

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Josh Boudreaux responded to a hunting camp in Marquette County after the owner arrived for a weekend of hunting, only to find the camp burned to the ground with only the chimney standing. CO Boudreaux documented the scene, interviewed the property owner and searched the surrounding area for any indications of foul play. Information gathered in the investigation was passed along to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Fire Investigator.

COs Josh Boudreaux and John Kamps located the head of what appeared to be an out of state buck which had been transported illegally into Michigan. Due to the unusual tagging method, CO Boudreaux contacted a Wisconsin DNR warden who after some investigation, determined the buck had not come from their state as suspected. COs contacted the suspect at his residence and learned the buck had been shot in Ohio and transported back to be made into a European mount. The buck head was seized for proper disposal and enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Boudreaux and John Kamps responded to an in progress domestic assault in Marquette County. Being first on-scene, COs secured the scene, separating and interviewing the involved parties until the arrival of additional units. One subject was arrested and transported to jail by the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

CO Jeremy Sergey received information that a logger in Menominee County had cut trees down and made a road on state land to get to an area of private land. CO Sergey, along with one of the DNR state land managers, went out to the area that was logged and met with the logger. After conducting an interview, the logger stated he knew he wasn't supposed to cut through state land, but he had been denied permission to cut through state land in the past and didn't feel like asking again. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Sergey was conducting a commercial meat processor inspection in Menominee County when he noticed a deer was tagged with a "marten only" tag. After reviewing the commercial processor's logs and conducting several interviews, it was determined that an individual had brought two deer in that were harvested by two separate individuals. The processor looked at one of the tagged deer, recorded the information and assumed the other tagged deer was tagged with the same information when in fact it had the "marten only" tag on it. Law enforcement action was taken on the individual who tagged the deer with the "marten only" tag and a warning was issued to the commercial processor for accepting an untagged deer.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint involving an individual trapping on state land without tags on his traps. CO Ferguson located the trapper's line and found several traps without tags on them and 330 conibears set on dry land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Kamps contacted a group of fishermen that appeared to be fishing with too many fishing lines. The CO also determined that the group of fishermen were in possession of two splake under the legal-size limit. Law enforcement action was taken for fishing with too many lines and possession of undersize splake.

CO John Kamps contacted three snowmobilers that were operating on a snowmobile trail in northern Marquette County without a valid trail permit. Two of the snowmobiles had expired registrations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Kamps stopped a snowmobile for failing to stop at a signed intersection as the operator was operating at a speed that didn't allow for him to stop before getting to the roadway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Kamps responded to a bull moose that was hit on M-95 in southern Marquette County. The moose had died from its injuries and the driver of a semi-truck did not sustain any injuries.

CO Zach Painter finished an investigation into a trophy buck that was shot in the city limits of Ironwood. A suspect was developed and interviewed. The subject admitted to hunting without a license and shooting the 10-point buck. The rack was seized, and warrants are being sought with the Gogebic County Prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 2

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin successfully served an arrest warrant on a subject without incident. The hunter is facing 12 charges, including taking a deer with a firearm during closed season, taking multiple deer without a license, aid and abet, loaning a deer license to another, hunting without a license, fail to immediately tag a deer, and violation of the apprentice hunt.

CO Chris Lynch was investigating a hunter suspected of illegally shooting a bear. It turned out the bear was legally shot but during the investigation it was discovered the hunter had shot a 5-point buck without a license. The deer was seized, and the hunter was issued a citation for the illegal deer.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin received a complaint of a hunter who was trespassing on posted property and trespassing on a railroad right-of-way (ROW). The COs followed up on the complaint and observed a subject operating an ORV on the railroad ROW and through posted property. The COs contacted the subject up in a tree stand hunting with a crossbow in Zone 1 without a permit. The COs asked to see a hunting license and the hunter didn't have his hunting license with him. The crossbow was seized, and enforcement action was taken on the hunter for hunting deer by illegal method, failure to have hunting license afield, ORV trespass, recreational trespass, and railroad trespass.

CO Steve Butzin received a complaint of multiple deer in an individual's garage in Gladstone that did not have tags attached. CO Butzin went to the residence and was able to confirm the complaint. The individual was processing the deer without registering as a commercial deer processor with the state and there were little to no records being maintained as required by law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn checked a local lake for ice fishermen. When checking a group of fishermen, one of the fishermen caught a pike as CO Freeborn was standing at their shack. The fisherman landed the fish and looked at it and asked what the size limit for pike was. CO Freeborn explained that it was 24-inches. CO Freeborn then observed a pike lying next to a tip up just past the shack. CO Freeborn asked how big that pike was. The fisherman stated if the size limit was 24-inches that it is probably short. CO Freeborn checked the pike and determined that it was 21-inches. A citation was issued for the short pike.

CO Mark Zitnik checked two anglers coming off the Two Hearted River. The anglers told the CO they had just caught "some really nice coho's." A quick check revealed they also caught and kept a brook trout. When CO Zitnik asked the fishermen about the fish, the two said they were unaware the season closed at the end of September. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinis spoke at a snowmobile safety class at the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Association. CO Gelinis talked with the students about snowmobile laws and safety.

CO Colton Gelinis assisted the Department of Environmental Quality with a follow up investigation referencing heavy equipment being used on the Lake Superior shoreline in Chippewa County without a permit. Several pieces of equipment became stuck and frozen into the lake. CO Gelinis arrived at the location and observed that the equipment had been removed from Lake Superior as required by the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint in Antrim County about a subject that had shot a 6-point buck with a rifle during the late firearm antlerless deer season. Contact was made with the suspect who claimed he did not know the firearm deer season was closed. He had shot the buck with a rifle and used a scooter to transport the deer out of the woods. CO Albert explained that only archery season and the late private property firearm antlerless seasons were open. The hunter also had two misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. CO Albert seized the deer, issued a ticket for possessing an antlered deer taken out of season, and lodged the hunter in jail for the outstanding warrants.

COs Duane Budreau and Chad Baldwin worked security for the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority Meeting in St. Ignace. The meeting was for the approval of the tunnel construction for the Line 5 Pipeline. The meeting concluded without incident.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol near Otsego Lake when he noticed three snowmobiles coming towards his direction on the trail just off the road. CO Oberg noticed that none of the snowmobiles had trail permits affixed to the machines. CO Oberg initiated a stop of the snowmobiles. Upon questioning, the riders stated that they forgot to buy them. Enforcement action was taken.

Sargent (Sgt.) Michael Mshar, COs Jessie Curtis and Tim Rosochacki responded to an elk harvest where it was alleged that the hunter had wounded a second animal while shooting into a large herd of elk. COs Rosochacki and Curtis checked the area and did establish that a second elk was in fact wounded. The wounded animal was tracked throughout the day as it continued to stay with the rest of the herd. The hunter advised that he shot nine times but did not think he had hit any other animals. The investigation is ongoing.

Sgt. Michael Mshar, COs Jon Sklba, Paul Fox, Sidney Collins, and Jessie Curtis worked the December elk hunt in northeast Michigan. COs assisted by checking harvest locations and aided hunters and guides with wounded animal recovery.

CO Jessie Curtis assisted the Alpena County Sheriff's Department with finding the owner of ice fishing gear that was left at the Long Lake boat launch. It was uncertain where the angler was when the equipment was left. The owner had his last name and first initial on a tip-up. CO Curtis was able to get a phone number from the information on the tip-up to contact the angler. The angler had run out of gas and had walked home leaving his equipment behind. The angler was unharmed and elated to get his equipment back.

CO Jessie Curtis received a call regarding a vehicle that fell through the ice on Long Lake in Alpena County. The subject had driven out on the ice to go ice fishing. The subject had to hire a diver and a tow service to get the vehicle and a jet sled full of equipment out of the water. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Sidney Collins responded to an early morning elk/vehicle accident in Montmorency County. A smaller SUV hit two elk in the early morning hours of December 18th. One elk was hit broadside and landed on the hood of the vehicle while the other ran into the back-passenger door. Both elk ran into the woods following the rest of the herd. CO Collins tracked a small blood trail and tracks through the woods until the blood stopped. It was determined the wounds were non-fatal.

Sgt. Michael Mshar and CO Sidney Collins came upon an elk hunter and guide in Otsego County that had just shot a collared cow elk on private property that they did not have permission to be on. The property owner was contacted and advised that they had not given anyone permission to hunt. The elk was seized, and the hunter and guide were advised that their hunt was terminated.

Sgt. Michael Mshar, COs Sidney Collins and Paul Fox received numerous complaints during the December elk hunt of hunters and guides using drones to locate elk. Interviews are being conducted and the investigation is ongoing.

CO Paul Fox responded to a complaint of excessive bait in an area frequented by elk and elk hunters in Presque Isle County. COs Fox and Collins investigated the scene and located a very large bait pile. Contact was made with the property owner who admitted to placing the bait. Charges are pending.

During the December elk season, CO Fox checked several kill sites and hunters. Several investigations involved wounded animals, hunter harassment, illegal guiding, and hunting over bait.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin located an early bait site back in early September. On the opener of muzzleloader season, CO Haskin did a check on the property and located three hunters, one of whom was not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken on multiple infractions.

COs Rich Stowe and William Kinney responded to a fishing closed waters complaint near Traverse City where two young anglers were contacted. Enforcement action and education followed.

CO Josiah Killingbeck while on patrol observed fresh ORV tracks on Consumers Energy utility ROW. CO Killingbeck observed that the no trespassing signs had been cut from the posts at several road crossings. CO Killingbeck sat in the area and observed an ORV drive by on the roadway and noticed that the driver was not wearing a helmet or seatbelt. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver and discovered that the subject had the seatbelt buckled in behind him. The subject said that he did not know he was required to wear a seatbelt or helmet in a side-by-side ORV. While speaking with the subject CO Killingbeck observed the tire tracks to be the same as on the power lines. CO Killingbeck spoke with the subject regarding where he had been driving and the subject denied trespassing but began asking questions about where he could and could not operate. The subject soon confessed to trespassing on utility ROW property. Regulations were explained to the subject and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn observed a vehicle turn onto a snow-covered Kalkaska County road and accelerate through the turn, causing the vehicle to fish tail to the opposite side of the road. The vehicle continued fishtailing and eventually turned into a local gravel pit. CO Hearn followed the vehicle and observed the small Subaru trying to climb one of the large sandhills, unsuccessfully. The driver was contacted and checked in LEIN. He was determined to be driving on a suspended license. The vehicle was also uninsured. The vehicle was towed, and the driver was arrested and lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

CO Ethan Gainforth received information that a subject had illegally killed a black bear during the closed season in Roscommon County. With assistance from CO Matt Zultak and Sgt. Brian Olsen, CO Gainforth began his investigation. Information led CO Gainforth to a wildlife hunting enclosure where the suspect had allegedly been hunting. Information was obtained that the suspect was hunting from within the enclosure but shooting wildlife, including the black bear, outside of the enclosure on public land. When contact was made with the suspect, he initially denied the allegations. When confronted with evidence of the crime, the suspect confessed. The individual had obtained a bear license for the 2018 season and was not able to fill the tag during the legal season. While sitting in his deer blind after the close of bear season, a black bear wandered into his bait and he decided to shoot the bear. Warrants are being sought through the Roscommon County Prosecutor's office.

COs Phil Hudson and Craig Neal were conducting a taxidermy inspection when they noticed a bobcat that seemed a little suspicious. The bobcat season had only been open four days and the bobcat that had been dropped off at the taxidermist showed several signs of being dead for a much longer time period. The COs tracked down the trapper that had dropped off the bobcat and began to ask a few questions. It did not take long for the trapper to admit that the bobcat had been harvested illegally. It seems that the trapper had caught the bobcat last year while coyote trapping. Since the trapper did not have any bobcat tags, he put it in his freezer and waited until the following year to get a bobcat tag. Then the bobcat was tagged and taken to the taxidermist. Enforcement action will be sought through the Arenac County Prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars responded to a call of a body of a person found in the Pine River and assisted the Alma Police Department and Rescue in the recovery. After the body was removed, the CO and local officers took a boat up stream to the Alma Dam and back down to the location to check for evidence. The CO and the Alma officers were unable to find any evidence that would indicate foul play and it appears that it was an accidental death. The investigation continues.

CO Josh Jackson received a complaint of litter dumped on state land. The caller advised the CO of the exact location and noted the suspect must be driving to the dump site. CO Jackson located the litter which included five grocery bags full of various household items. The CO dug through the bags and located a card with the suspect's name. When CO Jackson contacted the suspect, he admitted to dumping the bags of trash. After a citation was issued, the suspect headed to the scene to clean up the area.

COs Josh Russell and Dan Robinson were patrolling the Flat River State Game Area (SGA) when they witnessed two individuals leaving the SGA with shovels and tree cutting equipment. When the COs made contact, they also found a loaded gun leaning on the vehicle. An 8-year-old boy stated the gun was his, but he was not wearing hunter orange and did not have a hunting license. The father and son were collecting briars and other brushy vegetation to improve their rabbit habitat on their own private property. A citation for damaging and removing plants and trees from state land was issued.

CO Adam Beuthin was on marine patrol on the Saginaw River when he observed a group of subjects fishing from a vessel. When the CO contacted them, he asked to check their fishing licenses. All subjects had their licenses however, there was not enough Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) for those that were on the vessel. A ticket was issued to the boat owner.

CO Adam Beuthin was on marine patrol on the Saginaw River when he observed a group of four subjects all fishing from the vessel. When the CO contacted them, he asked to check their fishing licenses. One of the anglers told the CO that she did not have her fishing license with her. The CO gathered her information and then asked who owned the vessel. One of the subjects told the CO it was his. The CO then asked him to provide all the required safety equipment. The boat owner was short one PFD. After contacting dispatch in Lansing, it was found the female subject did not have a fishing license for 2018, and was issued a citation for fishing without a license. The owner of the vessel was issued a citation for failing to provide a PFD.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a call from Saginaw Central Dispatch regarding stranded hunters in the Shiawassee River SGA. Dispatch relayed there were no emergency services available in the area and night was setting in fast. CO Gowenlock enlisted the help of US Fish and Wildlife Services Officer Jeff Hunter. Both officers launched from the Saint Charles Field Office. A search of the area was conducted, and the three hunters were located. When asked, the hunters advised they had run out of gas. Due to it being dark, the officers decided to rig a tow line and tow the hunters and their vessel back to the boat launch.

While on patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz spoke with a subject who had four fishing lines out. The subject, who stated they had been fishing for years, did not know there was a limit of three lines per fisherman. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bob Hobkirk and Kyle Bucholtz responded to a hunter orange complaint in Huron County. On scene, the COs located two hunters, one of which had hunter orange visible from only one side. Upon further inspection, the hunters were found to be hunting over excessive bait, possessing an untagged deer and hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a taxidermy inspection, CO Mike Haas located two red foxes that had been harvested by a deer hunter. CO Haas discovered the hunter had never purchased a fur harvester license and harvested both animals without the proper licenses. It was also discovered that the subject had committed the same violation a couple years earlier. Charges are pending with the Isabella County Prosecutor's office.

During a late evening patrol in eastern Isabella County, CO Mike Haas came across a truck that had crashed into a ditch after hitting an ice patch. Both occupants had been drinking alcohol and both were under 21 years old. It was also discovered that the driver

did not have a driver's license. Citations were issued to address the violations and a parent was called to the scene to transport the subject's home.

DISTRICT 7

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Allegan County when he observed two flashlights faintly scanning a field. The CO stopped and contacted the subjects who were both under 16 years old, carrying a loaded firearm, and looking for a deer they shot at. The youth hunters stated they took a 300-yard shot at an antlerless deer approximately six minutes before shooting hours closed. One of the youth hunters was not wearing hunter orange and the young hunters were not accompanied by an adult. Upon further investigation, neither hunter had a valid antlerless deer tag for the deer management unit they were hunting. CO Woodwyk contacted the hunters' father and explained all the violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier received a complaint in Allegan County of a hunter who was not wearing hunter orange and violating the safety zone law. While investigating the suspect, CO Schluckbier discovered that a 7-point buck was harvested by the subject in Van Buren County, however the proper kill-tag was not used on it. During the interview, the suspect confessed to shooting the deer and placing his nephew's mentored youth tag on the antlers. The deer was seized, and charges are being filed through the Van Buren County Prosecutor's office.

CO Sam Schluckbier completed an investigation on a subject who harvested three deer during the firearm deer season. The hunter's license purchases for 2018, revealed that he only bought a regular deer and an antlerless deer license. A confession was obtained to shooting a 6-point buck on the last day of the season and then tagging it with his father in law's license. Both subjects are being charged through the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's office.

COs Sam Schluckbier and Nick Wellman were patrolling the Allegan SGA when they stopped a subject for several traffic violations. During the traffic stop, the COs discovered the driver had a suspended license, was operating a vehicle without insurance, and failed to have it registered. The driver was cited for the offenses and the vehicle was towed to his father's residence.

CO Richard Cardenas received a call from Barry County Central Dispatch of a woman who had fallen while walking in the Yankee Spring Recreation Area injuring her knee. The woman was carrying a small child at the time and could not stand or walk back to her vehicle. CO Cardenas responded and provided first aid to the victim by placing a splint on her injured leg and, with the help of other first responders, carried her out to a waiting ambulance.

DISTRICT 8

CO Nick Wellman assisted Branch County Sheriff's Department, MSP, and Bronson PD with an armed robbery in the City of Bronson. CO Wellman arrived and assisted with the K9 track and search of the area. The suspect was arrested several days later.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a complaint of camper trailers with litter and debris possibly abandoned on state land in Ingham County. CO Strawn responded to the location of the complaint and found the trailers at an access site to the Dansville SGA. There were two old, dilapidated camper trailers, trash, burn barrels, and other debris strewn all over the access site. While investigating the situation CO Strawn contacted a person inside a dilapidated travel trailer. CO Strawn interviewed the man and determined he and a friend were evicted from private property nearby and moved their trailers and belongings to the state land. The men had been living on the state land for nearly two months. While inspecting the campsite, CO Strawn discovered a deer heaped up on the back of one of the trailers. The deer was not tagged. CO Strawn issued citations to the two men for failing to register their camp site and for failing to validate and attach their kill-tag to the deer.

CO Todd Thorn observed a vehicle parked in an access site at the Gale Road SGA. CO Thorn looked through the vehicle window and saw three open beer cans. The CO checked and found that no one at the registered owners address had a valid hunting license. CO Thorn located the man hunting in the game area with a muzzleloader and ran a LEIN check of the man. CO Thorn learned that the hunter had officer safety cautions and an unserved Personal Protection Order (PPO). Further investigation revealed that the hunter was a felon and disqualified from purchasing or possessing a firearm. CO Thorn seized the firearm, served the PPO, and is seeking a felon with a firearm charge through the Ingham County Prosecutor's office.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a RAP complaint of hunter harassment near Charlotte. CO Thorn went to the location and walked with the complainant to a raised blind where he sat and observed. A woman was standing on the fence line pretending to mess with a trail camera and was yelling at the CO and the hunter, saying that she had scared all the deer away and they were wasting their time hunting. CO Thorn contacted the woman and issued her a citation for hunter harassment.

CO Katie Stawara followed up on an illegal deer found at a processor during regular firearm season. The antlerless deer had been submitted with an unvalidated and expired Chronic Wasting Disease kill-tag. Upon arrival at the suspect's residence, CO Stawara located corn mixed with molasses in the backyard. An interview was conducted, and a confession obtained. A complaint warrant is being sought for taking a deer without a license and baiting in a restricted county. CO Stawara is further investigating a second deer shot by the suspect that is believed to have been harvested and a license purchased after the fact.

CO Katie Stawara investigated a baiting complaint in which the suspect had placed bait on the neighbor's property and created shooting lanes to access it. An interview was conducted, and a confession obtained. CO Stawara found the suspect shot a 3-point antlered deer the night prior using a crossbow and tagged it with his son's kill-tag. The tag was not validated. Through conversation, CO Stawara also discovered the suspect

allowed his young son to shoot a deer on public land without a license. A complaint warrant is being submitted for taking a deer over bait in a restricted county.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jacob Griffin and PCO Brandon Vacek were patrolling Oakland County when they spotted multiple subjects returning to a boat access site. The COs contacted the subjects to conduct waterfowl checks. While checking hunting licenses, PCO Vacek noticed one subject was in possession of an unsigned federal duck stamp. The COs educated the subject on the legal requirements while hunting waterfowl and enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Joseph Deppen responded to a RAP complaint of a single gun-shot heard at midnight in rural St. Clair County. Early the next morning, the COs pulled into the driveway of the address given in the complaint. A large bait pile was observed in the backyard of the residence from the driveway. The COs contacted the homeowner and asked about the bait pile. In conversation, the subject told the COs that he had shot at a coyote the night before, that was getting into his garbage. The subject walked with the COs back to look at the bait pile. CO Deppen observed a deer on the ground, in the tall weeds, 15 yards from the bait. When asked about the deer, the subject stated that he had shot at a deer a couple days prior, but did not think he hit it. The COs told the subject that now would be a good time to tell the truth since his story was not adding up. The subject admitted to shooting the deer at midnight, the night before. The subject showed the COs his hunting chair in the second story of the barn, with a window overlooking the bait. The shotgun and the spent shell were found right by the window. The COs also observed a mercury light in the yard when they exited the barn. CO Kiel took a laser rangefinder reading to the closest house and found the subject shot the deer in the safety zone. The subject had not purchased any deer hunting licenses for this year and admitted that he also had taken a doe in the archery season. A report will be submitted to the prosecutor for two illegally taken deer, safety zone, and over baiting.

COs Brad Silorey and Joe Deppen worked on contacting several new taxidermists in Macomb County. While inspecting one of the new taxidermists, COs Silorey and Deppen discovered that several deer from Ohio were being brought in. A whole deer head was also found from Ohio. The entire head was seized and will be sent to the lab for testing. The investigation is still underway.

CO Brad Silorey received information of a suspect that possibly shot a deer without a license and posted it to social media. CO Silorey conducted an investigation, interviewed the suspect at his residence, where he admitted to shooting a 7-point deer without purchasing a deer kill-tag. The suspect also admitted to hunting multiple years without ever purchasing a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen stopped an angler fishing along the shoreline. CO Deppen asked the angler if he had his fishing license and the angler said it was at home on his dresser. A license check revealed the angler had not purchased a fishing license in three years. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking hunters on the last two days of duck season, COs Joseph Deppen, Pat Hartsig, PCO Thomas Peterson, and Sgt. Todd Szyska received a complaint about waterfowl hunters shooting at ducks under power in the lower portion of Lake Huron. The COs arrived at the location and CO Hartsig, PCO Peterson, and Sgt. Szyska started checking vessels coming into the launch. CO Deppen found an observation location and started watching the waterfowl hunters in the area. Almost immediately one boat stuck out as the possible suspect. CO Deppen observed the vessel shooting at ducks under power, using their vessel to pursue and harass waterfowl, loaded weapons in a motorized boat, and the vessel did not have registration numbers on one side. With the assistance of the US Coast Guard, contact was made with the vessel. More violations arose during the contact including no waterfowl license, no federal duck stamp, obscured registration numbers, and marine safety equipment violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig and PCO Tom Peterson responded to a complaint of rabbit hunters trespassing on private property. The COs responded to the scene and found two people actively hunting rabbits in a bean field. The hunters were notified they were on private property and they stated, "there is no more good public land to hunt anymore", and they have hunted this property for years with no issues. The COs notified the property owners and enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig and PCO Tom Peterson were working the late waterfowl split on Lake St. Clair and contacted a group of four hunters. During routine checks of the hunter's equipment, they discovered an unplugged shotgun. The hunter was educated, and enforcement action was taken.

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