a ticket to the shooter.

CO Derek Miller was patrolling state land and located a car parked in the game area. While checking the vehicle, he heard multiple gunshots coming from within the game area. He and CO Jason J Smith tracked down the shooting and located several young hunters who were not wearing any hunter orange. One of the hunters said they had gotten bored and started target shooting at things in the woods. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J Smith responded to a waterfowl complaint where a hunter had shot a Trumpeter swan. The swan was still alive in a pond. CO Smith donned his hip boots, made his way through the icy water, and retrieved the injured bird. After CO Smith carried it a quarter mile through a muddy cornfield, the swan succumbed to its injuries and died. CO Smith returned to the scene later that night, acting on a tip he received, and found a second Trumpeter swan that had been shot and hidden in the woods. Warrants being are being sought.

DISTRICT 9

Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Lacelle Rabon were on patrol when they observed a subject riding an ORV without helmet or eye protection. Investigation revealed he was riding on private property without permission and the ORV had not been registered in six years. The subject was ticketed for the helmet and eye protection violation and warned on the other violations.

CO Mark Ennett contacted a small game hunter who was hunting on a railroad right-of-way, after having driven along a section of an adjacent railroad near a high complaint area. The hunter had no idea he was in violation of the railroad trespass law, and was more concerned with locating a decent pheasant hunting spot. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett observed a vessel with no navigation lights returning to the Swan Creek Access Site 35 minutes after sunset. The boat was not equipped with navigation lights and the duck hunter claimed to have lost his bag of personal flotation devices (PFDs) during the trip to the boat ramp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Walzak checked a subject who had just motored up to a local launch ramp and was getting ready to take the vessel out of the water. A routine check of the vessel revealed that the subject had no PFDs, no fire extinguishers, lights, or sound producing device. The vessel's bilge was nearly full of water and there was a variety of empty alcohol containers floating above the deck. Running the subject through LEIN, it was found that he also had an outstanding warrant for disorderly conduct. Enforcement action was taken on the marine violations and bond was secured on the warrant.

While following up on a RAP complaint, CO Brandon Kieft observed a subject carrying a shotgun in full camouflage running through a nearby back yard. CO Kieft stopped and identified the subject, who turned out to be the complainant in his baiting complaint. After talking with him about his hunting for the season, CO Kieft noticed that the subject

had just purchased his only license about an hour before their contact. The subject eventually admitted to hunting without a license and failing to wear hunter orange while firearm deer hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft worked an early morning patrol during the area's first snowfall. While checking a common trespass spot, CO Kieft found tracks in the snow and decided to check the area. While following the tracks, CO Kieft observed that the hunter had been trespassing on multiple properties. When CO Kieft finally caught up to the subject, he was not wearing any hunter orange. Further investigation revealed that the hunter had shot a doe earlier in the season and failed to tag the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft conducted a foot patrol in the Holly Recreation Area checking firearm deer hunters on the last day of the season. He contacted one hunter who was very surprised to see him. The man was hunting with a 30-30 rifle in the shotgun zone and had driven to the area on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

One hour before hunting hours ended, CO Linda Scheidler saw a hunter dressed in orange walking to the back of a cut corn field. A short distance away from this hunter she saw a dark object. After viewing it through her binoculars, the CO determined it was a hunter dressed in full camouflage, carrying a long gun. Upon contact, the hunter said he forgot to put his blaze orange in his vehicle, and with his hunting opportunity limited to one hour, he did not want to go home and get it, so he thought he'd take a chance. Enforcement action was taken, and the hunter was also given an orange vest to continue his hunt.

CO Kris Kiel received information from CO Brandon Kieft on a subject who may have taken a deer illegally. CO Kieft asked CO Kiel to contact the subject who lived in Macomb County. CO Kiel attempted to contact the subject at his residence, but no one answered the door. The subject's vehicle was in the driveway so the CO inspected it to confirm CO Kieft's observations of blood on the truck. When CO Kiel approached the truck, not only did he see blood on the tailgate, he found a deer in the bed of the truck. A kill tag was loosely stuck to leg of the deer and was not validated. The CO will be following up and making contact with the subject.

CO Todd Szyska responded to a safety zone complaint in Harrison Township. The complainant stated that subjects were hunting in the marina between boats, firing toward condominiums and other boats. CO Szyska arrived on scene and took range finding readings that were 513 feet from an unoccupied clubhouse. The CO notified the complainant of his findings and advised he would contact the hunters. The CO could not gain entry to the locked marina so he waited for the hunter to pack up. CO Szyska flagged the subject down as he was walking to his truck and found he was hunting without a federal migratory stamp. A LEIN check revealed that he also had two civil bench warrants out of Macomb County. The warrants were confirmed and a deputy arrived on scene and took the subject to jail.

CO Ken Kovach was requested by local deputies to assist them on a pickup attempt on a subject from a felony flee and elude. While at the residence, no one would answer the door. The officers looked around the outbuildings and in plain view they observed a dead wild turkey hanging in a shed. A few minutes later, the officers contacted an elderly woman at the residence who gave them consent to look in shed. The CO recovered the hen turkey and his investigation revealed it was shot by the subject they were looking for. A warrant will be sought.

CO Ken Kovach received a safety zone complaint where a subject shot a deer and trespassed to retrieve it, but the CO determined there was no safety zone violation. While talking with the complainant, he was informed the complainant did not want to prosecute. The CO contacted the subject and found he tagged the "button buck" with a combination license and no antlerless license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel observed a suspicious looking camouflage SUV parked on an abandoned entrance ramp to I 94 in Macomb County. While investigating, the CO observed a bow case in the rear of the vehicle. A subject came walking out of a nearby wood lot and admitted to hunting. CO Kiel escorted the subject back into the woods and found the subject's bow and an excessive amount of bait. The subject stated he had already shot a doe and a buck which used up his combination license. He had no other licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska responded to a complaint of a safety zone violation where the complainant stated a subject had just shot a deer well within his safety zone after he had told him in the past that he could not hunt in his safety zone. After arriving on the scene and taking laser range finder measurements, the CO found the subjects had been hunting in the complainant's safety zone; although they were on their own property. They had two blinds set up one was 87 yards away while the other was 410 yards. The hunter had bagged a six point buck with a crossbow. A warrant request will be submitted.

CO Ken Kovach has been receiving several complaints of shining and shooting at night. While working the complaint area, the CO stopped a suspicious vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. The subject was not road hunting; however, during the contact, the subject told the CO that he was successful earlier in the deer season when he shot two antlerless deer on his parents' farm. The subject showed CO Kovach his hunting licenses and a check revealed that the licenses in his possession were all the licenses he purchased. CO Kovach got a detailed confession and enforcement action will be taken.

While on pass, CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of subjects hunting deer with pistols and no hunter orange during the muzzleloader season. When he returned to work, CO Kovach received another complaint of the same. He responded and contacted several hunters in a large hunting party. The subjects were not trespassing; however, there were numerous other violations, including loaded firearms in vehicles. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 21

Detective Kenneth Montgomery of the Environmental Investigation Section reports that on December 8, 2011, in the 52-2 District Court, a Oakland County resident pled guilty and was sentenced for violation of Part 303 Wetlands Protection – Did deposit woodchips, sand and crushed asphalt in a wetland without a permit from the DEQ. The subject was fined \$2,500.00 and placed on one year probation. The subject had been given five opportunities over a three year span to correct the violation without penalty but adamantly refused.

Detective Kenneth Montgomery of the EIS reports that on December 9, 2011 in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, the owner/operator of ChemServe Corporation, a Detroit chemical soaps and dye business, was sentenced to serve one year in custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on charges that he made false statements to the MDEQ regarding his illegal storage and disposal of hazardous waste. The court recommended that the defendant be permitted to serve his sentence at a Residential Reentry Center. The defendant was also ordered to pay \$2,786,062.06 to the U.S. EPA Superfund as restitution for the expenditure of government funds to clean-up the ChemServe site. The case was initiated by the EIS, jointly investigated by the EIS and the U.S. EPA Criminal Investigation Division, and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.