

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

CO Matt Eberly checked over 100 snowmobiles this past weekend in 1°F weather. Many warnings were given for colored headlight lenses and trail permits in pockets.

CO Matt Eberly was first on scene at a snowmobile personal injury accident. Upon arrival he found the operator suffering from a broken foot as he took a wrong turn and hit a logging truck. The snowmobile operator was ticketed by local police officers for illegal operation.

CO Jason Niemi stopped subjects who were road hunting coyotes and located an uncased firearm in the vehicle. The driver was also operating the vehicle on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett Gustafson reports that bad ice was reported on Lake Gogebic. A snowmobiler went through the ice during the week and the recovery company is having a hard time removing it. The operator was contacted for failing to report an accident.

CO Dennis Gast continues to work careless operation of snowmobiles in Twin Lakes. He issued several tickets to operators for failing to comply with traffic control signs.

CO Dave Painter ticketed one ice angler for fishing without a license.

CO Grant Emery contacted a snowmobile operator who was trying to avoid him. The operator turned around when he saw the CO's patrol truck approaching. CO Emery contacted the subject after the operator was unable to exit from the road. The operator had failed to register the snowmobile or obtain a trail permit. The road the subject turned onto was also closed to snowmobile operation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy were observing ice anglers on a Dickinson County lake when one individual found humor in making obscene gestures to the watching COs. Before the COs could contact the subject, he left on a snowmobile and was observed driving away in a truck. The COs located the truck and determined the registered owner had a suspended license. The subject was stopped and arrested for operating while impaired, open intoxicants and operating on a suspended license.

CO Grant Emery and local deputies teamed up for snowmobile sound test patrol. Numerous tests were done to determine sound levels on snowmobiles. Three subjects were ticketed for having exhaust emissions over the legal limit.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mike Hammill responded to a complaint of suspicious rifle shots that are frequently heard from a section of private property. Upon contact, the subject told the CO that he was not allowed on private property. The investigation continued, which revealed three illegally taken deer, illegal traps, an excessive amount of bait and illegal drugs. In addition to being taken out of season, the subject had also not purchased a hunting or trapping license and confessed he missed a fourth deer he shot just moments before CO Hammill arrived. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma interviewed an individual who was reported to have shot a deer after hours over a lighted bait pile. The subject indicated the only deer he shot was on opening day. Further investigation revealed he had not tagged the deer so he could continue to hunt. It was also found that the subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant. The subject was charged with failing to tag a deer and lodged on the warrant.

While on routine patrol, CO Derek Miller located a large bait pile with fresh blood. The CO tracked the blood trail to a nearby deer camp and located a five point buck. A female subject claimed she had shot and tagged the deer. The female subject retrieved the bow that killed the deer and CO Miller asked her to draw it back. She was unable to pull the bow back, which led to a confession that her boyfriend actually shot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint from a family who saw wild turkeys running and flying in their back yard and looked out to see their neighbor's dog kill one of the turkeys. CO Erratt investigated and picked up the dead turkey. The dog owner said her dog got out, but she did not have time to chase it because she was headed to a party. The dog owner was ticketed for allowing her unlicensed dog to run at large.

CO Andrea Erratt checked three anglers from Alaska who were ice fishing on West Twin Lake. Unfortunately one of the anglers had not purchased a fishing license. CO Erratt followed the subject to a license agent in Charlevoix where he purchased the necessary fishing license.

CO Andrea Erratt investigated a trespass complaint involving two brothers who had shot an antlerless deer on fenced and posted private property. The hunters who had permission to hunt the land caught the trespassers. The landowner knew the hunter and, in the Christmas spirit, asked CO Erratt to verbally warn the hunters for recreational trespass.

CO Andrea Erratt checked two 15 year old boys who rode an ORV double to a Deer Lake access site. CO Erratt called both of the boys' mothers and explained that she had warned them for operating an ORV without adult supervision on a closed roadway and riding double.

CO Eric Bottorff responded on Christmas Eve to assist local deputies with a complaint involving two subjects shooting at a grouse from a motor vehicle in front of a residence. The subjects fled the scene and were spotted by deputies as they failed to stop for a stop sign. After a short pursuit ending in their vehicle leaving the roadway, the subjects were apprehended by officers. CO Bottorff recovered a 17 cal. rifle that was thrown from the vehicle and a dead grouse that was shoved into a snow bank. The shooter is a convicted felon and is not allowed to possess a firearm. Numerous warrants are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

While addressing a complaint area on the Mullett Lake section of the North Central Michigan Rail Trail, CO Mike Feagan issued one ticket and two verbal warnings to snowmobilers failing to stop at stop signs on the trail.

CO Richard Stowe followed up on a complaint of a cougar being shot in the Rogers City area. The photo of the cat in question eventually made it into the local newspapers. Through work with personnel at the Gaylord District Office, the photo was found to be from a cougar taken in Colorado.

CO Kelly Ross responded to a call where a deer was shot during the night. A possible suspect was developed based on information provided by the complainant and evidence left at the scene. After a diligent search, the next day two subjects were located. The deer was not found; however, the subjects did have an uncased .22 in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joe Molnar followed up with a subject whose hunting privileges were revoked. The subject told CO Molnar that he thought he could hunt this year, but did not shoot a deer. Investigation revealed the subject did shoot a buck and put a kill tag on it. The investigation continues.

CO Mark Depew contacted a subject who had three DNR warrants for his arrest. The subject was in possession of a large amount of cash and bonded out on all three warrants at the same time.

CO Mark DePew ticketed a number of snowmobile operators for safety violations and wrote several tickets for careless operation of a snowmobile. One incident involved a 17 year old operator who left the snowmobile trail going too fast for conditions and ended up stuck up in a snow bank over fifteen feet above the trail. Upon issuing a ticket for careless operation, CO DePew was chastised by the father who thought the ticket was unjustified. The youngster said he had done a lot worse things on his snowmobile and never received a ticket.

CO Kelly Ross headed up an investigation of a hunter who killed five bucks during this year's deer seasons. COs Joe Molnar, Bill Webster, Warren MacNeill, Brian Engelhard, Rich Stowe, Nick Torsky and Mark DePew all assisted in the investigation that involved contacts with several individuals and businesses. CO Mark DePew received a

confession from the subject where he admitted shooting five bucks this past deer season.

CO Bill Webster was checking anglers on Long Lake and encountered several violations, including undersized pike, unattended lines and fishing without a license. CO Webster found the unattended line belonged to a husband and wife team who could not produce any fishing licenses. Upon contact with the two they had just caught a 28.5 inch pike. A ticket was issued.

CO Joe Molnar worked on contacting hunters who had purchased licenses while still revoked. One of the subjects was also found feeding deer in a closed county. CO Molnar contacted the hunter and his investigation revealed the subject had hunted this past fall and admitted to shooting a deer. CO Molnar's investigative report will be forwarded to the prosecutor seeking several charges.

A Pigeon River Country (PRC) State Forest snowmobile patrol was conducted by COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick addressing illegal operation of snowmobiles in closed areas. Signs of previous illegal activity were discovered, but no contact was made with current violators.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick continue to conduct taxidermy inspections throughout Cheboygan County in an effort to check all currently licensed facilities. One verbal warning was issued to a taxidermist for poor record keeping who had received a ticket in the past for the same violation.

While conducting a fishing patrol on Burt Lake, CO Eric Bottorff contacted several anglers who were having sporadic success. One ticket was issued to a subject who was fishing with too many lines and a ticket issued to a second subject for an expired snowmobile registration.

COs Duane Budreau and Carl Vanderwall observed a group of snowmobilers travelling at a high rate of speed and disregarding all stop signs. The COs caught up with the operators, who immediately fled in a different direction. The COs searched the area and found the subjects hiding in a business parking lot behind a snow bank. Tickets were written.

CO Steve Speigl worked snowmobile enforcement and ticketed eight people for various snowmobile infractions and gave 18 warnings.

COs Andrea Albert and Steve Speigl ended an ongoing three year complaint of a convicted felon who was illegally hunting with a firearm, over bait, with no license or hunter orange. The COs caught the subject in muzzleloader season hunting with a .243 rifle along with the above listed violations.

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint of a subject who shot a buck in late December that may have been poached. CO Albert investigated the complaint with the assistance

of CO Mike Hearn and discovered that the 11 point buck was killed at night with a bow over a lighted bait pile. The deer was tagged with a 2007 deer tag. The subject had been previously arrested for the same offense.

CO Carl Vanderwall reports that an arrest of a subject that occurred this past fall resulted in the forfeiture of his ORV "mudder" Jeep. The subject was convicted of operating his "mudder" Jeep in a wetland in Emmet County. Part of his fine was forfeiting the ORV to the State of Michigan.

DISTRICT 4

CO Steve Converse received information from a complainant who saw a subject shoot from a vehicle into the woods. The vehicle description matched a vehicle that CO Converse had seen driving slowly down a road earlier that day. As CO Converse was responding to the location, he recognized the vehicle and stopped it. A conversation with the occupants resulted in a confession that a deer had been shot from the vehicle that afternoon. CO Converse returned to the complaint location with the suspects and retrieved the deer that had been illegally taken.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint of a doe hanging in a rural Lake County garage without a tag on it. At the site, CO Converse found fresh hay under an outdoor light. No one was home at the residence, and CO Converse referred the information to CO Jim Espinoza. A subsequent visit to the location by CO Espinoza resulted in contact with the homeowner and the recovery of the illegally taken deer hanging in the garage. A confession was also obtained for feeding and taking the deer.

COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells responded to a complaint of persons with muzzleloader rifles who were trespassing on private property. When the COs arrived, they found the subjects had just recently left the scene. Using license plate information, the COs determined a likely gas station where the subjects might stop en route back to their homes. The subjects did stop at the station where the waiting COs talked to them. Interviews resulted in the discovery of a six point buck that was taken while trespassing the previous day, and further, that the deer had been tagged with a restricted kill tag. License checks also confirmed that one of the subjects had purchased two sets of combination tags.

CO Justin Vanderlinde checked a parked vehicle in Grand Traverse County during the late bow season and discovered a crossbow case. Since the use of a crossbow was not permitted during the late bow season, CO Vanderlinde searched the woods and located the hunter. The investigation by CO Vanderlinde revealed that the subject was hunting deer with the crossbow. In addition to the crossbow violation, the subject was taken into custody for hunting while intoxicated. The subject's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit.

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint of a hunter who was possibly hunting with a rifle during the muzzleloader season in Grand Traverse County. CO Kehoe responded to

the area and hid in the corn a short distance from the subject's truck. After hearing a shot in the area 18 minutes after legal hunting hours had ended, CO Kehoe saw a snowmobile drive to the area where the shot came from. CO Kehoe retreated to his patrol vehicle and intercepted the snowmobile farther down the road as it exited the field a short time later. The snowmobile was occupied by the driver and the hunter who was in possession of an untagged deer. The hunter had been hunting with a muzzleloader that was uncased on the snowmobile. The hunter also admitted that he had no idea what time hunting hours ended.

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint during the firearm deer season that a subject had posted hunting violations he and a friend had committed on his facebook page. Through a series of interviews and follow up, one subject admitted to hunting without proper supervision and purchasing two combination licenses. The second subject admitted to taking two illegal deer and a license violation.

CO Troy VanGelderren was checking ice fishing activity on an Oceana County lake when he observed a subject quickly packing up his gear to leave. A check of this subject revealed that he did not have a fishing license in possession. Further investigation revealed the subject to be in possession of marijuana, improper plates on his vehicle, and a suspended driver's license. CO VanGelderren issued the subject a ticket for no license in possession and warned him not to drive his vehicle due to the problems with his plates and his driver's license. A short time later the subject entered his vehicle and drove off only to be stopped and arrested for his actions. Charges are pending in regard to the possession of marijuana.

CO Mike Bomay was in his patrol vehicle and parked next to a Mecosta County snowmobile trail when he observed two snowmobiles approaching. When the two operators saw the marked patrol vehicle, they turned and fled. CO Bomay used his knowledge of the trail system and proceeded to another location further down the trail. A short time later CO Bomay apprehended the same two snowmobiles with expired registrations and no trail permits.

COs Mike Bomay and Brian Lebel were checking ice fishing activity on a Mecosta County Lake. Three subjects were contacted who were in possession of one undersized northern pike and one out of season bass. On this same lake the COs located two tip-ups with blood around them next to an empty ice shanty. Snowmobile tracks at the tip-ups were followed to a cabin and the owner of the tip-ups was located. Investigation resulted in admission of this subject being in possession of seven northern pike; six of which were undersized.

While on patrol, CO Brian Lebel observed a deer hanging from a tree. Upon checking the deer, CO Lebel was greeted by a woman who stated her son had shot the deer earlier in the week. A check of the tag revealed that the tag belonged to another subject. Further investigation revealed the son had shot the deer without a license and used another person's tag. The prosecutor issued charges for the violations.

CO Mike Wells received a complaint of shots fired before hunting hours during the late antlerless season. CO Wells arrived at the scene and followed blood and drag marks in the snow to a residence. Contact was made with the homeowner who advised that the individual who shot the deer had gone home to Oklahoma. A check of the subject turned up several local addresses. After checking several of these addresses the subject was located. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells received a telephone call at his residence during the late antlerless deer season. The caller stated he had shot two antlerless deer and that he had only one antlerless license. CO Wells went to the subject's residence and located two antlerless deer, only one of which was tagged. The subject stated that he observed several deer at one time and that he shot at one of the deer and missed. He immediately shot at a second deer and it fell. The subject stated that the first deer that he had missed was still standing there so he shot it because it was too dumb to run away.

COs Justin Vanderlinde and Sean Kehoe, along with local deputies, conducted a snowmobile patrol in Grand Traverse County over the weekend. Tickets were issued during the day for registration and trail permit violations, careless operation and roadway violations. One situation involved four snowmobiles operating side by side down a county road.

COs Jair Kollasch and Sam Koscinski conducted snowmobile patrols in Wexford County over the weekend. Multiple tickets were issued for registration violations and careless operation. One registration violation involved a nonresident who had carried his registration decal on his person for over a year because he did not want to cover the graphics on his cowling. COs Kollasch and Koscinski also made three arrests during these patrols for subjects who were operating while their Michigan driving privileges were suspended.

DISTRICT 5

CO Matt Liestenfeltz received information regarding a subject hunting over bait behind his house. When CO Liestenfeltz went to the residence in the morning, he observed a garden of turnips located under an elevated blind where someone had dumped carrots and beets. The bait was illuminated by a night light. The owner was contacted and admitted to hunting all night from the blind. A crossbow and loaded shotgun were retrieved from the stand. The owner had not purchased a license to hunt deer for the past six years and admitted to having shot a buck in the 2008 deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen received information that a subject was talking about shooting a deer and putting his wife's tag on it. The subject was contacted and admitted to shooting a spikehorn and tagging it with his wife's tag. The subject told CO Huspen that he had already shot a four point buck earlier in the season.

CO Brian Engelhard observed a vehicle pull over on the side of the road with its turn signal on. Upon approaching the vehicle, he observed a male partially slumped over in the passenger seat. After waking the driver, CO Engelhard found two open bottles of vodka, an empty six pack of beer and an uncased .22 caliber rifle. CO Ross and a local deputy responded to assist. The driver failed sobriety tests and was lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 6

During the late waterfowl season, CO Seth Rhodea contacted several goose hunters in a field near Port Sanilac. Upon checking the hunters' firearms for plugs, the CO found one firearm that did not have a plug in it and one hunter without licenses in his possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith is currently investigating a timber theft complaint in Cass City. The complaint involves a subject who is under contract with the State of Michigan and recently bid on a group of pine trees to cut. The marked pine trees to be cut were still standing and the unmarked trees had been cut and removed. This investigation is ongoing.

CO Jason Smith received a complaint from an individual who observed a fresh deer head in the garage of a residence after the deer season. Upon contacting the homeowner, the deer head was found along with a lighted bait pile with a fresh pool of blood next to it. There were also ORV tracks between the bait pile and a barn on the property. Blood and deer hair were found on an ORV and attached trailer inside the barn. Interviews were conducted, a confession was obtained, and tickets were issued for the illegal deer and bait violations.

CO Holly Pennoni responded to a complaint of a large number of walleye on the porch of a residence. When she arrived and contacted a female at the residence, the walleye were gone from the porch. The woman stated to CO Pennoni that she knew nothing about any walleye being at the house and held up a wastebasket and asked, "Do you see any fish in here?" CO Pennoni looked inside and pulled out a fresh walleye fillet. The woman later told CO Pennoni that she didn't realize that her husband used that waste basket. After further investigation, CO Pennoni found a total of 25 walleye that were taken by the homeowner, 21 of which were undersized. The fish were seized and the homeowner was ticketed for the violation.

CO Holly Pennoni was on patrol during the muzzleloader season when she heard a single shot close to her location just before dark. Upon locating a pickup truck driving out of the woods after dark without its lights on, a stop was made by CO Pennoni. After speaking with the hunter, CO Pennoni recognized the property as a location where illegal bait was found; however the hunter denied having any bait at his stand. CO Pennoni followed vehicle tracks and drag marks from the deer to the hunter's blind where she found a large pile of alfalfa, corn and beets. It was also revealed that the hunter purchased too many antlerless licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Holly Pennoni and Jeremy Payne conducted a snowmobile patrol on Saginaw Bay targeting fishing, snowmobile, and ORV violations. The activity was very high and resulted in several tickets being issued for no fishing license, unregistered snowmobile, unlicensed ORVs and violations of the 100' rule that applies to snowmobiles and ORVs.

CO Vicki Goss followed up on a snowmobile trespass complaint and found an untagged deer in the subject's barn. Further investigation found another road killed deer without a permit. The subject was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear on a marijuana possession charge. Enforcement action was taken on the deer and warrant.

CO Vicki Goss followed up on Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of baiting/feeding deer and found a large pile of sugar beets and apples behind a residence. The family denied knowledge of the feeding ban in the Lower Peninsula, even though they are avid hunters. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Dan Lee stopped a snowmobiler who was operating on the roadway. The snowmobile was unregistered and did not have a trail permit. After issuing a ticket and releasing the operator, a second snowmobile, also on the roadway, approached the CO. This snowmobile was also unregistered and had no trail permit, but the operator was a juvenile. The minor was escorted back to his residence where his parents were contacted and ticketed for allowing a minor to operate unsupervised.

CO Nick Atkin was checking anglers when he witnessed three individuals without helmets riding on a snowmobile. After contacting the individuals, the CO observed that the snowmobile registration expired in 1995. The CO also found one of the three riders to be only eight years old. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Gary Raak located a bait pile on private property while conducting an investigation. CO Raak located the suspect and determined he had taken a deer using the bait and trespassed while recovering the animal. The subject was ticketed for baiting violations.

CO Gary Raak investigated an incident where a juvenile fired a shot while hunting alone and struck a neighboring garage. A report has been forwarded to the county prosecutor's office with requested charges for allowing a minor to hunt unsupervised.

CO Gary Raak responded to a complaint where a 17 year old was trespassing, hunting without hunter orange and shot an antlered buck with a muzzleloader during the closed season.

CO Chris Holmes worked with the local animal control in an investigation of abandoned animals at a residence. CO Holmes assisted in relocating several animals to rehabilitators and will be requesting warrants for several charges including Illegal possession of eastern box turtles, possession of raptor parts and possible animal cruelty charges.

CO Ken Cerny responded to a RAP complaint in Cass County regarding muzzleloader hunters using bait. CO Cerny located and contacted the subjects, who had covered the corn and apples with snow hoping it would not be seen.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader was the first on the scene of an accident where a vehicle travelling at an excessive rate of speed crested a hill and ran into the back of an Amish buggy carrying seven children home from school. The children incurred minor injuries with the most serious being a broken leg. Enforcement action was taken against the driver of the vehicle.

CO Jason J. Smith responded to a trespass complaint where three subjects hunting had gained access to the private property by illegally parking on the highway on ramp. Including the trespass there were license violations and hunter orange violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader contacted an angler at his vehicle with 48 panfish over his limit. This same subject was issued a ticket the previous year for having 23 fish over the limit. Enforcement action was taken again this year.

While checking ice anglers on an inland lake, CO Shane Webster contacted a subject in possession of a short pike, another subject who was fishing without a license, another subject in possession of an overlimit of panfish and yet another subject operating an unregistered snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

While checking ice anglers, CO Shane Webster contacted a subject who stated he did not have a license as he "was just trying out his luck". A check of the subject revealed he had not purchased a fishing license for the past five years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster received information that there were several vehicles parked in a field and there were dead deer in the field. CO Webster requested the assistance of CO Damon Owens and Sgt. Troy Bahlau after he found six dead deer lying in the field, some of which were not tagged. It took some investigating to locate the subjects and determine why there were untagged deer lying in the field. Enforcement action was taken on the subjects responsible for the illegal deer.

CO Shane Webster, with the assistance of a county deputy, investigated a complaint of an untagged deer hanging in a shed. The investigation led to a subject who had used a shotgun to take a deer during the muzzleloader season and the deer was taken over bait. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a high complaint area, CO Jeff Goss heard gunshots and located a pick up truck in a field with an uncased gun in the front seat and an untagged deer in the

bed. Upon further investigation, CO Goss located two subjects dragging another untagged deer toward the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader received a complaint of two subjects hunting with a shotgun during the muzzleloader season. The investigation revealed that one subject killed an antlerless deer and tagged it with his friend's tag. The subjects also trespassed on private property on an ORV to kill a second deer that was also not tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Brandon Kieft assisted a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper on a deer complaint involving a subject who shot a button buck without an antlerless deer license. The subject was also prohibited from possessing a firearm. A warrant will be sought on the violations.

CO Kris Kiel was watching two anglers ice fishing on a canal off of Lake St. Clair when one of them answered a cell phone call which he later found out was someone letting them know that "the man" was in the area. CO Kiel watched the two anglers run up the bank and hide their buckets in the shrubs of a house. CO Kiel drove around to the other side of the canal and found their buckets. When he contacted the anglers, they said they had just started fishing. One subject had exactly 25 pan fish, and the other had 13 over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher signed warrants on four subjects from a two year long investigation which culminated with a search warrant on a residence of one of the subjects last spring. That subject has ten charges against him for various hunting, fishing and general criminal violations. Most of the violations were related to the illegal commercialization of fish and game.

COs Mark Ennett and Jonathon Sklba investigated a trio of hunters who were located on railroad property in Frenchtown Township. One of the hunters had separated from the other two before CO Sklba had a chance to contact them. CO Ennett arrived and quickly located the third hunter in a nearby tree stand who was hunting without any deer hunting licenses. He had also taken off his orange hat from the first time CO Ennett saw him and replaced it with a camouflage hat. He was ticketed for hunting deer without a valid hunting license. Both of the other hunters had violations and they only had one valid hunting license among them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively assisted CO Brian Lebel from Mecosta County by interviewing a subject in Rochester Hills. The subject provided a written statement admitting to loaning two kill tags to another person. The information was forwarded to CO Lebel for further action.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a safety zone complaint and ended up at the only boat launch that had open water to Lake St. Clair. He checked more than 50 waterfowl

hunters and over 20 boats. CO Kiel checked one hunter who said he had a mallard and one pintail. After talking to the subject and looking through his boat, CO Kiel found another pintail that the subject had hidden. A ticket was issued for the overlimit. CO Kiel also issued a ticket to another subject who had three people in his boat in three to four foot waves and no personal floating devices (PFDs) on board. He issued other tickets for unplugged guns, no waterfowl license, no federal stamp and no small game license.

CO Mark Papineau responded to an illegal deer baiting complaint. As he approached the blind, CO Papineau observed a corn spreader with shelled corn scattered around under it, a few large piles of sugar beets and a bale of hay all directly in front of the blind. The CO contacted an individual and his 12 year old grandson in the blind, neither of whom were wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking illegal bait piles during the late antlerless firearm deer season, CO Mark Papineau observed two subjects with hunter orange hats walking through the woods. The CO contacted the father and his 11 year-old son. The adult subject had a muzzle loader and a combination license and no antlerless license. Enforcement action was taken.

While driving to an access site, Sgt. Arthur Green observed a snowmobile operating on the roadway. After winding through the subdivision, the operator drove into the back yard of a home on a dead end street then turned around and was coming out of the driveway when he was stopped. The subject stated he just purchased the machine from a friend and had not transferred ownership. A LEIN check showed no record of the snowmobile and the operator's driver's license was suspended and expired. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking hunters on the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (SGA), CO Danny Walzak encountered a small game hunter with lead shot shells in his possession. The subject tried to explain that the mistake was probably due to his wife cleaning out his hunting equipment and throwing the shells in with the rest of his hunting equipment. A check on the subject revealed that he had been issued multiple tickets in the past for the use of lead shot while hunting waterfowl. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathon Sklba made several attempts to contact a subject who was trapping raccoons at his residence and releasing them at an apartment complex. CO Sklba was able to track down where the subject worked and contacted him on the job. The subject gave a false name varying the spelling twice. On the third attempt, CO Sklba was given a nationalization form with a picture attached as a form of identification. CO Sklba ran a LEIN check on the subject using the correct spelling of his name which came back with a warrant out of Macomb County. CO Sklba advised the subject of the warrant and was amazed when he was able to come up with the \$5,000 to post his bond. The subject continued to state that the trap was not his nor had he done any trapping. CO Sklba advised the subject that his fiancé, along with his children and neighbors, had already

told him that the trap was his. The subject was advised of trapping and transporting laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel checked a large number of anglers and observed three subjects come off the lake on a single ORV. The subjects were not wearing helmets, there was no ORV license and the subject who was operating had a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.