

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
12/4/2016 – 12/17/2016**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brett DeLonge received a phone call complaint from Sgt. Ryan Aho about a doe carcass in a truck bed parked near the Forestville Basin in Marquette County. CO DeLonge investigated the suspect's truck and located the untagged processed doe in the truck bed. CO DeLonge then followed a set of foot tracks to a tree stand and made contact with the hunter on land open to public hunting. After completing a license check, CO DeLonge observed several screw-in tree steps in the tree where the hunter was located. CO DeLonge addressed the violation and after a lengthy interview and check of the doe carcass it was determined that the hunter had hit the deer with his truck and failed to get a salvage permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Ryan Aho received information that a hunter may have shot a deer with a muzzleloader after the black powder season was closed in Marquette County. The COs located the suspect's tracks in the snow and followed them to the hunter's location. After a quick license check and interview with the hunter, it was determined that the shot was from another area and not the hunter in question. The COs also addressed the hunter's excessive bait pile and the newly emptied 50 pound corn bag at the hunter's tree stand. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeffrey Dell and CO Jeremy Sergey received a report of two snowmobilers that fell through the ice on Hayward Lake. They were able to locate and treat the victims for hypothermia at a nearby good samaritan's residence. Local fire, EMS, and sheriff's department were on scene quickly and rendered assistance.

CO Jeffrey Dell was patrolling state land when he came upon a pickup parked along a two-track. Footprints in the snow led the CO into the woods, where he could hear an electronic caller. Near the caller, two individuals were hunting in camouflage. Both hunters admitted to the CO that they had moved through the woods without wearing orange, and neither hunter had any orange with them. After returning to the truck with the pair, CO Dell noticed that there were breasted out geese in the bed. The hunters stated they had received the geese from a friend to use as bait while predator hunting.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he received a call of a dead wolf in Gogebic County. CO Sink arrived and found a dead animal as reported. After further inspection, CO Nathan Sink determined the animal was a coyote that died from natural causes.

CO Jared Ferguson was a guest on the Saturday morning radio talk show in Iron Mountain. CO Ferguson covered questions regarding the 2016 firearm deer season and the upcoming ice fishing season.

CO Jared Ferguson followed up with Wildlife Division on CWD testing that was conducted on two elk heads found dumped in Northern Dickinson County. Testing was done for CWD and the results were negative.

Following an investigation conducted by COs Brian Bacon and Jared Ferguson, a felony warrant was issued out of the Dickinson County Prosecutor's Office for the larceny of timber on state owned lands valued at approximately \$3,000.

CO Jared Ferguson was returning from a call after dark when he observed a small dog limping down the road. CO Ferguson coaxed the dog into his truck with parts of his left over lunch and found the dog to be wearing a collar with an address. CO Ferguson returned the dog to a residence approximately two miles away. The owners were very thankful for CO Ferguson's efforts in returning the dog in the sub-zero temperatures.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy attended the probable cause hearing of a subject arrested on a two count felony warrant stemming from a hunter harassment complaint on the opening day of deer season. The judge ruled there was enough probable cause to bind the case to Circuit Court.

CO Brian Lasanen worked a high use snowmobile trail in Bergland following recent snow storms. CO Lasanen observed a snowmobile blow through a trail/ road crossing without stopping for the posted stop sign. CO Lasanen was able to make contact with the snowmobiler at the next road crossing. Law enforcement action was taken for failing to stop at a highway and also for having an expired registration.

CO Doug Hermanson contacted several snowmobilers near Painesdale in Houghton County who had been doing some back-country riding. The group had customized their sleds with airbrushed paint and graphics on the cowlings but had neglected to attach registration decals and trail permits. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Michael Evink, along with US Forest Service LEO Dave Tembruell, received a complaint of a lost truck in the forest. The complaint revolves around two individuals who borrowed a truck so they could cut Christmas tree boughs. At some point they became separated from their vehicle and could not find it. All persons are safe; however, the vehicle is still lost.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink participated in the local Shop with a Cop program. The COs along with several other officers in the community were paired-up with a child in need. The officers picked up the child at their residence and brought them to a local diner where they could order any breakfast off the menu. After breakfast, the officers transported the kids to the local Shopko where they were given \$100 dollars to spend on Christmas presents for themselves and family members. After shopping the kids were transported to the local movie theater where the kids were treated to a movie

along with snacks, while the officers wrapped their presents. After the movie the kids were transported back home to their families.

CO Chris Lynch conducted a meat processor inspection and observed an antler point restriction (APR) violation. Contact with the owner of the license was made and the license owner stated he didn't shoot the deer. He stated his dad shot the deer. CO Lynch talked to the dad and a ticket was issued for borrowing a tag of another.

CO Chris Lynch received a complaint of a trespasser who went onto private property and shot a deer. CO Lynch investigated the scene and located a gut pile and other blinds on the property the trespasser was still using. CO Lynch went back to the area the next day and followed fresh tracks in the snow to the hunter. The hunter had walked passed two "no trespassing" signs onto the private property. Contact with the hunter was made. He didn't have a valid hunting license and had a suspended driver's license. The suspect had an expired license plate on his vehicle and the plate returned to a different type of vehicle than what the plate was on and had no insurance for the vehicle either. Interviewing the suspect led to a confession for trespassing and shooting a spike horn earlier in the season. The suspect was ticketed for recreational trespass and hunting without a valid license. Warrants will be sought for taking deer on property of another while trespassing, DWLS, and unlawful use of registration plate. The deer was located at a local processor and seized as evidence.

CO Chris Lynch was following up on meat processor's records and noticed a suspicious license purchase. CO Lynch contacted the hunter and the hunter confessed to shooting the 8-point buck and buying a license after he shot it. A report is being submitted to the prosecutor's office for review.

CO Pat Hartsig recently started checking ice fishermen on Little Bay De Noc. The recent cold has allowed ice to form. Near Kipling, ice is anywhere from 1-3 inches thick. Anglers who have ventured onto the ice have been rewarded with some first ice perch.

Sgt. Mike Hammill, COs Brett Gustafson and Kevin Postma, attended the bear forum in St Ignace. Attendance was good, despite inclement weather. The meeting discussed possible changes in the bear hunting rules and regulations.

CO Tom Oberg was just starting out his shift when central dispatch advised that a man fell out of his boat into the freezing cold water off of Conley Point in Chippewa County. CO Oberg responded and arrived on scene along with a border patrol agent and a sheriff's deputy. Luckily, three fishermen spotted the man struggling in the water almost a mile away and were able to make their way to him and rescue him upon arrival. EMS arrived on scene to evaluate him and he was released shortly after.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a complaint of a dead deer in someone's yard which appeared to be untagged. CO Postma arrived on scene, located the gutted deer, and made contact with the occupants of the house. It was determined that the owner of the

house shot the deer at midnight the night before, with a rifle and without a license. After dealing with wildlife violations, CO Postma then turned his attention to the fact that the deer was shot out of the window where a convicted felon resides. Also found in the room were various amounts of marijuana. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office for a multitude of criminal and wildlife offenses.

COs Kevin Postma and Calvin Smith waited for a hunter to return to camp at the end of the afternoon hunt, approximately 15 minutes after shooting hours had ended there was no sign of any hunters returning to camp. COs Postma and Smith then decided to attempt to locate the hunter who was thought to be possibly still hunting. After a roughly 1-¼ mile walk, the COs located the hunter still in his blind hunting almost 50 minutes past shooting hours. The hunter advised he was just waiting for the deer to leave; it was apparent to the COs that the hunter was taking advantage of the full moon and recent snow cover. Enforcement action was taken for hunting after hours and no kill tag in possession.

CO Jon Busken received a complaint of an individual taking a 10-point deer without a license in Mackinac County. Since the suspects live downstate, contact was made by CO Justin Ulberg. CO Ulberg made contact with the suspects and obtained a confession that the son took a deer without a license and the father loaned the son his license to tag the deer. Charges are pending.

Sgt. Mike Hammill and CO Dustin Zitnik were driving down M-28 when they noticed a vehicle in front of them operating with a broken taillight and traveling extremely slow. A traffic stop was made, upon contacting the operator of the vehicle Sgt. Hammill immediately recognized the smell of unburned and burned marijuana coming from the cab. The operator was searched, marijuana was found along with a ticket from the previous night for possession of marijuana out of Marquette County. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Chippewa County Jail.

COs Bobby Watson and Dustin Zitnik were patrolling for deer hunting activity when they observed a deer hunting camp that was occupied. The COs approached the camp to find out what kind of deer activity was being seen. CO Zitnik noticed a single set of boot prints going into the woods, with none returning. COs Watson and Zitnik waited until the hunter was able to be seen walking through the woods, returning to camp at dark. Contact was made with the hunter and it was discovered that he was hunting with a 7mm Remington Magnum rifle during the muzzleloader only season. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

Sgt. Michael Feagan, COs Andrea Erratt, Duane Budreau and Chad Baldwin attended the Emmet County Quality Deer Management scoring night event at the fairgrounds in Petoskey.

CO Chad Baldwin received a complaint from a local farmer of recreational trespass in Charlevoix County. The trespassers constructed a bridge over a creek on a private woodlot adjacent to open farmland. Along with the bridge, the trespassers also cut down a large tree and created an ORV trail through the property. CO Baldwin was able to obtain a picture taken from a trail camera on the property and after several interviews the identity of the individual was revealed. CO Baldwin was able to obtain a confession from the responsible party and the case was submitted to the prosecutor's office.

CO Chad Baldwin received a complaint about a deer carcass that was dumped on private property. When CO Baldwin located the carcass he found that whoever had dumped it failed to remove the head and antlers which still had an improper license attached which was not properly validated. The deer was a small 4-point buck which is illegal in the northwest region of state. CO Baldwin was able to track down the individual responsible for shooting and dumping the deer. CO Baldwin ascertained that the deer was taken in an area without antler point restrictions but the owner was still cited due to utilizing an improper license, failing to validate the license, and trespassing on private property.

CO Andrea Erratt and CO Andrea Albert placed a deer decoy on private property that was having issues with road hunters and people shooting onto their property. During the decoy deployment, COs witnessed a truck drive by, stop, and back up to where the decoy was placed. The operator of the vehicle shot from inside the vehicle at the decoy. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt reports the subject who she was involved with in a 23 mile 'flee and elude' case from this past summer, pled guilty in court to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated second offense and two counts of flee and elude from a police officer third degree. The subject was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 24 months of probation, and mandated to attend a treatment facility, in addition to fines and costs.

CO Andrea Albert reports a subject she dealt with earlier in the season, who was drunk with a firearm and pointed it at his neighbors, pled guilty to being in possession of a firearm while intoxicated. The firearm was condemned by the court and he was sentenced to 93 days in jail. He was also charged with probation violations.

COs Matt Theunick and Eric Bottorff investigated a complaint related to illegal vehicle access and illegal deer blinds in a remote area of the Pigeon River Country State Forest. A number of hunters from two camps were contacted in the field and a number of violations were encountered, including two hunters not wearing hunters orange clothing, illegal blinds, an over limit of deer bait and a minor hunting without proper supervision. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki followed up on a deer tagging violation in Cheboygan County from a meat processor inspection. An interview was conducted with the responsible hunter, who confessed to shooting a deer and then borrowing his mother's kill tag, which was used to tag his deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff contacted a snowmobile operator in Cheboygan County for not displaying a current trail permit. Further investigation revealed that the individual had also failed to transfer the registration after he purchased the snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Torsky granted an interview request from a local newspaper reporter in Otsego County, who was writing an article on CO duties and the sport of trapping. CO Torsky discussed trapping enforcement, trapping regulations, and took her into the field so she could see how to set traps and handle caught game.

COs Mark DePew, Nick Torsky, and Tim Rosochacki assisted with the elk hunt orientation held in Johannesburg, Michigan the day before the December elk hunt. The COs answered questions and gave the law portions of the orientation to the elk hunters and interested elk guides.

CO Kelly Ross assisted CO Mark DePew on a multiple elk kill. The 'antlerless only' hunter shot at a cow elk and thought he missed. He then shot at another cow elk and recovered that animal. Another group of hunters came by tracking a wounded bull elk and found the second dead cow. Evidence and statements supported the conclusion of the first hunter being responsible for shooting both cow elk. Enforcement action was taken. The DNR reminds hunters to always look for evidence of a successful shot before continuing to hunt.

COs Brad Bellville, Matt Theunick and Mark DePew responded to two elk mortality collar readings. Tracking collars are used by DNR's Wildlife Division that send location and movement information on collared elk. A mortality reading is transmitted on an elk that has not changed location for a certain length of time. Both elk were gunshot, and one bullet was recovered. The investigation continues.

CO Bill Webster located a female calf elk in Alpena County that became stuck in a fence and died. The elk was salvaged.

During a processor inspection in Alpena County, CO Adam LeClerc discovered a spike buck tagged with a regular combination (combo) tag. This is a violation of the antler point restrictions within DMU 487. A check of the tag revealed that the hunter lived in the Portage area. After obtaining a confession over the telephone, the deer was seized and CO LeClerc contacted CO Jeff Goss in Calhoun County to serve the hunter his citation. CO Goss was able to catch up to the suspect a week later. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Kinney located an illegal tree stand on state land in Wexford County back in mid-October. CO Kinney finally was able to make contact with the suspect on the firearm opener. The suspect had cut multiple live maple trees to clear a shooting lane

for his bait pile. The suspect had also failed to put his name and address on the tree stand and had driven off road with his pickup truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe contacted a subject sitting in a hunting blind with no visible firearm. When questioned, the individual informed CO Kehoe that he wasn't hunting and he was just watching a bait pile for a friend because they had been having problems with another hunter. CO Kehoe patted the subject down for a handgun, searched underneath the pile of clothes in the blind, but still nothing. CO Kehoe noticed a few rifle rounds on the ground inside the blind and moved his search to outside the blind where he found a rifle half buried under some leaves near the back of the blind. The subject admitted to not having a deer license and enforcement action was taken. CO Kehoe informed the hunter how much it would have cost him had he shot a deer today and the hunter was very happy with his unsuccessful hunt.

While conducting a deer processor inspection, CO Justin Vanderlinde inspected a deer that was being dropped off by a hunter. After a brief interview, the hunter admitted that he had purchased his hunting license after he had shot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling state land, CO Rebecca Hopkins and CO Justin Vanderlinde encountered two hunters that were road hunting while smoking marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinis was conducting a processor inspection in Leelanau County. While at the processor, CO Gelinis observed a deer license that was purchased on November 19th at 12:05 pm. CO Gelinis made contact with the license owner who admitted to shooting a deer without a license, then purchasing a license after the fact. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was on patrol in Lake County when he observed a pair of snowmobiles operating down the shoulder of a county road. The snowmobiles did not have any registration decals visible. CO Andrews stopped them and it was determined that one of the machines was new and the operator had proper paperwork and was waiting for his new registration to arrive by mail. The second individual admitted that he had not properly registered his snowmobile for the past two seasons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews received a complaint of an injured eagle in Lake County. Contact was made with the complainant to verify the location and obtain any additional information. The caller saw the eagle get struck by a truck as it flew over the roadway. DNR Wildlife Division and CO Andrews both responded to the area and saw the eagle fly up into a tree without exhibiting any signs of injury. CO Andrews patrolled the area over the next several days and the eagle appears to be uninjured.

While on patrol, CO Ryan Andrews and CO Josiah Killingbeck observed two snowmobiles proceeding through a stop sign without stopping or slowing down. The

COs stopped the snowmobiles and the lead operator admitted to running the stop sign because he said he didn't see it until the last minute before passing it. The second operator said he was just "following the leader" and never saw the sign. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was on patrol in Lake County when he observed two snowmobiles approaching him at a snowmobile trail intersection. Neither of the snowmobiles had trail permits displayed and a traffic stop was made on the snowmobiles. The operator of the first snowmobile was the owner of both machines and claimed he did not know that the trail permits expire annually. After a short interview with the owner, CO Andrews established that he has owned and operated snowmobiles for several years in Michigan and that he did in fact know the law. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking deer at a local processor in Lake County, CO Josiah Killingbeck located a set of 4-point antlers with a kill tag that was purchased on November 19th at 5:45 pm and the tag was notched for November 20th. Because the deer did not have three points on one side, CO Killingbeck began investigating where the deer was killed. CO Killingbeck contacted the hunter associated with the tag via the telephone and asked the hunter where he was hunting. The hunter initially said that he was in Lake County but then changed his story and said he had killed the deer "down south". After speaking with the property owner, CO Killingbeck re-contacted the hunter, only to be greeted by a man who was crying and apologizing for taking a 4-point in Lake County in violation of the antler point restrictions. The hunter also advised CO Killingbeck that he had shot the deer first and then purchased his tags afterwards. He also admitted to hunting without a license on November 15th and the subsequent days. Enforcement action was taken.

While at a local deer processor in Lake County CO Josiah Killingbeck observed an individual drive in with a deer to be processed. The man came in to speak to the processor and pulled his kill tag out of his wallet. CO Killingbeck made contact with the hunter to ask why his kill tag was not affixed to the deer. The hunter told CO Killingbeck that he had concerns about his tag blowing off the deer and admitted he normally never tags them. The hunter advised he had shot another deer several days after the firearm opener. CO Killingbeck looked at the subject's deer tag and determined that the subject's first deer was shot without a license and questioned the hunter about it. The hunter admitted that he had shot the deer without a license. CO Killingbeck followed the subject to his residence where the antlers were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck reported that a subject who had shot an antlerless deer from a vehicle on November 15th was sentenced to pay \$1,000 in restitution and has a loss of hunting privileges for three years. The subject's firearm was also condemned. A second subject who had shot an antlerless deer without a license and had affixed his restricted tag on the deer was sentenced to pay \$1,000 in restitution and also had hunting privileges suspended for three years.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Brian Brosky worked a routine snowmobile patrol in Lake County and encountered numerous citations including no trail permits, expired registrations, failure to transfer ownerships, and careless operation.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol in Lake County when he was called to assist with an individual who had been struck by a vehicle and was unresponsive. No EMS personnel were on scene yet and CO Killingbeck performed CPR on the victim who had been run over by his own vehicle when it slipped out of gear. CO Killingbeck was able to get a pulse back on the victim prior to being turned over to EMS personnel. The victim later died at a nearby hospital.

While on patrol in whiteout conditions during muzzleloader season, CO Converse encountered a slow rolling vehicle on a Manistee County secondary road. CO Converse stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation and discovered an uncased and loaded muzzleloader lying across the driver's lap. CO Converse asked the subject why he was road hunting and the subject simply responded "because it's snowing and I didn't want my powder to be wet if I saw the big buck that's running around here." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Converse responded to a complaint of a deer hanging in a tree that was believed to be illegal because it was a doe tagged with a combo license. CO Converse made contact with the property owner and asked about the deer. The hunter stated that he shot it on December 1st with his bow. CO Converse noticed that the tag had not been validated and asked the subject why he hadn't notched the tag. He replied, "I don't hunt much and didn't know you had to notch out the tag." CO Converse then pointed out that the vest the hunter was wearing was covered with successful hunter patches and indicated to him that he should have known better. He finally admitted that he knew the law, but had hoped to reuse the tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Converse made contact with a subject standing outside his vehicle in a remote part of Manistee County. CO Converse asked the subject what he was up to and he explained that he was training his dogs on bobcat. CO Converse then asked if there were any firearms in the vehicle and the subjects stated "just my pistol, but I have a CPL." CO Converse asked to see his CPL permit and while the hunter was looking for it, he could see a case for a long gun in the back seat. CO Converse asked the subject if the gun was loaded and he stated "it shouldn't be." CO Converse asked to inspect the rifle and discovered that the .22 was in fact loaded. CO Converse then asked to see the subject's hunting license and was handed a base license and a bobcat tag. CO Converse reminded the subject that bobcat hunting season wasn't open and enforcement action taken for the loaded gun.

CO Jeff Ginn received information of two subjects possibly trespassing on a large parcel of church property. The information was limited and the plate number given was incomplete. CO Ginn contacted a local confidential informant who was able to provide a name of a possible suspect. After a little research, CO Ginn located both suspects at a nearby residence loading up a sled in the bed of a pick-up. CO Ginn interviewed the

suspects separately and found their stories did not match up. CO Ginn requested CO Mike Wells to assist with keeping the men separate and completing the interviews effectively. When the COs were done with the investigation, they were able to determine one suspect had taken an antlerless deer without a license and the other suspect had attempted to take a deer with a 20 gauge during the muzzleloader season. Both suspects were convicted felons and not allowed to possess firearms. They also found neither had a valid driver license to operate a motor vehicle.

CO Brian Lebel was checking ice fishing activity when he observed two subjects pack up their gear and start heading for shore. CO Lebel was able to catch up with the subjects just as they arrived at their vehicle. One of the subjects did not have a fishing license and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was following up on a tip that an individual from Missaukee County shot and killed a 9-point buck in Osceola County without a license. Upon questioning of the individual, it was found that he did not possess a 2016 license. The deer was tagged with his girlfriend's tag that was purchased after the deer had been killed. The deer was seized and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale and CO Brian Lebel were responding to a complaint in Newaygo County about a deer being shot before shooting hours on December 14th. The complainant showed the COs where the deer had been shot, gutted, and dragged from his bean field. The COs followed the trail of blood back to a residence a quarter mile from the kill site. During the initial approach, the COs noticed a dead doe lying outside the garage without a tag attached to it. The CO attempted to make contact, but no one was home. CO Varriale and CO Lebel then secured the deer and went to the suspect's place of employment. The suspect was not at work, and the COs decided to try the house one more time. There they encountered the suspect's wife and she said the suspect was not home. CO Michael Wells came to assist CO Varriale and CO Lebel while a search warrant was sought for the garage. The search warrant revealed a doe in the round hanging from the ceiling and a half-processed doe lying on the floor. The evidence was seized and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Sam Schluckbier was working a joint snowmobile patrol with the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department when he noticed a snowmobile without a valid trail permit. While running a LEIN check on the operator, it was determined that he had an outstanding felony warrant and several misdemeanor warrants out of Genesee County. The check also revealed multiple driver license suspensions. The operator was lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

CO John Huspen assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police with an ice rescue where the victim had fallen through the ice on a small lake. Using a throw bag containing rope, CO Huspen and the emergency responders were able to extract the victim from the water. With deep snow conditions, CO Huspen

transported the victim to an awaiting ambulance. The victim is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Ben McAteer was patrolling the Mason Tract of Crawford County when he contacted a grouse hunter whose dog pointed on an injured barred owl. CO McAteer was able to recover the injured owl and it was transported to the local rehabilitation center.

COs Bobbi Lively and Casey Pullum responded to a trespass complaint in Ogemaw County. The complainant stated he stopped and questioned a hunter on his property during the morning hunt. He was able to provide the COs with information about the hunter and an antlerless deer he had shot. A license check of the hunter showed no antlerless license was purchased. CO Pullum tracked the drag marks and ORV tracks back to the address of the hunter. The COs contacted the man at his home and questioned him about the incident. He informed the COs that he shot the deer and it ran across the property line so he went and retrieved it. He also stated the deer was currently at a friend's heated garage thawing out. CO Lively informed the hunter that during the firearm and muzzleloading seasons an antlerless deer cannot be taken using a combination deer license in Ogemaw County. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen conducted a traffic stop on federal land in Ogemaw County. The driver, who was out scouting for deer, advised CO Olsen that his driver's license was suspended. A check through the dispatch center confirmed the suspension. The vehicle had empty beer cans throughout and several full cases of beer inside. The driver was arrested and lodged in Ogemaw County Jail.

COs Jonathan Warner and Brian Olsen assisted with Pre-Screening Interviews for new COs in Lansing. After seeing several "red flags" in the applicant's paperwork, the two COs decided to run a check for warrants on the individual. It was confirmed that the individual had an outstanding warrant with a statewide pick up range. The candidate was called into a separate room where he was advised of his warrant and placed in custody. He was transported and lodged in the Eaton County Jail.

CO Kyle Cherry received a RAP complaint of a badger that had been left alive in a trap for four days in Iosco County. CO Cherry located the trap and released the badger. He made contact with the trapper using the information left on the trap tag and interviewed the man. The trapper advised CO Cherry that he had been out of the area for about a week. A citation was issued for failure to check traps within 24 hours.

While patrolling state forest lands in Roscommon County, COs Mark Papineau and Chuck McPherson checked a remote camp without a camp registration card. While looking around the camp, CO Papineau observed an unzipped and empty gun case in the vehicle along with an empty crossbow case. Closer examination revealed a single set of footprints walking from the vehicle and camp into the woods. After following the footprints in the snow, COs Papineau and McPherson made contact with an individual

hunting deer with a crossbow. During the contact, the subject mentioned that he had been seeing bucks in the area that were out of range for a crossbow. After a consent search of the blind, CO McPherson located a black-powder rifle concealed inside. The hunter confessed the COs that he never expected to be checked and intended to shoot a deer with the muzzleloader; however, he tried to hide it when he saw the COs approaching. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling rural Gladwin County, CO Mark Papineau stopped a snowmobile being operated on the county road system. The snowmobile was stopped because the operator and the eleven-year-old passenger were not wearing helmets. Further investigation revealed that the snowmobile had not been registered since 2012 and the title had never been transferred. They informed CO Papineau that they just didn't want to pay the licensing fees. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood contacted a hunter during a recent patrol. The contact led back to his garage with two untagged deer hanging. The subject attempted to blame other acquaintances for the lapse in judgement. After all interviews, CO Lockwood ended up back at the original hunter's residence and informed him of the pending charges. The subject began to cry and admitted that both deer had been shot by him on a recent deer drive through the woods. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood recently noticed a vehicle parked in a remote area along a lake in Gladwin County. Further observation found a single ice fisherman out on the nearby lake. CO Lockwood was able to watch as the angler caught three Northern Pike over a period of time. It also appeared as though one of the pike was hidden in the angler's fishing gear. CO Lockwood waited until the angler packed up his fishing gear and headed off the lake before making contact. On initial contact, the angler admitted to having caught two nice pike. After a short conversation, CO Lockwood asked the angler where the third pike was located. The angler dropped his head and told him, "It's in the minnow bucket". CO Lockwood issued a citation for an over limit of Northern Pike.

CO Josh Wright assisted the Clare County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop. The driver was in possession of open intoxicants as well as being suspended. The driver was arrested for his third DWLS offense and the passenger was arrested on two outstanding felony warrants.

DISTRICT 6

CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a complaint in the Shiawassee River State Game Area of a subject who was deer hunting out of his assigned zone and possibly hunting from a dike. Upon arrival, the CO observed the hunter sitting on a DNR owned bulldozer, parked on the dike, with a muzzleloader in hand. The CO made contact and advised the hunter to get off the bulldozer. When asked what he was doing, the hunter stated, "hunting in Unit 2". The CO informed the hunter he was hunting in Unit 1, which was closed to deer hunting. The CO further informed the hunter that he could not hunt

from a dike and he certainly could not hunt from a bulldozer, which is a motor vehicle. After hearing all of the violations at hand, the suspect stated, "well, I'm just all messed up today". The subject was issued a ticket for hunting out of his area and given warnings for his other violations.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint of a suspect shooting too many bucks and posting pictures on social media. Upon contact, it was determined the juvenile was posing for pictures of deer that he and his relatives had killed. During the interview, it was revealed that the father of the suspect had acquired a free license from Meijer for the youth hunt and the son had shot a 6-point buck. The father then purchased a combo license for his son during the firearm season and while hunting the son shot a 5-point buck violating the antler point restrictions. Along with the antler point restriction, it was also a violation to purchase a single deer tag and a combo tag. Enforcement action was taken.

While returning to his residence after a snow storm, CO Quincy Gowenlock came across a vehicle which had spun out and driven off the roadway into the ditch. The CO stopped to assist and found a young female in tears who was two hours from home and didn't have money for a tow truck. CO Joe Myers arrived on scene shortly thereafter and the two COs attempted to dig the vehicle out. Unfortunately, after all the digging the vehicle wouldn't start. The driver was given a ride to MBS Airport where she was able to meet her boyfriend who had just flown home on military leave. The two were able to rent a car and the boyfriend paid for the tow truck.

CO John Byars noticed a vehicle that seemed to be broke down on the side of the road. After further investigation, the driver and passenger both had warrants for their arrest. Both gave false information to the CO and both of their driver's licenses were suspended. Both were lodged in the Gratiot County Jail.

CO John Byars observed four men walking into the woods in the Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area. The CO made contact with the men and asked what they were doing. They stated they were recovering their tree stands. The CO advised he would walk with them. One of the subjects became verbally combative while walking into the woods and asked the CO why he was walking with them. The CO advised he wanted to check their tree stands. The CO found that neither of the tree stands had the owner's name and address on them. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Joe Myers received a complaint from the Report All Poaching Hotline that an individual shot a deer without a hunting license. The COs made contact with the suspect and after a short interview, the suspect admitted to tagging the deer with his brother's tag. He also admitted to not purchasing a deer license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Will Brickel was patrolling Saginaw County when he noticed five hunters in a corn stubble field that appeared to be goose hunting. Since Canada goose season was

closed, the CO made contact. Upon contact, it was confirmed that they were indeed hunting Canada geese. Tickets for hunting geese out of season were issued.

COs Chad Foerster and Jill Miller investigated a complaint of recreational trespass with a deer taken. With the fresh snow that had recently fallen, the COs were able to track the suspect for approximately a half mile to an outbuilding where the deer was hanging. A confession was received and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jill Miller attended a Shop with a Cop event in Bay County along with other local law enforcement officers. Each officer was assigned to a child and went shopping with them.

CO Jill Miller attended the 15th Annual Project Blue Light in Bay County. Project Blue Light is a service remembering all the fallen officers in the past years. Each agency received a wreath in remembrance of the fallen officers.

While conducting a patrol through Isabella County state land, CO Mike Haas observed fresh tracks from illegal off-roading activity. A short time later, CO Haas made contact with a group of individuals who were attempting to tow a truck from a large water hole. The operator of the stuck truck was warned for creating erosive conditions and cited for operating off the designated trail.

While patrolling Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed a vehicle driving carelessly. When the vehicle was stopped, both occupants were found to be in possession of narcotics and had outstanding warrants. During the investigation, it was learned the subjects had just burglarized an area residence. Enforcement action was taken. While checking fishermen in Caseville at night, CO Robert Hobkirk checked three subjects collecting minnows. They all possessed sport fishing licenses but the amount of minnows in their possession seemed to be excessive for personal use. Three days later CO Hobkirk drove past a residence where there was a sign advertising minnows for sale and a minnow tank was in the front yard full of minnows. When contact was made with the resident, CO Hobkirk recognized him from the contact in Caseville a few days earlier. He was cited for selling minnows without a retail minnow license. He was provided with information as to how to obtain the proper licensing if he wanted to be in the minnow business

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a RAP complaint of a deer carcass dumped near a river on private property. A small portion of the license was still attached to the deer when it was dumped. With the assistance of the DNR Licensing Department they were able to figure out who had bought the license. CO Rhodea contacted the subject who said he had shot a deer and gave it away. Contact was then made with the person who received the deer who admitted to dumping it. A citation was issued and the subject was made to clean up the deer.

CO Seth Rhodea followed up on a complaint at the Port Crescent State Campground of several subjects on snowmobiles operating in a closed area. An employee from the park

was able to provide CO Rhodea with enough information to identify the subjects. Contact was made with all parties who were cited for operating in the closed area. One of the subjects was also found to have a warrant, was arrested and lodged at the Huron County Jail.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling in Tuscola County when he noticed several snowmobiles traveling on the wrong side of the road in front of him. Once the three operators were stopped, it was discovered that none of the snowmobiles had trail stickers, two snowmobiles were unregistered, and one of the operators had a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg was out patrolling after dark for deer hunting activity when he located lights in the middle of a section of property. CO Lundberg observed the lights for a lengthy period of time and realized the lights were from a group of ORVs. CO Lundberg drove around the section until he located the ORVs pull up to a garage. CO Lundberg could see a deer in the back of one of the machines and decided to go look at the area of woods where the machines were first spotted. CO Lundberg located two gut piles in the woods and returned to the garage where the ORVs were parked. CO Lundberg observed the individuals for over three hours to see what they were going to do with the deer. CO Lundberg finally made contact with the hunters who had one of the deer hanging in the garage. The deer was all washed out as they were getting ready to process it. Both deer were untagged and after further interviews with the hunters, it was determined there were other deer and tagging violations from earlier in the season that had taken place. The deer were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg was on a snowmobile patrol in a large area of state land in Midland County. CO Lundberg contacted a truck with two individuals that were out trapping bobcat. The driver originally stated they were just out driving around, until CO Lundberg stated he could see traps in the vehicle. The individual then stated they had put traps out to catch coyote but it was very obvious to the CO that they were not coyote trapping based on the method and types of gear and bait being used. CO Lundberg then began interviewing the driver who admitted they were attempting to trap bobcat. CO Lundberg informed him that bobcat season was open and it was legal to trap them still. The driver appeared to not know that he could be doing what he was intended by trapping bobcats and seemed relieved. The problem was that the trapper had 18 traps in the vehicle and only two had identification tags on them. One of which belonged to a different trapper and the individual could not inform the CO who the trap tag belonged to. A citation was issued for possession of untagged traps and a follow up is being done to make sure a trap theft had not taken place.

DISTRICT 7

CO Matt Page observed two snowmobiles without trail permits enter the roadway off the Kal-Haven trail system. A stop was made and upon contact, the subjects explained they had been riding the trails all week. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a trespass complaint on his day off. Two hunters were located that had trespassed on multiple properties in the area. Each subject was issued a ticket for recreational trespass.

COs Zach Bauer and Brad Brewer conducted a search warrant, in regards to the taking of an over limit of bucks. The subject had taken 4 bucks and had used tags from both his father and grandfather. Evidence and firearms were seized and confessions were obtained from the suspects. Warrants will be sought at the prosecutor's office when the investigation is complete.

CO Matt Page received a RAP complaint regarding a subject that was suspected of shooting a great horned owl. Further investigation led CO Page to believe that the subject had taken a red fox without a license and an antlerless deer without any deer license. In addition, information was gathered that the subject's brother had taken an 8-point buck and had purchased a tag after the fact. CO Page, with the assistance of CO Zach Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss obtained a search warrant for the subject's residence. CO Page and Sgt. Doss made initial contact at the residence, being assisted by COs Andy Bauer, Zach Bauer, Jeff Robinette, and Tyler Cole. CO Page and Sgt. Doss subsequently obtained full confessions from the brothers to all of the suspected violations. Seized were a great horned owl, red fox parts, meat, and horns of the 2 deer. Warrants for numerous wildlife violations are being sought in the case.

CO Richard Cardenas obtained a complaint that provided details of 6 possible illegal deer. CO Cardenas met with the suspect and obtained confessions along with additional evidence for 4 antlered deer. Warrants are pending.

CO Paul Higashi received a trespass/shots fired complaint from Kalamazoo County Dispatch and responded to the location. The investigation revealed footprints that led to a dead deer wrapped in a tarp on the other side of the complainant's property line. Further tracking led to where two male subjects were standing at the end of a driveway. The suspect shot a doe without a license and the animal had been taken with a shotgun during muzzle loading season. It was later determined that the suspect had his hunting privileges revoked through 2016. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Chuck Towns followed up on information that a subject had shot a 9 point buck and placed a relative's tag on it. The subject then posted pictures of the deer on his Facebook page. Upon contact, the subject confessed to the violation and the deer was located in the subject's barn. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Mike Mshar conducted a snowmobile patrol on the Allegan County Trail system. During the patrol, CO Mshar contacted numerous snowmobiles being operated without trail permits and with expired registrations. CO Mshar assisted one rider who had driven his snowmobile into a water filled ditch and another who had rolled his snowmobile coming down a large hill. During contact with a family group of 3 snowmobiles, in which all had expired registrations and no trail permits, the father and owner of the sleds stated they were not really riding, they were only testing the snow. Enforcement action was taken.

While inspecting a deer processor in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg located a spike buck that was tagged with a restricted tag. CO Ulberg contacted the individual to whom the tag belonged. After a short interview, it was apparent that the individual was not the one who shot the deer. Upon further investigation, CO Ulberg discovered that the husband had shot 2 spike bucks and only had 1 buck tag. CO Ulberg spoke to the husband and he stated that he shot the spike thinking it was a doe. Once he realized it was another buck he had his wife get a deer license to tag the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Beavers located an antlerless deer in the back of a truck in the Portland State Game Area. CO Beavers was able to see that deer was tagged, but not with the proper DMU kill tag. While checking the area, CO Beavers heard two shots. A short time later two hunters appeared from the woods carrying muzzleloaders. CO Beavers made contact with the subjects and asked about the deer in the back of the truck. One of the subjects stated he shot it in the game area and went back out to hunt again. CO Beavers asked if they had any additional luck and they said no. CO Beavers asked about the two shots heard earlier and the second subject stated that he shot a small 4 - point buck, but did not tag the deer because he thought the meat was bad from being shot previously. CO Beavers then had the subject take him to the location where they left the deer. CO Beavers saw that there was no attempt made to gut the deer and check the meat. CO Beavers did notice what appeared to be a gunshot wound near the front shoulder and also found two fresh wounds on the deer. CO Beavers asked about the second shot and the subject who shot the antlerless deer said the second wound was from his shot. CO Beavers asked the subject why he was shooting at the deer when he did not have a proper kill tag for it. The subject stated that he did not realize the restricted tag meant the deer had to have four or more antler points on one side. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Beavers located three vehicles parked along the edge of a field with a large amount of deer bait. Contact was made and one of the subjects admitted to baiting knowing that he was in a no-bait area due to CWD. He stated that he baited because he had not seen much deer activity during the small number of times he had been out. The subject was cited for baiting in a prohibited county.

CO David Rodgers received information from a Kentucky Game Warden that a subject from Grand Rapids may have traveled to Kentucky and killed up to 2 bucks without any licenses. As the Kentucky Warden was giving the suspect information, CO Rodgers recognized the subject as being a complainant a year ago, in regards to a poached deer he had found near his residence. CO Rodgers went to the suspect residence, but he was not home. His wife remembered CO Rodgers coming to their residence the previous year and was more than happy to tell him about the buck her husband had killed in Kentucky. CO Rodgers was able to call the suspect and arrange a meet while he was on the road working. CO Rodgers interviewed the suspect and he admitted to shooting 1 buck in Kentucky. He stated that he had attempted to buy a license online, while he was driving through southern Ohio, but because of his bad signal it must not

have went through. When asked why he didn't check it in as required in Kentucky he again said he had trouble with getting through. CO Rodgers confronted the subject on the fact that he didn't get confirmation and his card didn't get charged, so he was taking a deer without a license. Another buck he posed with was apparently shot by a friend who he did have photos on his phone to corroborate. All information was given to the Kentucky Warden for possible enforcement action.

PCO Scott MacNeill and CO Chris Simpson took a complaint of portable blinds left on federal property overnight. They found two blinds baited with more than two gallons each. The following day PCO MacNeill and CO Greg Patten made contact with the suspects and enforcement action was taken.

PCO Scott MacNeill and CO Greg Patten were sitting near a snowmobile trail when a subject rode down a public road and up to them on an unlicensed ORV. Further investigation revealed that the subject was ticketed for no ORV license by CO Patten a year ago and warned for roadway operation. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Andrew Monnich was checking an area in Lenawee County where a snowmobile fled from him a few days prior when he observed the same snowmobile on the road in front of him. CO Monnich initiated a stop with the snowmobile and the operator again fled across a cut cornfield. CO Monnich was able to follow the snowmobile for over 5 miles due to the fresh snow and located the machine parked in the driveway of a relative's home. CO Monnich made contact with the rider in the garage where he admitted he ran because he hadn't yet registered his machine yet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich received a complaint from a deer hunter who located a snare on his property. CO Monnich met the hunter and located the snare which was marked with identification of the trapper. CO Monnich made contact with the trapper who stated that he wasn't using snares yet. CO Monnich advised him that he was able to observe his foot prints in the snow where he had been tending the traps. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince located and stopped a subject who intentionally ran into traffic and was hit by a car in Howell Township in Livingston County. The subject had run into traffic numerous times trying to end his life after attending a sentencing hearing at the 44th Circuit Court in Howell. The subject was taken into protective custody by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department and CO Prince. The subject was uninjured in the incident.

CO Brandon Hartleben was a guest speaker for the Introduction to Criminology class at Washtenaw Community College. CO Hartleben spoke to approximately 22 students about being a Michigan CO and offered insights on the hiring process, job requirements, recommended coursework, and other tips for becoming a more competitive applicant.

CO Mike Drexler swore to a four count felony warrant on a subject for felon in possession of a firearm. In addition to felon in possession of firearm, the subject was charged with hunt deer without out a license, fail to exhibit license, use hunting license of another, and possess firearm in an area frequented by wild game without a license. In addition to the new charges, the subject was arrested on outstanding DNR warrants for almost identical charges from two years ago.

CO Mike Drexler was on patrol near the Goose Lake State Game Area when he heard a snowmobile in the distance. CO Drexler parked to update his paperwork when the snowmobile went speeding down the roadway right in front of him before turning into a cornfield. The snowmobile came by for a second pass a short while later and CO Drexler tracked the snowmobile to a local residence. The operator admitted he knew he should not have been on the roadway and that he did not have permission from the landowners for the property he was operating on. Additionally, the snowmobile was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Smither assisted the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police on a fatal car crash in Lenawee County. CO Smither helped with traffic control and to investigate the events leading up to the crash as well as assisting medical personnel.

CO Chris Reynolds participated in the Shop with a Hero Program at the Walmart located at 701 Olds St. in Jonesville. The CO shopped and got to know an area child during the event. The CO and child found several items of need for the child along with a movie.

CO Jason McCullough responded to a safety zone complaint near the Battle Creek city limits between two houses in a very narrow strip of woods. When CO McCullough arrived on scene it was 25 minutes after legal shooting hours. The complainant stated the hunter was still in the woods. CO McCullough was able to track the subject into the woodlot where he was found hunting without hunter's orange and still fully prepared to shoot a deer. After questioning the hunter, the hunter admitted to trying to shoot a deer after legal shooting hours. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough, investigating a trespassing complaint on a parcel of local wildlife sanctuary property in Calhoun County, located an individual trespassing on an ORV. The investigation revealed the operator had a suspended driver's license, was on probation for OWI, and did not have the required safety equipment or ORV registration. A citation was issued.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Hillsdale County when he observed a suspicious vehicle in the Lost Nations State Game Area. Upon attempting to make contact with the subject, the vehicle exited the parking lot. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and the subject was found to have several warrants for his arrest. When CO Woodwyk went to confront the subject about the warrants, the subject fled the scene and led the

officer on a lengthy vehicle pursuit. Multiple agencies assisted and the pursuit ended near the Michigan-Ohio border where the fugitive was taken into custody.

COs Troy Ludwig and Jason McCullough conducted a processor inspection and found a 9 point buck with tagging irregularities. The license had been purchased on the same day the deer was tagged, but was purchased after hunting hours. CO Shane Webster and CO Troy Ludwig interviewed the husband of the female hunter whose tag was on the deer. The husband admitted to shooting the deer without purchasing a license and then attaching his wife's tag. Enforcement action was taken.

While responding to a trespass complaint in Eaton County, CO Troy Ludwig observed a large bait pile on an adjacent property. A tree stand over the bait pile was unoccupied. CO Ludwig then observed two hunters in a ground blind on the property with neither wearing orange. Contact was made and one hunter scrambled to put on his orange. The hunter who put on his orange was also in possession of a shotgun during the muzzleloader firearm season. The other hunter admitted to placing the bait in a county that is closed to baiting. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a possible baiting complaint in Eaton County, CO Troy Ludwig located an area that had been shoveled clear of snow with corn spread on the ground. The location was about 40 yards from the suspect's residence. Contact was made and the suspect admitted to feeding deer in his yard. The suspect was unaware of the baiting and feeding ban in the county. Enforcement action was taken.

While off duty CO Chris Maher received a phone call from Jackson Central Dispatch about an injured grey fox stuck on the ice of the Kalamazoo River, in Jackson County. CO Maher checked into service and responded to the location. CO Maher, along with the caller, carefully removed the injured fox and transported it to a local wildlife rehabilitator.

While on patrol in Jackson County CO Chris Maher witnessed a group of snowmobilers riding through the front lawn of several different private property owners. After making contact, CO Maher found the snowmobilers did not have permission to be riding on the landowner's lawns. CO Maher also found that the snowmobiles were not properly registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster investigated the poaching of a 170 class 9 point buck. After gathering evidence, CO Webster and CO Chris Maher interviewed the suspect. He confessed to killing the buck with his 9mm pistol (carried under his CPL) while traveling to work one morning approximately an hour before legal hunting hours. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

CO Jason King assisted Shiawassee County Sheriff Deputies on a personal injury/fatal 2 car vehicle collision. He assisted with extracting one subject from her vehicle and providing medical attention until EMS arrived. CO King then conducted interviews with eye witnesses and helped maintain the scene and direct traffic.

CO Jason King attended a Shop with a Hero event at Walmart in Shiawassee County. CO King was accompanied by local police officers in the county, local firefighters, and EMS personnel. The event was a huge success.

COs Shane Webster and Chris Maher followed up on a taxidermy inspection where they suspected a subject had taken an 8 point whitetail deer without a license. The officers interviewed the subject and asked about his hunting season. The subject stated he had taken the 8 point on November 17th but had missed an even bigger buck on opening day. The COs confronted the subject about not purchasing licenses until November 17th. The subject confessed to taking the buck prior to purchasing his license. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a complaint of a deer hanging in a tree behind a residence. Upon contacting the homeowner and inspecting the deer it was found to be a spike tagged with a restricted combination kill tag. Further investigation revealed the deer was not only tagged illegally but was also shot over bait in the core CWD area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Matt Neterer and Todd Thorn responded to a complaint in the City of Lansing of an untagged deer hanging in a garage. At the residence they encountered three subjects, one of who Thorn had just ticketed three days prior for failing to wear hunter orange. The officers located the untagged antlerless deer hanging in the garage. The homeowner stated that he had no knowledge of where or when the deer was killed or how it got into his garage. A second subject, the hunter that killed the deer, stated that it was killed in the Bath, MI area. CO Thorn suspected that the deer was killed in the Dansville State Game Area, where he had previously contacted the three. CO Thorn and CO Neterer went to the game area and followed the hunter's tracks in the snow back to where they had been hunting and located a fresh gut pile. The hunter's antlerless license was not valid for the area where he killed the deer. When confronted with the evidence, the hunter gave a full confession. Charges are pending with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 9

While on patrol, COs Travis Dragomer and Justin Muehlhauser conducted several taxidermy and processor inspections throughout Genesee County. While checking one processor the COs discovered a skull and antlers with an Illinois tag on it. Illinois is a state that has tested positive for CWD and importation of deer into Michigan from Illinois is illegal. The processor claimed that they were unaware they couldn't accept deer from certain states. The COs explained the regulations of importing deer from CWD positive states and the implications of a larger CWD outbreak. The COs gathered the information of the hunter who imported the deer and followed up. The antlers and processed meat were seized and sent to Lansing for testing. Later that evening while inspecting another processor, the COs discovered three deer that were taken in Nebraska. Nebraska is also a CWD positive state. Again, the processor stated that they

didn't know that they couldn't accept the deer. The three deer were seized and sent to the lab for testing. Both cases were from guided hunts and the hunters said their guide should have mentioned something. CO Muehlhauser explained that it is not the guide's responsibility to know Michigan's laws rather it is the responsibility of the hunter. The list of states in which it is illegal to transport free-range deer from is printed in the 2016 Michigan Hunting Guide. The hunters will face charges of illegally importing deer into Michigan from CWD positive states. Only deboned meat, antlers, and antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, and upper canine teeth may be imported into Michigan. It is also lawful to import a finished taxidermist mount.

Enforcement action taken

CO Joseph Deppen was checking hunters in Macomb County when he noticed a vehicle parked on private land, well after shooting hours had ended. CO Deppen waited and the hunter finally emerged from the woods. The hunter admitted to shooting at a doe, but his muzzleloader did not fire. When asked for his license, the hunter could not find his backpack containing them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel checked an angler in a canal off of Lake St. Clair. CO Kiel stood on top of the seawall and watched the subject catch fish for a while. When the subject stood up to cut another hole, he noticed the CO and said, "You are the last person I wanted to see today." The subject admitted to CO Kiel that he was over his limit and also had a bass. CO Kiel told the subject that the bass was still in season as long as it was 14 inches. The subject just looked down and said, "Nope." After counting all of the fish in the subject's bucket, he was found to have 18 panfish, 73 yellow perch, and a nine inch largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken and reimbursement will be sought.

CO Ken Kovach has been busy with the recent snow fall, as snowmobiles have been running the roads in St Clair County. Operating snowmobiles on the road and state lands in St Clair County is illegal. One such group was contacted by CO Kovach after the CO had received a complaint from deer hunters that snowmobiles were messing up their hunt on state land. CO Kovach talked with the group, and several violations were present. Enforcement action was taken.

While in route to follow up on a complaint in Flint Township CO Justin Muehlhauser was monitoring radio traffic on Genesee County 911. Flint Township Police and Michigan State Police units were searching the area for three subjects who fled from police. As the CO approached the intersection he observed a man matching one of the suspect's descriptions run across the street and into the back door of a nearby diner. The CO notified the local units and began questioning the employees about the man who suspiciously entered the back door. One of the managers explained that there were two men hiding in the back corner of the dining room. The CO along with the local units went in and took two subjects into custody without incident. The third suspect was caught nearby.

CO Al Schwiderson has been working on an illegally taken white tail deer complaint in Lapeer County, and was able to track down the subject involved in the matter. CO Schwiderson was able to gain a confession from the subject and charges are pending.

CO David Schaumburger was conducting a deer processor inspection when he located a deer kill tag from Pennsylvania. Michigan law prohibits importing whole deer from Pennsylvania. The CO contacted the owner of the deer, and the owner confessed to bringing two deer into the processor. The hunter stated he was not aware of those restrictions and that he had been bringing in deer "for a while now". Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger, acting on an anonymous tip, was investigating an individual accused of deer hunting late after hours. After nearly 10 attempts, the CO finally located the hunter actively hunting. The CO arrived early and snuck through the woods and sat behind the subject's blind for an hour and a half. At 39 minutes after hunting hours, the CO made contact with the suspect, ordering him out of his blind. The hunter took longer than normal to exit his blind and when the CO asked what the hunter was still doing out, he replied, "I was waiting for my heater to cool off, my crossbow is not loaded." The CO confirmed that his crossbow did not have a bolt knocked or string cocked. While checking the field he was hunting, the CO located more than 2 gallons of bait and a feeder that did not disperse corn onto the ground, instead self-dispensed into a tray approximately 3 foot off the ground. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was patrolling Macomb County during one of the recent snow storms, when he observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign and lose control of his vehicle. CO Silorey activated his emergency lights and siren to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. The suspect vehicle failed to stop for approximately one quarter mile, and then was stopped by a red light. CO Silorey exited his vehicle to make contact with the subject, only to observe the vehicle begin to pull forward, CO Silorey ordered the driver to stop his vehicle. The subject then rolled down his window with a surprised look and stated that he did not see the officer behind him. CO Silorey obtained the subject's driver's license and smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle and the subject was slurring his speech. The subject had two open beer cans in the center console of the vehicle. CO Silorey had the subject exit his vehicle and conducted field sobriety tests on the individual. After not passing the field sobriety tests and blowing high on the Preliminary Breath Test, the subject was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. CO Silorey then transported the subject to the Macomb County Jail, where he refused chemical breath testing. A search warrant was then obtained by CO Silorey for a blood test. With blood search warrant in hand, CO Silorey transported the subject to the hospital for a blood draw and afterwards transported the subject back to the jail for lodging. Charges were then submitted to the Macomb County Prosecutors Office.

CO Matthew Zultak witnessed a snowmobile operating against the flow of traffic on a county road in Lapeer County. The snowmobile was creating an impediment to oncoming vehicles. CO Zultak conducted a traffic stop on the sled. CO Zultak also

found that the subject was operating without a valid trail permit as well. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

Sgt. Scott Brown assisted Michigan State Police with an incident on Belle Isle involving a car that had gone into the river. After about six hours, the vehicle was recovered and brought to shore but the search for the driver was called off.

While working on Belle Isle COs Andy Bauer and Dan Walzak received a request from MSP dispatch to assist at a personal injury crash between a car and a semi-truck. All MSP units were tied up on other crashes at the time and the driver of the car was trapped inside the vehicle. The driver was extracted from the vehicle by the time the officers arrived and the COs assisted with traffic control while the wrecker removed the vehicle from the freeway.