

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

CO Brian Lasanen responded to a personal injury accident involving a snowmobile. CO Lasanen assisted by transporting medical personal to the accident scene with the aid of his snowmobile. The operator of the snowmobile hit a bump in the trail and lost control. The driver had bailed off of the snowmobile after losing control and landed about 50 feet from the tree, which the snowmobile had struck about 8 feet off the ground. The operator of the snowmobile was transported to the local hospital for possible back and rib injuries.

CO Brian Lasanen is assisting the Ontonagon County Sheriff Department in the investigation in which an individual is charged with attempted murder, criminal sexual conduct (CSC) 1st degree and possession of a firearm while committing a felony. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Matt Eberly worked with the Houghton County Sheriff's Department on a joint snowmobile patrol for Winter Carnival around Michigan Technical University. CO Eberly reports snowmobile activity was very high, but with very few violations.

CO Ethen Mapes witnessed a snowmobiler run through a stop sign crossing a county road. CO Mapes stopped the snowmobile and asked if there was a reason for running the stop sign. The snowmobiler responded that he was operating off the marked trail and got stuck in a stream, his feet were wet and he was trying to get to the bar to get dry. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethen Mapes and Sgt. Grant Emery were working a complaint area in Ontonagon for loud snowmobiles and excessive speed. Several snowmobiles were checked with enforcement action being taken for excessive noise, expired snowmobile registrations and excessive speed.

While working the same patrol area in Ontonagon, CO Ethen Mapes and Sgt. Grant Emery responded to a snowmobile personal injury accident just down the trail about three miles. Assistance was provided to the rescue and medical teams to extract the subject from the woods. Excessive speed was the cause of the accident when the operator could not negotiate a sharp corner in the trail. The operator drove the snowmobile into a mound of dirt and was ejected over the handle bars, landing nearly 40 feet from his machine. The operator was transported to the local hospital with suspected broken bones and internal injuries.

CO Ethen Mapes spent an afternoon helping teach 6th graders snowmobile safety in the Ontonagon Schools, in which over 20 students participated. All of the students were attentive and excited to learn. The course involved a classroom portion and a practical

test. Temperatures were below 0 degrees but the students still participated and passed the practical with no accidents.

CO Ethen Mapes responded to a personal injury snowmobile accident in Rockland Township where a male reportedly broke his leg. CO Mapes was first on scene and assisted the Township Fire & Rescue team to the location of the accident. The 72 year old male victim hadn't been to the area since the early 90's when he broke his hip while snowmobiling. On this day, the elderly male suffered a compound fracture to his leg after leaving the trail and striking a tree.

While on a late night patrol, CO Brian Lasanen and CO Ethen Mapes witnessed a snowmobiler run through a stop sign at a high rate of speed. As they pursued the suspect, attempting to make a stop, they witnessed the snowmobile operator run through four more stop signs at more than 40 mph. CO Lasanen was able to get in front of the careless driver. The driver of the snowmobile admitted to driving too fast and was excited to be visiting the area. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Ethen Mapes and Sgt. Grant Emery observed five individuals operating snowmobiles without helmets. The subjects were unaware that helmets were necessary to wear in Michigan while operating a snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation officers conducted a group snowmobile/sound meter patrol in Twin Lakes area over the Presidents' Day holiday weekend. COs made just over 150 snowmobile contacts. Excessive noise (one snowmobile tested was over 100 decibels, greater than the 88dB allowed), snowmobile registration, trail permits, careless operation and no use of a snowmobile helmet were some of the violations encountered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz was checking snowmobiles at a busy intersection when a snowmobile operator blew through the stop at the intersection creating a very dangerous situation. CO Kritz was able to catch up to the subject and address the careless operation of a snowmobile.

CO Shannon Kritz, CO Adam LeClerc and CO Ethan Mapes conducted a snowmobile sound meter patrol to target noise violations reported on a new section of trail in Gogebic County. Six snowmobile operators were cited for sound meter violations. Two other operators were cited for operation on a highway and for failing to register a snowmobile.

While on patrol in Bessemer Township, CO Adam LeClerc observed snowmobile tracks clearly pass a "No Snowmobiles" sign on private property. After looking over the area with binoculars, three snowmobilers were found operating on the private property. CO LeClerc waited for the individuals to come back out to the road. When they were contacted, the private property and signs were pointed out to the trio. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc was first on scene to a snowmobile accident on Trail 100 east of Stage Coach Road in Gogebic County. The patient was alert, responsive and talking. The individual had slid on an icy corner of the trail and struck a tree with his snowmobile. The individual's head struck the same tree causing him to lose consciousness temporarily. CO LeClerc ensured the patient was comfortable, gathered information and kept the patient talking while Gogebic County Sheriff Deputies and other responders arrived with the rescue sled. The individual was handed over to EMTs and transported out on the rescue sled to Grandview Hospital for treatment.

CO Adam LeClerc was nearing the end of his shift when he observed a snowmobiler run two stop signs and enter onto a roadway without stopping. After stopping and questioning, the driver claimed he didn't see either stop sign. The driver was educated on the stop signs and the fact that he was now on a busy road and could have gotten injured. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a snowmobile accident on Stagecoach and East Shore Drive near Lake Gogebic. The patient was receiving care from medical personnel when he arrived on scene; he was alert and talking. The driver was driving north bound on Stage Coach when he attempted to brake for the stop sign. The snowmobile fishtailed and ended up rolling over multiple times finally resting in the western snowbank. The rider was transported to Grandview Hospital via the ambulance.

CO Shannon Kritz contacted a group of snowmobilers as they drove off Sunday Lake in Wakefield. The five operators did not have trail permits. The snowmobile operators had passed thru three towns in Michigan that sold permits. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz worked fishing activity on the Cisco Chain of Lakes during the free fishing weekend. One subject was contacted tending six tip-ups. He stated that three belonged to a buddy who had left to get something to eat. CO Kritz addressed the too many lines issue, as well as unattended lines when the buddy finally came back.

CO Brian Bacon served warrants on two individuals who were contacted smoking marijuana in their ice shack last week.

CO Brett DeLonge, CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Ryan Aho conducted a sound emission snowmobile patrol over the weekend. Multiple violations were encountered. Violations included fail to stop at the signal of a peace officer, fail to register snowmobile, fail to obtain trail permit, operate snowmobile without a helmet and operate snowmobile exceeding the sound emission limit of 88 decibels. Enforcement action was taken with each violation. One subject that was issued a sound emissions citation also had to post bond on an arrest warrant that held a statewide pick-up.

DISTRICT 2

Conservation officers conducted group patrols during the I-500 International Snowmobile Race weekend in Sault Ste. Marie. Over the weekend, CO Jon Busken,

CO Bobby Watson, CO Brett Gustafson, CO Jeff Panich, CO Pat Hartsig, CO Calvin Smith, CO Mark Zitnik, CO Mike Evink, CO Kevin Postma, Sgt. Mike Hammill and Lt. Skip Hagy all participated in keeping the snowmobile trails safe. Conservation officers made over 520 contacts with visitors during their snowmobile patrol efforts, the majority of which were positive interactions. During these contacts, the COs answered questions, gave directions, assisted snowmobilers whose sleds had become stuck in snow or had broken down. Over 20 citations were written for the weekend including one felony arrest. There were 57 verbal warnings and of the citations issued, nine were for snowmobile sound violations.

CO Calvin Smith patrolled Alger County on snowmobile. Several contacts were made, with many warnings given for minor violations. While on his way home, CO Smith was notified by dispatch of a snowmobile accident several miles away. The directions to the accident were vague. The location was somewhere between M-94 and Forrest Lake on Trail 8. CO Smith had a good idea of where the accident was and was first on scene. He provided first aid until EMS arrived. The snowmobiler had failed to negotiate a corner and hit a tree. CO Smith assisted the Alger County Sheriff's Department and EMS crew with transporting the victim out to the ambulance.

CO Calvin Smith was working at a busy snowmobile intersection when he observed a snowmobile without a registration or trail permit. When contacted and asked about the violations, all the operator could say was that he knew better and didn't think he would get stopped. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Evink and CO Calvin Smith were dispatched to a snowmobile accident where the involved party did not know their location. The COs were able to narrow the location and responded by snowmobile. Once on scene, the COs provided first aid to the victim and investigated the accident. The victim was transferred out by local EMTs. After the investigation, the operator was issued a citation for careless operation.

CO Robert Freeborn and CO Calvin Smith were on patrol on Munising Bay when they observed a snowmobile that did not have any registration decals visible. After contacting the snowmobiler, it was found that it was not registered. All the operator could say was that he knew he was taking a risk by driving it out on the bay. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Calvin Smith and CO Rob Freeborn noticed a fast approaching vehicle in the rear view mirror. The vehicle passed CO Smith's patrol truck in a no passing lane. A traffic stop was conducted and when contact was made, the driver of the vehicle said, "I can't believe I passed a conservation officer. That was the dumbest thing I have ever done."

CO Robert Freeborn was on patrol on Indian Lake when he came across a portable shack with a fisherman tending a tip-up. As CO Freeborn got off his snowmobile and asked the fisherman how many lines he had out, a second subject walked out of the shack a few seconds later. Both fishermen stated just the 6 tip-ups. CO Freeborn then

asked if there were any lines in the shack. The subject who exited the shack when CO Freeborn arrived said, "Nope, I don't." CO Freeborn then walked up to the shack and found a pole still fishing, along with a pole that was lying next to the hole, that had been reeled up with water still dripping off it. When asked about the poles, the subject who was still in the shack as the CO made the initial contact stated he didn't have enough time to reel up his buddy's pole, only his. Enforcement action was taken for fishing with too many lines.

CO Robert Freeborn was on snowmobile patrol checking snowmobiles at a popular intersection that crosses a plowed county road. CO Freeborn heard a group of sleds traveling at a high rate of speed towards his location. As CO Freeborn started to exit his patrol truck, the first several snowmobiles crossed through the intersection at a high rate of speed and failed to stop or even slow down for the stop sign. As CO Freeborn was walking up to the edge of the trail, the rest of the group went through the stop sign at a high rate of speed. As CO Freeborn signaled them to stop, he was nearly struck by one of the operators. CO Freeborn proceeded to the next trail crossing down the road, but was again unable to get them to stop. CO Freeborn then advised other COs in the area of the incident and proceeded to where the trail comes out at a local bar and grill parking lot. As CO Freeborn was sitting in the parking lot, CO Freeborn recognized two snowmobiles entering the parking lot from the trail. Both subjects looked at CO Freeborn and again took off, this time down a busy county highway traveling against the flow of traffic and nearly striking two vehicles head on. The lead snowmobile then crossed the road onto a golf course and took off. The second snowmobile tried the same maneuver, but struck the snowbank and rolled his snowmobile in the roadway. CO Freeborn was able to take the operator into custody. The snowmobile that took off across the golf course then came back to the scene. CO Freeborn took him into custody as well. Both subjects were charged with felony flee and elude. One of the subjects was 15 years old and was lodged at a local juvenile detention center, while the other was an adult and lodged at the county jail. Both snowmobiles were impounded as well. CO Freeborn was assisted with the arrests and transportation by CO Calvin Smith, CO Pat Hartsig and CO Mark Zitnik.

While working a multi-agency OWI patrol on Presidents' Day weekend with MSP and local sheriff's departments, CO Robert Freeborn, CO Calvin Smith and CO Michael Evink worked between Munising and Grand Marais. The COs made over 200 contacts with snowmobiles, enjoying the large amount of fresh snow that had fallen the previous days. While overall compliance was good, the COs did write four citations for the following: two registration violations and operate snowmobile with muffler exceeding 88 decibels. Also, a citation was written for careless operation of a snowmobile where a snowmobiler was traveling too fast for conditions and struck a tree head on, amazingly sustaining only minor injuries. Several snowmobilers thanked the COs for being visible throughout the day, and appreciated the concentrated effort in targeting loud and careless operating snowmobiles.

CO Pat Hartsig followed-up on processor inspections and interviewed a subject who had used a restricted tag on a 3-point buck. The subject was finally contacted after a

month of attempts and admitted she allowed her son to shoot a sub-legal buck with a restricted tag. Enforcement action was taken.

While looking through license records, CO Pat Hartsig noticed a subject who had purchased two doe tags on November 12th, then a single deer tag on the evening of opening day. The subject was contacted and interviewed regarding the deer tags. He initially stated he saw a buck come in on opening day, so he bought the license that night and shot the exact same buck on November 16th. After more questions, he admitted that he shot the buck without a tag, and then went and purchased the deer tag after the fact.

During a patrol of Escanaba Harbor, CO Pat Hartsig and CO Chris Lynch contacted numerous fishermen. During the patrol, a shack was found unoccupied with a tip-up in the water outside of it. CO Pat Hartsig flipped the flag on the tip-up and continued checking fishermen. Approximately 25 minutes later, a car drove onto the ice and a subject began reeling in the line. The fisherman was contacted about the unattended line. He stated he only left for 10 minutes to go get a new pair of boots at Wal-Mart because his feet were cold. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Chris Lynch conducted a patrol on Little Bay de Noc. Despite the subzero temperatures, several contacts were made and several violations were addressed, including fishing too many lines, unattended lines, unregistered snowmobiles, riding snowmobile with no helmet, and no name or address on shanty. Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Pat Hartsig, along with Cpl. Shannon VanPatten and Cpl. Marv Gerlach from the Great Lakes Enforcement Unit, attended a meeting of the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club. A presentation on the GLEU operations was given. There was also a question and answer session with the group. Over 50 members were in attendance.

CO Kevin Postma received a trespassing complaint involving a trapper. A surveillance camera was set up and roughly two weeks later a suspect was caught on camera checking his trap. CO Postma spoke with former District 2 CO Kyle Publiski about the complaint. CO Publiski recognized the suspect from when he worked the area and relayed his identity. CO Postma then contacted the trapper and obtained a confession. A report is being sent to the prosecutor's office for review

CO Kevin Postma was checking fishermen on Munuscong Bay. As he approached an angler sitting on a bucket, he noticed him reel up a fourth line. The angler advised CO Postma that he was just trying out a lure for just a minute. CO Postma then observed a walleye on the ice that was obviously well undersized. CO Postma questioned the angler who quickly pointed to his fishing buddy who was approaching. The second angler admitted catching the 13" walleye and advised that he thought that was the legal size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma was approaching a fishing shanty on Munuscong Bay when he noticed an individual standing outside his shanty with the door open. The door then

closed as CO Postma got closer. CO Postma quickly made contact with a second individual in the shanty that was just hanging up his rod holder. CO Postma noted the six tip-ups outside of the shanty and questioned the individual about fishing a fourth jig pole in the shanty. The angler denied the accusation and said he was just enjoying some coffee. CO Postma then observed a jig pole tucked away with water still dripping off the lure. The angler did not admit he was fishing with the fourth pole and had several explanations. What the angler couldn't explain is why he didn't have his fishing license with him and why his snowmobile registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was on snowmobile patrol when contact was made with a group of snowmobiles. Upon making contact, it was discovered that one rider had a registration which expired in 2011. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson, CO Jon Busken and Sgt. Hammill were taking part in a group snowmobile patrol when contact was made with a group of riders. One rider had failed to obtain a trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel assisted the US Forest Service as a guest instructor for an off trail snowmobile/ winter survival class. Students were taught shelter building, fire starting and how to operate a snowmobile in deep snow. The students were from several agencies, including the US Park Service, USFS and the Michigan DNR.

CO John Wenzel was instructing a snowmobile class with a group of students when they observed a snowmobiler who was operating too fast and failed to negotiate a curve in the trail. The operator left the trail and crashed into a small group of trees. One of the students, an EMT, checked the operator for injuries while others removed his sled from the trees. Enforcement action was taken for the careless operation.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling for snowmobile activity in Mackinac County when Schoolcraft County Dispatch broadcast a BOL for careless snowmobile operation. The CO was not able to locate the snowmobiles in question, but did come across an individual operating an unregistered snowmobile without a trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken and Brett Gustafson were patrolling the Newberry area for snowmobile activity when they observed two unregistered snowmobiles. Contact was made with the operators from Ohio who stated they did not know that they needed to register the snowmobiles. An overview of snowmobile law was provided and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken and CO Bobby Watson were conducting a snowmobile patrol on Big Manistique Lake when a radio call went out from Central Dispatch of a subject in cardiac arrest. The COs were the closest and responded to the residence on snowmobiles. They performed CPR on the male subject until EMS arrived. Unfortunately he did not survive.

DISTRICT 3

Sgt. Mike Feagan, CO Duane Budreau and CO Steve Speigl conducted a snowmobile sound emission patrol in Emmet County. During the patrol, the COs contacted numerous sleds, issuing one citation for excessive sound emission and took enforcement action on several other violations.

Sgt. Mike Feagan, CO Andrea Erratt, CO Steve Speigl and CO Chad Baldwin worked a group snowmobile patrol in Antrim County targeting snowmobile sound emission violations over the Presidents' Day holiday weekend. Three citations were issued for excessive sound emissions, as well as addressing numerous registration and trail sticker violations. One of which involved an individual who had purchased a trail permit for his wife's snowmobile, then made a photo copy of it and attached it to his snowmobile. In all cases, enforcement action was taken and the falsified trail permit was seized.

Sgt. Mike Feagan, CO Andrea Erratt and CO Chad Baldwin conducted a targeted snowmobile sound emission patrol in Charlevoix County over the President's Day Holiday weekend. Numerous sleds were checked with one citation being issued for excessive sound emissions and one citation for illegal placement of a snowmobile registration. One of the individuals stopped for excessive noise was found to be operating on a suspended license and had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and transported to a waiting Antrim County Deputy.

CO Steve Speigl responded to a three car personal injury accident that occurred within a mile of his location. CO Speigl was first on scene and was checking the passengers for injuries when he opened the door of the second car and discovered the rear passenger was crocheting. The woman, even though bleeding from her nose, said that crocheting was relaxing and she needed it after being involved in an accident. All passengers were treated on scene and released.

CO Duane Budreau was patrolling Paradise Lake for ice fishing activity when he encountered two subjects fishing. Upon approaching the subjects, they began to frantically start pulling fishing lines from the water. Between the two subjects, there were a total of eleven fishing lines being used. Enforcement action was taken.

While on snowmobile patrol, CO Andrea Erratt passed two snowmobiles that did not have any registration or trail permit stickers showing. CO Erratt turned around on the subjects and caught up with them a short distance down the trail. Upon making contact it was learned that the sleds were recently purchased, but neither operator had their temporary registration, nor did they have trail permits. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the East Jordan area, CO Andrea Erratt encountered numerous snowmobile violations, issuing two citations for unregistered snowmobiles and three citations for no trail permits. Shortly after issuing one of the tickets for unregistered

snowmobile, CO Erratt encountered the same individual at an illegal hill climb area in the Jordan Valley. Enforcement action was taken.

The Black Lake sturgeon season occurred the first weekend in February. Conservation officers patrolled Black Lake before, during and after the season. The season went well, with a total of seven sturgeon harvested, which was the allocated amount. Conservation officers and Fisheries personnel were able to notify all the sturgeon fishermen that the season was closed, prior to more sturgeon being taken. The fish were really on the move Saturday morning, with all seven sturgeon being taken within the first hour of the season.

CO Eric Bottorff, CO Paul Fox and CO Matt Theunick patrolled Black Lake after the sturgeon season was closed and apparently caught several fishermen off guard. Several tickets were issued for fishing with too many lines, possession of an undersized pike and snowmobile registration violations.

CO Mark DePew assisted U.P. Conservation officers with a search warrant for a cell phone regarding an investigation they have underway.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted Wildlife Management Division with elk collaring in the Pigeon River Country, where elk are netted from a helicopter and then collared by a ground crew. The tracking collars are part of a research project regarding elk movement.

CO Matt Theunick and CO Eric Bottorff assisted MSP with a dementia subject, who was possibly suicidal. The subject knows the COs well, and has had contact with the COs many times in the past as a complainant. The COs were able to discuss his situation with him and have him voluntarily receive an immediate evaluation. CO Theunick assisted the family afterwards.

CO Brad Bellville contacted two fishermen who were excited to show CO Bellville the nice 15 inch bass they had caught on another lake. CO Bellville explained that bass season was closed and issued the angler a citation of possessing the bass during the closed season.

CO Brad Bellville and CO Kelly Ross investigated a complaint of a person being in possession of wolves which were actually aggressive huskies. The dog owner was also a suspect in the dumping of animal parts on state land. CO Ross obtained a confession to the dumping of the animal parts and also located six blue jays and other protected bird species the suspect stated he intended on practicing taxidermy on. While at the residence, the COs also located two firearms. The suspect is known to be a felon and unable to possess a firearm. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Bill Webster responded to a deer feeding complaint located near a cattle farm that was recently diagnosed with bovine TB. A citation was issued for feeding deer in a closed county.

CO Paul Fox responded to a complaint of multiple untagged deer hanging in a garage of a residence. Upon contacting the homeowner, three untagged deer were discovered in the garage. The deer had been shot in the legal season but had not been processed yet. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Paul Fox was part of a group patrol on Black Lake prior to the opening of sturgeon season. CO Fox checked one angler who was in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox and CO Eric Bottorff were patrolling Black Lake after the close of sturgeon season. Multiple groups were found to be fishing with too many lines. In addition, one angler had two undersized pike. Citations were issued for the violations.

CO Paul Fox and CO Eric Bottorff were patrolling the Black Mountain area for snowmobile activity. Numerous contacts were made. Enforcement action was taken for failure to register snowmobile and warnings given for improper display of registration.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe and CO Rich Stowe conducted a question/answer session at the East Bay Calvary Fellowship Sportsmen's Banquet in Grand Traverse County. This was a two day program and the COs addressed approximately 700 people each night.

During a snowmobile patrol in Grand Traverse County, CO Sean Kehoe, CO Justin Vanderlinde and CO Rich Stowe had just finished giving directions to a snowmobiler who was parked at least 10 feet off the trail near a road intersection. While waiting for traffic to clear, another snowmobiler crossed the road towards the COs, jumped a berm and came within a foot or two of striking the snowmobiler who was parked off the trail. COs caught up to the operator and ticketed him for careless operation.

Lt. John Jurcich, Sgt. Carla Soper, Sgt. Robert Torres, CO William Haskin, CO William Kinney, CO Josiah Killingbeck, CO Rebecca Hopkins, CO Justin Vanderlinde, CO Steve Converse, CO Sam Koscinski, CO Kyle Publiski, and CO Brian Brosky all worked the North American Snow Festival in Wexford County. All the COs involved reported multiple contacts, warnings and tickets issued for fishing and snowmobile violations, and one warrant arrests for drug related charges.

CO William Haskin and CO Ethan Gainforth were patrolling Wexford County when they noticed an individual riding a three wheeler down the road with no helmet on. Contact was made and the individual did not have an ORV sticker and was also operating the ORV on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin and CO Steve Converse were patrolling Wexford County when they noticed an individual riding a snowmobile with no helmet on. Contact was made and the COs found the individual did not have a snowmobile trail sticker or current registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin and CO Steve Converse were patrolling Wexford County when they noticed a group of snowmobiles without snowmobile trail permits. Contact was made and several other violations were found. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was contacted by local law enforcement officers stating that someone had sunk their snowmobile in the canal between Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell. CO Haskin responded and found an individual at the canal with his snowmobile still in the water. The individual was soaking wet and cold. The sled was towed at the owner's expense and the operator was taken to an area laundromat to dry out clothing and equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling on Lake Mitchell conducting fishing checks. A group of people were packing up to leave and CO Haskin asked them if they had any success. They said that they had caught a few, but when CO Haskin checked the fish with a tape, his measurement found three northern pike to be under the 24 inch size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking ice fishermen on a busy lake in Mason County, CO William Kinney approached an individual to check for a fishing license. The individual made small talk with the CO and advised he was fishing with his brother who was on the other side of the lake. CO Kinney discovered that the angler did have a fishing license, but the ORV that he rode on the lake appeared to be missing the ORV license, and he was without a helmet. After further questioning, the angler advised he was unaware of the ORV registration requirement, but was aware of the helmet requirements. Enforcement action was taken. An hour later, CO Kinney was on the other side of the lake checking ice fishermen when he was approached by another individual. This person stated that his brother was checked by a CO earlier and said that he had "committed the same violations" as his brother. The CO thanked the individual for owning up to his mistakes. Due to his cooperation, he only received a citation for not wearing a helmet and gave warnings for the other violations present. The individual was very thankful.

While working a group snowmobile patrol at a busy intersection, CO William Kinney observed three snowmobiles traveling at a high rate of speed as they skidded through a posted stop sign. CO Kinney attempted to make contact with the snowmobilers who continued down the trail at a high rate of speed. After following them for several miles, CO Kinney was finally able to stop them. The CO addressed the snowmobilers with his concerns about the high rate of speeds, given the low visibility on such a busy trail system. Enforcement action was taken for careless operation and disregarding the posted stop sign.

CO William Kinney was checking ice fishermen on a popular lake in Mason County when he approached an ice fishing shanty and asked to see everyone's fishing license. The group unzipped the door and it was apparent that all the members of the group were holding fishing poles and actively fishing. One of the anglers did not have a fishing license on him and claimed he was pretty sure that he had bought a fishing license, because he was out fishing this summer. After further checking, it was found that the

individual had not purchased a fishing license in several years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking snowmobiles at a busy snowmobile intersection when he checked a snowmobile that had a registration that expired in 2014. The operator said that he was borrowing the snowmobile from a friend for the weekend who told him everything was "good to go." The operator had no paperwork for the machine and the CO was unable to get ahold of the owner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was observing snowmobile traffic at a busy trail crossing when he observed a snowmobile with an expired out-of-state registration. The snowmobiler was stopped and told the CO that he had forgotten to renew his registration and also did not have the registration paperwork for the snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was assisting in a group snowmobile patrol with CO Steve Converse, CO Sam Koscinski, CO Rebecca Hopkins, CO Justin Vanderlinde, and CO William Kinney. While monitoring a busy intersection, the COs watched three snowmobiles disregard a stop sign. The snowmobilers were travelling at a high rate of speed and several miles later were stopped. Numerous violations were addressed, including careless operation and no registrations.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Troy Mueller were checking ice fishermen on Lake Cadillac when CO Killingbeck noticed a subject with a pike lying on the ice. The angler had reset his tip-up and was preparing to go back to his shanty with the pike when CO Killingbeck checked him. CO Killingbeck asked the angler if he had measured the pike and the angler said that he forgot his tape measure. CO Killingbeck checked the pike and found it to be several inches short of the legal size limit. When CO Killingbeck asked the subject for identification, the subject stated "you don't need to check me because I know I don't have any warrants." CO Killingbeck followed protocol, ran the subject through LEIN, and found he was wanted for a felony warrant out of southern Michigan. When the CO advised the angler that he was being arrested, the man informed him that he thought he was staying out of trouble and was sure that he didn't have warrants. The angler was arrested and lodged in the Wexford County Jail with the assistance of Sgt. Robert Torres.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was walking up to a shanty to check fishing activity when an angler quickly exited and walked towards him. CO Killingbeck immediately smelled the odor of marijuana coming out of the shanty. As CO Killingbeck approached, he was able to see a bag of marijuana and a pipe in plain view. The angler became very irate upon CO Killingbeck's discovery. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking snowmobiles on Lake Cadillac when he observed an ORV going across the ice with two subjects riding double and not wearing helmets. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and discovered the last ORV registration on the machine was from 2004. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck pulled up to two subjects who were fishing on Lake Mitchell in Wexford County. The CO watched a female pull a fish up and as soon as she realized the CO was there, dropped her fishing rod and said that her partner had caught the fish. CO Killingbeck advised that he had been watching her the entire time. The female soon admitted that she was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department on a snowmobile crash where the operator had failed to negotiate a curve. CO Killingbeck administered first aid to the patient, who sustained serious injuries, and was ultimately transported to the hospital.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was sitting on the roadway near a snowmobile crossing when he observed a snowmobile disregard a stop sign at a high rate of speed. The operator slowed down after seeing CO Killingbeck sitting at the intersection and appeared to be stopping. However after CO Killingbeck activated his emergency lights, the subject fled. As CO Killingbeck was pulling up to the trail, another snowmobiler nearly broadsided CO Killingbeck, as he also ran the stop sign. CO Killingbeck was able to stop the second snowmobiler, who was cooperative, and he gave identification of the snowmobile operator who had fled. CO Killingbeck tracked down the subject who had fled the area and found him at this residence. The subject initially refused to come to the door, but eventually answered. CO Killingbeck discovered the snowmobile was not registered and that decals from another snowmobile were taped to it, along with a used trail permit. Several citations were issued and CO Killingbeck is requesting a warrant through the Lake County Prosecutor's Office for flee and elude.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski witnessed three snowmobiles that ran through a stop sign on the Mason County trails. The snowmobiles continued down the trail operating carelessly by cutting corners and on the opposite side against the flow of traffic. When the COs finally got the operators stopped, they found one had an expired registration and two had faulty tail lamps. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski continued to receive trespass complaints from Mason County landowners. The COs stopped two young operators who were driving in a posted hay field. Upon contacting them, CO Brosky realized that the 12 year old was the same juvenile who had been operating there a few weeks prior. Instead of being accompanied by his father, he was with a 16 year old who also didn't have a snowmobile safety certificate. CO Brosky escorted the youths back to the father, who knew they were out riding unsupervised, and gave him his second ticket within a month.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski followed a group of four snowmobiles who were operating carelessly on a county road in Mason County. The COs paced the snowmobiles at speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour, driving down the center of the roadway. When the COs finally caught up to the operators and stopped them, they found multiple violations that included no trail permit, failing to transfer title, no headlamp, and careless operation.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a vehicle rollover in Mason County. It was determined that the driver had become blinded by snow dust and braked hard, causing her to hit a snowbank and roll. The driver was uninjured and CO Publiski allowed her to sit in his vehicle until additional help could respond.

CO Steve Converse was working a patrol near the Cadillac Snow Festival when he observed a group of sleds disregarding a stop sign. CO Converse stopped the individuals and noticed that one snowmobiler was displaying two different registrations on his machine. The registration stickers were the same year, but the numbers were not similar. CO Converse ran both registrations and neither matched up to the sled being driven. After further investigation, CO Converse was able to ascertain the owner scraps snowmobiles and also rebuilds them. He had found two unexpired stickers off other sleds to apply to his snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth was patrolling the White Pine Trail when he saw three snowmobiles pull up to an intersection. CO Gainforth noticed that one of the snowmobiles had an expired registration and failed to display a trail permit. Contact was made with the operator and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth was on patrol with CO Joshua Wright checking ice fishermen on Lake Cadillac. During one check, it was determined that two out of four anglers did not possess fishing licenses and also did not have helmets for their ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth and CO Craig Neal were on patrol checking ice fishermen on Sunrise Lake when they noticed three tip-ups out without anyone around watching them. CO Gainforth triggered one of the tip-ups and proceeded to wait a half hour for someone to check the tip-up. After no response to the tip-up flag, CO Gainforth and CO Craig Neal made contact with the cabin occupants. The anglers responded that they were watching a movie and fell asleep because their wood stove was so warm. CO Gainforth told the anglers that they need to watch their tip-ups closer and come to check them when a flag is triggered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was inspecting a Newaygo County deer processor when he observed two entries in the processor's records indicating that the same subject had dropped off two deer. The license numbers on the kill tags did not belong to the subject that had dropped the deer off. CO Wells interviewed the two kill tag owners which revealed that the subject that had dropped the deer off had taken both deer and used their kill tags on the deer. The main suspect lives in Ohio. CO Wells made contact with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources requesting that an Ohio Conservation Officer make contact and interview the suspect regarding the two deer. Ohio Conservation officers met with the subject and obtained an admission from the suspect that he had shot a 6-point buck and used his cousin's kill tag on that deer. Also, later in the season the suspect shot an antlerless deer and used his nephew's antlerless permit on that deer. Warrants were requested and issued regarding the unlawful possession of deer and using kill tag of another.

CO Mike Wells received information from an Oceana County landlord that one of his renters had moved out of his rental house leaving it a mess and that several deer were located in an outbuilding without kill tags on them. A search warrant was obtained and executed with Acting Sgt. Ben Shively. Upon searching the outbuilding, two antlerless deer were found hanging from the rafters. The two deer had been field dressed and still in the round. Both deer had been hanging for quite some time due to the fact that very little to no meat was present on either deer. More deer parts were located on the floor of the outbuilding and by the time the COs put all of the parts together, it was determined that three more deer were involved, with a total of five deer located. No kill tags were located with the deer. The renter of the property has been identified and the investigation is still underway.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mark Papineau and CO Phil Hudson were patrolling snowmobile trails in Roscommon County when they observed an individual in a group of snowmobilers completely disregard a stop sign at a busy intersection. The COs immediately activated their emergency equipment and were quickly able to stop the snowmobile operator. Upon contact, the subject advised the COs that he believed that he was being waved thru the intersection by his fellow riders. As it turned out, the hand signals given by his buddies were actually an attempt to alert him to a law enforcement presence. The subject was cited for careless operation of a snowmobile.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation regarding a 4-point buck that was reportedly shot during the firearm deer season without a license. CO Papineau was tipped off to the illegal deer during an unrelated case in which a subject was bragging about shooting a buck. After an inquiry into license purchase history, CO Papineau discovered that the subject did not purchase a hunting license until nine days after he reportedly shot the buck. An interview was performed, and despite the subject's initial attempts at denying the incident, he later fully confessed. Warrants are being sought for taking a deer without a license.

CO Steve Lockwood was accompanied by Sgt. Jon Wood on a recent fish enforcement patrol in rural Gladwin County. Upon contact with a large group of anglers, CO Lockwood recognized several members of the group. It seems the CO had contacted them the day before out on the ice with unlicensed ORVs. CO Lockwood had given verbal warnings and advised them to license the ORVs before bringing them back out on the public lake. This time, none of the subjects had a good reason for not having their ORV stickers, with one even saying, "I know I have some medicine to take, I have it coming." Citations were issued.

CO Steve Lockwood checked a fisherman in a shanty on Wixom Lake recently that was fishing without a license. As the story goes, the angler believed that it was free fishing weekend, even though the weekend had not arrived yet. If that mistake was not enough, further investigation revealed the angler was over his legal limit of pan fish by several

fish. A quick attempt to blame other anglers in the area for giving him fish did not work when all the anglers refuted the allegations. In the end, enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation regarding a subject that reportedly shot two antlerless deer without a license in Arenac County. CO Papineau was lead to the suspect after discovering evidence during an unrelated investigation. After an inquiry into license purchase records, CO Papineau discovered that the subject failed to purchase any hunting license for the 2015 deer seasons. A search warrant was acquired which revealed numerous additional violations. An interview was conducted and despite initial denials, the subject confessed to the two illegal deer along with hunting over approximately 100 pounds of bait. Additionally, the subject is currently on probation for aggravated stalking, and under court order, should not be in possession of a firearm. Numerous arrest warrants are being sought.

CO Phil Hudson was able to relay some information that led to the arrest of a subject for fishing violations. A confidential informant relayed information to CO Hudson about an over-limit case that was occurring in neighboring Iosco County. CO Josh Russell was able to respond and apprehend the violator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin responded to a wetland near the shore of Saginaw Bay. It seems two small vehicles had ventured out in the hazardous ice conditions and had broken through the ice. The water was shallow and both vehicles began tearing up the fragile bottomland in an ill-advised attempt to get unstuck. Further investigation revealed registration and insurance violations. Enforcement action was taken for operating their vehicles in a wetland.

While checking anglers on Alcona Pond, CO Casey Pullum noticed the smell of marijuana. Since there was only one ice shanty on the lake, it was pretty obvious where the smell was coming from. As CO Pullum approached the shanty, a tip-up flag went off and one subject exited the shanty leaving the door open. When CO Pullum reached the shanty to speak to the other angler, the smell of marijuana was very strong. After getting both subjects out of the shanty, it was determined they both had too many fishing lines in the water and one was in possession of marijuana. The subject in possession of marijuana was lodged at the Alcona County Jail. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violations.

While on snowmobile patrol in Ogemaw County, CO Kyle Bader noticed a snowmobile pass him with an expired registration and no trail permit. He turned around, activated his emergency lights, and was able to catch up to the other operator at the next intersection. When the male subject turned around and noticed CO Bader's emergency lights, he initially ignored them and tried to continue on the trail. CO Bader was able to move in front of the snowmobile and conduct a stop. The operator was unable to provide any identification, but CO Bader confirmed his identity through central dispatch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell received information from CO Phil Hudson regarding an Iosco County resident who was keeping too many pan fish while fishing the Au Sable River. CO Russell patrolled the area where the subject was known to fish. He eventually made contact with the subject and asked how the fishing was. The subject stated "good" and that he had just below his limit. After counting the fish, it was determined the subject was well over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell, CO Phil Hudson, CO Jonathan Warner, CO Bobbi Lively, CO Kyle Bader and Sgt. Brandon Kieft, along with assistance from the US Forest Service Law Enforcement, conducted a fishing enforcement patrol on a portion of the Au Sable River in Iosco County. Local officers had been receiving a number of complaints regarding anglers taking over limits, possessing undersize fish, and harassing other anglers. Three citations were issued for various conservation violations and several other warnings were given.

CO Bobbi Lively, CO Jonathan Warner, CO Warren MacNeill, CO Kyle Bader, CO Brian Olsen, CO Nick Atkin, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft conducted a snowmobile sound meter patrol on the trails in Oscoda County. The COs contacted a number of snowmobile operators and tested several machines for excessive sound. One snowmobile exceeded the 88 decibel limit allowed by law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn made a traffic stop on a vehicle for careless operation. The occupants gave CO Hearn information that a snowmobiler had been operating up and down the road at a high rate of speed without a helmet throughout the day. CO Hearn stayed in the area, and after a short time was able to locate the suspect snowmobiler operating upon the road without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier was checking Manistee Lake for ice anglers early one morning, when he observed three shanties surrounded by a dozen tip-ups. CO Schluckbier watched from shore as two individuals continued to look around nervously as they checked their tip-ups. After making contact and checking each shanty, it was discovered that the group was fishing with too many lines. One individual took responsibility as he stated that he was the one who continued to place tip-ups while the others fished. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting ice fishing checks on foot, CO Sam Schluckbier came across a shanty with four northern pike lying in the snow and only two anglers inside. The anglers stated they were having a good day jigging for pike and were looking to get more. CO Schluckbier inquired about the length of each northern pike, in which they replied, "24 inches." After measuring each fish, it was discovered that two of the pike were well undersize. CO Schluckbier confiscated the illegal fish and educated the two on northern pike size restrictions and bag limits. Enforcement action was taken.

While on snowmobile patrol in Kalkaska County, CO Sam Schluckbier made a stop on a group of snowmobilers. One of the individuals did not have a valid registration. The

individual stated that he assumed no Conservation officers would be working on Super Bowl Sunday, so he didn't expect to be stopped. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier was invited to make an appearance at an annual fishing tournament on Free Fishing Weekend. CO Schluckbier made contact with dozens of participants enjoying the day and tournament events. Most participants were well aware of the rules and regulations required to fish and/or operate snowmobiles on a frozen lake. Multiple verbal warnings were given, along with a few citations for operating without a safety helmet, failure to register snowmobile and careless operation of an ORV. The event organizers were thankful for keeping everyone compliant and making a positive appearance with the majority of participants.

CO Craig Neal and CO Chuck McPherson located an angler fishing on Higgins Lake. Through their binoculars they could see two tip-ups and a jig pole lying on the ice near a single person shanty. CO Neal made contact with the subject who was using another jig rod inside the shanty. The angler explained he had watched a video of guys fishing in Canada using four lines so that's what he was doing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen received a complaint of a subject burning a pile of illegal materials. CO Bowen responded and found the subject deconstructing a small structure on the property and burning the solid waste. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Bowen assisted Denton Township Police Department with a complaint of ice shanties being broken into. Denton Township PD was able to locate the subjects on the ice. CO Bowen responded and found the subjects in possession of an undersized walleye, not having fishing licenses, as well as several ORV violations. Enforcement action was taken for the violations, as well as the subjects were lodged and the stolen gear returned to their owners.

CO Chris Bowen and CO Chuck McPherson responded to a rollover accident on 127 north of Houghton Lake. The female driver had rolled five times and the vehicle was on the side in a swamp. The female driver was standing up in the vehicle. CO Bowen and CO McPherson were able to get the female driver out of the vehicle through the back hatch. She was checked by emergency personnel and released.

CO Chuck McPherson was patrolling state land and found a vehicle parked. CO McPherson made contact with a subject. Upon further investigation, CO McPherson found where the subject had set numerous traps that had no identification tags and an illegal snare on public land. The subject admitted that he was targeting bobcats during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

CO Chad Foerster was working the Saginaw Bay shoreline when he came into contact with an angler coming off the ice with his young son who was riding on top of the ice

shanty mounted from the receiver hitch. Neither was wearing a helmet and the ORV did not have an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster responded to a complaint that he had heard go out over the local dispatch radio of a snowmobile that was operating in the Bay City Park on the toboggan hill. The CO arrived on scene and located the snowmobile riding in the area and also on the right-of-way of a state highway up against the guard rail. The operator did stop for CO Foerster. Enforcement action was taken along with an education.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson was called to locate an ORV operator who passed a school bus on the right with its flashers activated, along with several other violations. The CO found the ORV and made contact with the young individual at a friend's house. CO Robinson explained the seriousness of his actions and the possible consequences that he could face. Several warnings were given, along with two citations for operating an unlicensed ORV and operating with no helmet.

CO Dan Robinson and CO Mike Haas have investigated and issued citations for several litter piles located on state land in Isabella County. CO Robinson closed a case involving a large pile of household trash on the state land where the individual was allowing another person to dispose of his trash. The owner of the trash was found responsible and ordered to clean up the pile or additional fines would be assessed, including cleanup expenses.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson witnessed an accident occur in the city of Mt. Pleasant. The CO notified dispatch, checked the occupants of the vehicles for injuries and managed traffic at the busy intersection until the city officers arrived.

CO Jill Berry and MSP took a call where a subject set fire to his barn. The suspect advised them that the barn was old and he just did not want it anymore. The owner was issued a ticket for the illegal disposal of solid waste.

While checking anglers involved in a fishing tournament on Lake Isabella, CO Jill Berry asked two anglers for their fishing licenses. Both anglers told the CO that they had a license. One of the anglers showed the CO his license. The other angler said he could not find it and he must have left it at his residence, but assured the CO that he did in fact have one. The CO checked through RSS and found that he, in fact, did not have a fishing license. The angler told CO Berry that he must have been thinking about last year. A ticket was issued.

CO Ken Lowell has issued a number of over-limit tickets for anglers taking too many bluegills on Big Whitefish Lake.

CO Ken Lowell made contact with a subject who built his dog kennel on state land over a year ago. The CO advised the subject that the property was on state land and it had to be removed. CO Lowell gave the subject plenty of time to have the kennel removed, but he still refused. A ticket was issued and further enforcement action is pending.

CO Robert Hobkirk was checking fishermen at the Sumac Island access when a subject came into the access site on his ORV. The ORV operator was not wearing a helmet. When contacted and asked about not wearing a helmet, the operator told the CO that he had heard that the helmet law was not enforced in this area. CO Hobkirk advised him that he had been misinformed and cited him for failing to wear a helmet. Also, while continuing to contact fishermen, another individual came in on his ORV. This operator was not wearing a helmet and had not attached his ORV license to his ORV. This operator was also cited for failing to wear a helmet.

CO Mike Haas, CO Chad Foerster, CO Seth Rhodea, CO Josh Wright and CO Robert Hobkirk conducted a group snowmobile patrol on the trails in Sanilac County. Due to the extreme wind chills, only a few snowmobilers were contacted. The COs cited subjects for unregistered snowmobiles and no trail permits. Two warnings were given for failing to transfer registration within 15 days.

CO Jason A. Smith was able to contact a youngster who improperly disposed of his deer from last fall. Within 24 hours, the deer was removed along with other unrelated trash that was left in the area.

CO Mark Siemen stopped a three wheeler in the city of Sandusky. During the stop, the operator's driver license was run through Central Dispatch. The operator came back with a suspended driver's license in Michigan. Further investigation during the stop showed that the three wheeler was not titled and did not have an ORV sticker. Enforcement action was taken by CO Siemen.

While on patrol, during a bad snow squall, CO Mark Siemen came across a semi-tractor and trailer that was rolled onto its' side blocking Forester Road. CO Siemen assisted the driver of the truck by contacting a tow company and the Sanilac Sheriff's Office. CO Siemen remained on scene and assisted with traffic until the truck was removed.

DISTRICT 7

CO BJ Goulette made contact with a subject who had a confession to make. The subject proceeded to tell CO Goulette of an antlered deer he had taken two days before the firearm season opener in 1997. The subject reported that a group of does ran across the road followed by an antlered deer. The subject stated that he needed to come clean to clear his conscience and was ready for any punishment necessary. CO Goulette discussed the significance of following the rules and came to the decision that a warning would suffice. The subject agreed to donate the shoulder mount of the deer to a local nature center or school classroom.

CO BJ Goulette made contact with two anglers as they were leaving a local inland lake in Ottawa County. The subjects were from Illinois and were adamant that the CO needed to check their fishing licenses since they were from out of state. CO Goulette informed them that they didn't need licenses since it was free fishing weekend. The two

individuals were quite upset with not having realized this before spending money for out-of-state licenses.

While on patrol, CO Greg Patten observed a subject drilling holes and setting tip-ups on Wolf Lake. CO Patten returned later and made contact with the subject who had no fishing license. He also failed to put his name/address on his tip-ups. Further investigation revealed a felony warrant for dangerous drugs out of Detroit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten was contacted by Hoffmaster State Park about a subject who failed to obtain a Recreational Passport after receiving a violation notice in December and two follow-up letters. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten stopped a snowmobile for not displaying a registration. The sled was unregistered and had no trail permit. The driver had a non-extradite warrant out of Nebraska for DUI. His driver's license was suspended in Nebraska and Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten made contact with two snowmobiles on the Berry Junction Trail driven by a husband and wife. Neither had trail permits. The husband said that they just don't use them that much. Enforcement action was taken.

While working in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg responded to a complaint of two subjects fishing with more than three lines per angler. Upon arrival, CO Ulberg was able to observe the anglers from shore and counted seven tip-ups. Each angler was also fishing with two poles. The anglers claimed that they didn't think tip-ups counted towards their three line limit. CO Ulberg educated the anglers on the law and took enforcement action to address the violation.

CO Justin Ulberg checked two anglers after dark on a lake in Kent County. While contacting the anglers in their shanty, CO Ulberg noticed the smell of marijuana. CO Ulberg questioned the anglers about the illegal substance and the anglers produced a small amount of marijuana. CO Ulberg also observed four lines being used and only one of the subjects had a fishing license. After a brief conversation, one of the anglers claimed he was fishing with the extra line and the other angler, without the license, had not been fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking ice anglers in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg noticed nine tip-ups set, with no anglers in the nearby vicinity. CO Ulberg checked the tip-ups and none of them had the required name/address labeled. After a brief conversation with one of the anglers on the ice, CO Ulberg gathered information that the tip-ups were set by two individuals who were at a house on the lake. CO Ulberg contacted subjects at the house and only one individual could produce a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Flat River SGA, CO Cary Foster passed a truck with a bed full of cut wood. The truck was occupied by two male subjects, who admitted to cutting the wood

off state land. CO Foster followed the subjects to the area where the wood had been cut and confirmed it was on state land. The subjects stated they had just gotten a new chainsaw with tax returns and wanted to try it out. They also advised they were going to sell the wood to friends who burn it. The wood was confiscated and a citation was issued for cutting and removing trees from a state game area.

While patrolling the Lowell State Game Area, CO Cary Foster observed two ORVs operating at a high rate of speed down the center of Montcalm Avenue. CO Foster attempted to catch up to the ORVs, but lost sight of them. A short time later, CO Foster observed them stopped on a closed forest trail behind a gate. The subjects observed the CO and one subject fled. The second subject attempted to flee, however his ORV would not restart. CO Foster exited his patrol truck and ran to the subject on foot. He was able to get to the second subject before he was able to start his machine. The first subject who had fled returned when he observed CO Foster apprehend the second subject, who was his younger brother. The ORVs were not registered, along with operating in closed areas and upon the roadway. Citations were issued.

CO Cary Foster received a RAP complaint regarding subjects spearing on Murray Lake, which is closed to spearing. CO Foster located the subjects and asked how their luck was. They advised they had speared a 47 inch musky earlier in the day and then released it. CO Foster advised the subjects that Murray Lake was closed to spearing and citations were issued.

CO Cary Foster observed two young males sitting in a vehicle in a local state game area parking lot. The subjects began scrambling in the vehicle as if they were hiding something. Upon making contact, the CO observed the odor of burning marijuana. The subjects stated they were just "vaping." CO Foster didn't buy the story and asked again for the dope. The subjects then produced a small jar containing marijuana. Further investigation revealed a soda can and bong they had used for smoking the marijuana. Due to the subjects' young age, they were turned over to their parents for discipline.

DISTRICT 8

CO Richard Nickols was contacted by Clinton County Central Dispatch about an injured hawk at a local supermarket. CO Nickols responded and found that the bird had been captured by store personnel. CO Nickols took the hawk to a local rehabilitator. It appeared the bird may have just flown into a window and was stunned. A few hours later, CO Nickols received another call about another injured hawk. CO Nickols responded and captured the bird, and again dropped it off at the rehabilitator. Both hawks were young Cooper's Hawks.

CO Richard Nickols received a call of larceny of traps from Clinton County Central Dispatch. CO Nickols met the complainant and took the report. After taking the report, CO Nickols found he had received a RAP complaint the prior day from a rabbit hunter who had located some traps on state land, and was concerned for his dog's safety. CO Nickols spoke with the hunter who admitted to removing the traps and taking them. CO

Nickols took the traps and returned them to the trapper. Verbal warnings were given for removing the traps. Also, the trapper was given a warning as the tags on his traps had become illegible.

CO Richard Nickols received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint from a subject that found a deer head in his back yard with a tag attached. CO Nickols recovered the deer head and found it belonged to a subject a few houses down the street. CO Nickols interviewed the homeowner and found the deer had been legally taken, but the head was left in the back yard where it was dragged off by an animal. The head was returned to the owner.

CO Richard Nickols swore to a two-count warrant from an incident that occurred last summer. A group of bow-fishing anglers were confronted on a lake by a subject who was upset about the activity and brandished a handgun. Charges were authorized for angler harassment and brandishing a firearm.

CO Larn Strawn attended two public meetings at Lansing Community College. The public meetings were held by the Department of Environmental Quality and provided detailed information about the Waukesha Wisconsin Great Lakes Water Diversion Application. CO Strawn provided DNR LED representation, security and a uniformed presence at the meeting. CO Strawn was assisted by CO Christopher Maher and CO Matthew Neterer.

CO Larn Strawn conducted a patrol of Sleepy Hollow State Park. While patrolling Sleepy Hollow, he observed several small game hunters enter a wooded area. CO Strawn noticed several of the hunters were not wearing hunter orange clothing. CO Strawn tracked down the hunters and contacted them, pointing out the hunter orange violations. While discussing the requirement, a member of the group said he did not think hunter orange was necessary because they were not shooting at game. They were just letting the dogs run rabbits. CO Strawn explained that chasing the rabbits with dogs meets the statutory definition of take, and therefore the hunters are required to wear orange. The group agreed to return to their vehicles to recover their orange vests before continuing the hunt.

While checking Milliken State Park, CO Matthew Neterer and CO Larn Strawn noticed a newer Chevrolet pickup truck parked along the street. CO Neterer thought that it was suspicious that the vehicle was parked in that location, at that time of the morning. After running the license plate, CO Neterer discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The vehicle was turned over to the Detroit Police Stolen Vehicle Recovery Unit.

While in route to check ice fishermen on Lake Lansing, CO Matthew Neterer observed a vehicle pass him at a high rate of speed. CO Neterer followed the driver and observed several other traffic violations. After running the plate, CO Neterer discovered that the driver had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. Upon stopping the vehicle and making contact, the subject was arrested and lodged in the Ingham County Jail.

CO Matthew Neterer was out checking ice fishermen on Lake Lansing when he noticed two colony traps set near the shore targeting muskrats. The traps were set illegally as they were not fully submerged under water. After running the license number on the traps, CO Neterer determined that the owner of the traps did not possess a valid fur harvester permit. CO Neterer contacted the subject and discovered that he was trapping under a valid nuisance permit. CO Neterer warned the subject about the law requiring colony traps to be set fully submerged under water.

CO Matthew Neterer assisted the Eaton County Sheriff's Department apprehend two armed subjects that led deputies on a vehicle pursuit approximately a half mile through a cut corn field. The suspects were wanted for a shots-fired incident that had occurred a few minutes prior to the chase. The suspects crashed their car into a wooded fence row and fled on foot towards a large wooded area. The muddy conditions made it difficult for responding units to reach the location. Upon searching the vehicle, officers located drug paraphilia, ammunition and breaking & entering tools. The Ingham County Sheriff K9 was called into assist and tracked the suspects who were hiding in a nearby woodlot. CO Neterer assisted with taking the suspects into custody.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a complaint submitted by a child protective custody case manager. The complaint stated that a CPS worker had discovered a house with approximately 5-6 captive squirrels living inside. The owner of the house was not a licensed rehabilitator and the squirrels were not in proper cages within the residence. CO Neterer responded to the residence and asked the suspect to turn the animals over so that they could be properly cared for by a licensed rehabilitator. The subject refused to cooperate at first. However, after it was explained to the suspect the he could spend the night in jail and be charged several hundred dollars in fines; he decided it would be best to turn the animals over to the authorities. The squirrels were transported to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator without incident.

CO Matthew Neterer and CO Christopher Maher attended a law enforcement career fair at the Michigan State University Kellogg Center in Lansing. Approximately 80 law enforcement agencies, from all over the country, gathered to recruit MSU criminal justice students. CO Neterer and CO Maher fielded many questions from potential CO candidates about the hiring process and day-to-day job duties.

CO Christopher Maher received a complaint of littering on state land. After investigation and speaking with the suspect, it was determined the trash was intentionally dumped on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason King responded to a complaint of a subject burying construction material on his property. After investigating the property, CO King and CO Robert Slick discovered the material buried next to a private community lake. Enforcement action was taken and DEQ was notified.

CO Jason King responded to a trespassing complaint on private property. Upon arrival, CO King made contact with the subject in his red S10 pickup. The subject stated that he

had received permission from the landowner over a year ago. CO King contacted the landowner who stated she had forgotten that she did grant the man permission. CO King instructed the subject to contact the landowner in the future before entering the property.

CO Jason King was checking ice fishermen on Byron Mill Pond, near the village of Byron in Shiawassee County. After making contact with one fisherman that appeared to be doing well, CO King discovered that he was six pan fish over the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick received a complaint of deer carcasses located on a property that an individual was buying from the bank. CO Slick responded to the complaint and located three deer carcasses on the property. Two were processed from the previous season without tags and the third was a yearling that was located in the woods in the back of the property. CO Slick took photographs of all of the evidence and is investigating.

CO Robert Slick assisted the Michigan State Police and local sheriff's department who were trying to locate a suspect that had fled from a house. CO Slick tracked the suspect through fields and woods in the area for many miles. The suspect was apprehended by Michigan State Police roughly three miles from the original call.

CO Chris Reynolds interviewed a subject that had a set of antlers at a local taxidermist from the 2015 deer season. The subject had no RSS history for the 2015 deer season. During the interview, the subject said that he had thrown the deer tag away since he had the deer processed, and the antlers were at a taxidermist. The subject was still in possession of his base license. CO Reynolds ran the numbers on the base license which came up with no information other than date of birth and driver license number. It was found that the driver's license number had been entered into RSS with the incorrect letter. It appeared that when he had bought his license, the clerk entered his license manually and made an error when entering the letter from the hunter's driver's license. The subject said he was happy that we are out checking up on hunters, even after the season.

CO Chris Reynolds received information about some individuals shooting geese after legal hunting hours. CO Reynolds quickly responded to the area and found a group of hunters still sitting on a pond, well after hunting hours. The CO watched the group for a short time and made contact with the group. Several violations were observed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds noticed an ice fisherman who was packing up his gear. Upon noticing the CO, the angler reset his shanty and continued to fish. When contact was made, the subject quickly tried to get the CO away from the bucket with the fish and said he was not sure how many pan fish he could have. CO Reynolds had the subject dump his bucket of fish; the angler was well over the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds conducted follow-up interviews on suspicious license purchases. CO Reynolds interviewed a suspect who was excited to show the CO the antlers of his deer, and started telling the story of when he shot the deer. The CO asked the subject if he was sure that's when he killed the deer. The subject said, "Yeah, that's when I shot it." CO Reynolds then confronted the suspect with his RSS history, which showed hunting licenses purchased after the deer was taken. The suspect ultimately confessed to shooting the deer without a license, then leaving to go buy his licenses. Charges will be sought for taking a deer without a license.

CO Chris Reynolds, while conducting follow-up interviews on suspicious license purchases, interviewed a suspect who had no problems showing off the pictures of the deer he had taken during archery season. When the CO asked the suspect if he had a license, he said, "I bought my licenses in the summer." The CO then confronted the suspect with his RSS history which showed hunting licenses purchased after the deer was taken. The suspect ultimately confessed to shooting the deer without a license, then leaving to go buy his licenses. Charges will be sought for taking a deer without a license.

CO Chris Reynolds observed an angler fishing with two poles and noticed three tip-ups near the individual. When contact was made, the angler was getting ready to fish with yet another pole. The angler was asked about the tip-ups in the area, to which he admitted setting early in the morning. The CO advised the angler that you can only fish with three lines. The angler said that tip-ups don't count. CO Reynolds advised that they do count towards your three lines and enforcement action was taken.

While checking a local lake, two fishermen advised CO Isaac Tyson that a nearby fisherman had been fishing with five lines. CO Tyson made contact with the fisherman and asked to see his fishing license. The young man quickly stated that he was sixteen years old so he didn't need a license. CO Tyson asked to see the fisherman's ID. He hung his head and said, "I am 17 years old. My dad told me to tell you that I was 16." CO Tyson then asked the suspect how many lines he had been fishing with and he said four. A check of the suspect's tip-ups showed that they did not have proper identification written on them. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Isaac Tyson and CO Joshua Jackson stopped to check some fisherman on a local lake. Two of the fisherman contacted stated that they did not have their licenses on them, but they had purchased their fishing licenses. CO Tyson ran the suspects' identifications and both suspects had not purchased a license. One of the suspects had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough contacted a subject who was moving out of his rental house. CO McCullough had received a complaint of some deer hanging in the garage. CO McCullough observed three deer that appeared to have been killed some time ago. At first the resident stated that he didn't know anything about how the deer ended up in the garage. After some additional questioning and evidence gathering, the subject admitted he shot the deer on opening day of firearm season, without licenses, and neglected to

process the deer. Due to the warm temperatures during the first week of firearm season, the deer soon spoiled. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough received a complaint of trespassers goose hunting along the Kalamazoo River. CO McCullough located the hunters on a piece of leased hunting ground. Upon contact, one of the hunters stated he could hunt in the river because it wasn't private property. After some more checking, CO McCullough discovered the hunters had used an unregistered boat, without life jackets, to float the mile-plus downstream to their hunting location. In addition, there were other waterfowl violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking several fishermen on one lake, CO Joshua Jackson spent a few minutes sharing stories with one gentleman. The man told CO Jackson that his wallet was in his truck, but assured him he had purchased his license. He also noted that he purchases a license every year. A quick RSS search showed that he had not purchased a 2015 fishing license, but indeed has purchased one every year in the past. CO Jackson informed the gentleman that he was not showing to have a valid license. Unaware, the man agreed to purchase his license that evening.

CO Joshua Jackson waited on a single pick-up truck near water for a goose hunter to return from hunting. Upon contact, the hunter had an unloaded, plugged shotgun. He also had one goose in possession. CO Jackson was able to help the single hunter carry his canoe up the bank and load it into the hunter's truck. Although he only shot one goose that evening, he was happy to spend his evening outside.

While on patrol, CO Isaac Tyson located two fishermen in a remote channel of a local lake. The fishermen had seven lines in the water, one line over their legal limit. The suspects had no names or addresses on their tip-ups and one of the suspects had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Isaac Tyson worked at the Tip-up Festival in Quincy. Many good contacts were made. Several verbal warnings were given for no names on tip-ups and ORV violations, such as riding double and no helmets. CO Tyson also participated in ice rescue training with the Branch County Marine Patrols' hovercraft.

CO Daniel Prince responded to numerous complaints in Livingston County. CO Prince responded to a second complaint of tip-ups being left out, unattended, on Woodburn Lake in Unadilla Township. CO Prince talked with numerous lake front homeowners. Some homeowners are watching tip-ups from inside their homes. No violations were witnessed.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a 911 coyote hunting trespass complaint south of Fowlerville in Livingston County. CO Prince was able to make contact with three of the coyote hunters. It was learned, through the investigation, that the complainant was not the property owner and the complaint was unfounded.

CO Daniel Prince and CO Mike Drexler checked ice fishermen on Williamsville Lake in Unadilla Township in Livingston County after reports of a subject taking over-the-limit of pan fish. The COs checked 31 subjects over two days of patrols on Williamsville Lake and educated fishermen on the fish possession laws.

While checking ice fishermen on Noble Lake in Brighton in Livingston County, CO Daniel Prince took enforcement action on a subject who was ice fishing without a fishing license.

CO Peter Purdy was requested to assist Green Oak Township Police Department on a call of several skinned deer carcasses discovered behind an abandoned house. It turned out that the skinned carcasses were actually coyotes and one red fox. There was no evidence as to who dumped the carcasses.

CO Mike Drexler attended an informal hearing for a littering citation issued during the 2015 deer season. The accused dumped a deer carcass with a kill tag still attached. The subject requested leniency at the hearing, however the magistrate stated there was no leniency on a case like this and ordered the subject to pay \$160 in fines.

CO Brandon Hartleben and CO Andrew Monnich worked the first two days of what would have been Devil's Lake Tip-up Festival. Poor ice conditions resulted in the majority of the permitted events being cancelled. Very few contacts were made on the ice, and in the immediate vicinity, during the two days. However, a few ice-fishermen decided to try their luck without first buying a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben contacted two coyote hunters while driving on M-52. The hunters had gotten out of their vehicle to meet CO Hartleben at his truck. When CO Hartleben approached their vehicle, he realized why they had been so eager to greet him. The passenger had an uncased .22 mag tucked between his seat and the center console. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben worked a possible waterfowl baiting site along the Huron River during the last few days of late goose season. An informant had provided information that the area had been heavily baited with shelled and whole corn. No hunting activity was ever observed at the site during numerous days of surveillance.

CO Brandon Hartleben received multiple calls from Washtenaw County Metro Dispatch of ice-fishing activity near the dam on Ford Lake. Ford Lake is an impoundment of the Huron River and is known for having dangerous ice conditions, due to the river's current. CO Hartleben contacted one ice-fisherman on the lake who was fishing on approximately 2" of ice near the dam. CO Hartleben educated the angler on ice conditions in the area and the nuances of ice-fishing this particular lake. After the discussion, the angler voluntarily decided to call it a day, and safely navigated off of the ice.

CO Andrew Monnich was observing a fisherman on a local lake, when anglers came off the ice and approached CO Monnich's patrol truck to show him the bluegills they had just caught. CO Monnich asked to see the individual's fishing license and found the angler had failed to purchase one for this year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich observed a number of goose hunters taking advantage of the last few days of the late goose season. Everyone seemed to be having successful hunts due to the large amounts of open water and geese still in the area.

CO Andrew Monnich contacted a group of rabbit hunters in the Hudson State Game Area. The hunters were training new beagle pups and had a rather successful training day. The hunters stated one of the dogs became entangled in an illegal snare placed on another section of state land in the area. Also, a few other snares with no ID tags on them were located. CO Monnich contacted the officer in that area about the illegal snares so they can be removed.

DISTRICT 9

CO Dan Walzak conducted a taxidermist inspection and made contact with a subject who failed to validate his kill tag when he tagged his deer. The subject identified the antlers as those from the deer that he had harvested and was very candid when explaining that he just tagged the deer and did not think about validating it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett has had another raptor complaint in less than a week. This time, a Red-tail hawk was killed with a shot through its neck. It was then dumped by persons unknown onto a service station in Dundee. As of this report, there are no clues or suspects beyond the bird itself. In a possible related situation, Dundee Police Department relates that there have been at least two instances of MDOP to windows reported within the last month. In one case, the damage to special custom windows was estimated at \$40,000. The suspected device is the same as believed used on the hawk.

CO James Zellinger responded to a complaint of a dead Great Horned Owl. After consultation with a local raptor rehabber, it was determined the owl had been caught in a fence and died of natural causes.

CO James Zellinger observed an ORV operating on a gravel dead end road. The operator was identified as a minor who was driving to his family's property to hunt for sheds. CO Zellinger informed the minor that Monroe County does not have an ORV ordinance, thus he was not allowed to operate on the roadway. CO Zellinger followed the operator back to his house and no further enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger made contact with a group of individuals who had trespassed through a marina parking lot to partake in some ice fishing. CO Schaumburger warned them that they were trespassing and not to return. A few days later, CO Schaumburger checked the same marina and found some anglers fishing in the marina. When the

anglers recognized the CO, they started to walk away. CO Schaumburger eventually made contact with the individuals and it was determined that one of the subjects was a part of the group the CO warned a few days back. The angler stated he was not sure how the ice was on the other side of the marina, where he had permission, so he decided to come through the marina side. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger transported a subject with a DNR warrant to court to be arraigned. The subject had a bench warrant for failing to appear at his court date. After seeing the judge, the subject was ordered to pay almost \$400 in fines and also be fitted with a tether.

CO David Schaumburger obtained a confession for the illegal killing of an 8-point deer. The hunter stated that he only ever shot does. During one particular foggy morning, he shot at a deer that he believed was a doe. When he walked up to the deer, it was an 8-point buck. The hunter was not in possession of the correct license so he went to the store, purchased the license, and put it on the deer. A warrant is being requested.

CO Raymond Gardner and Sgt. Damon Owens located four waterfowl hunters at Belleville Lake packing up for the day. All the hunters, except for one, had the proper hunting licenses and equipment required for waterfowl hunting. While checking to make sure the shotguns had plugs in the magazine tube, CO Gardner was able to fit four rounds into one of the shotguns. Through further investigation, CO Gardner and Sgt. Owens learned that the hunter using that shotgun had only hunted waterfowl once previously and thought the shotgun had a plug in it. After checking the hunter's license purchase history, and making sure he didn't have any prior DNR violations, CO Gardner and Sgt. Owens decided to use this circumstance as an educational opportunity. CO Gardner and Sgt. Owens explained to all of the hunters the importance of double checking your equipment before heading out to hunt for the day. No further action taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking an area in White Lake that has frequent off road activity. CO Becker noticed a car parked along the side of the road on power company property and fresh tracks leading back to the off-road area. CO Jacob Griffin met up with CO Becker and they were able to make contact with five subjects burning wooden pallets. The COs asked if the group had permission to be there. The subjects stated that they heard it was ok to be there third-hand from some friends. CO Becker informed them that they did not have permission on the private property or the power line company property to access the location. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin heard over the radio that Oakland County Sheriff's dive team was suiting up for a rescue. After verifying the location, CO Griffin rushed to the scene where he was notified that two subjects went through the ice and were still in the water. CO Griffin assisted the deputies on scene with pulling the subjects back to shore and into the ambulance, where they were then taken to the hospital.

CO Jeremy Beavers and CO Justin Muehlhauser conducted a snowmobile patrol in order to check activity of the county. During the patrol, the COs were checking Consumers Energy property when they spotted multiple snowmobiles on the property. The COs stopped the snowmobiles in order to inform them they were trespassing. It was soon realized that it was a large group that eventually consisted of 17 people. When some of the members of the group realized they were being stopped, they attempted to flee the scene. CO Muehlhauser of Genesee County was able to catch up with the fleeing subjects and return to the original location of contact. After speaking with the group, it was learned they started their ride in Otisville and were working their way to Richfield County Park, a popular destination for riders in the county. Several violations were immediately spotted. Multiple snowmobiles were missing snowmobile trail permits and had expired or missing registration. During the stop, CO Beavers was recording one rider's information who was unable to produce a license or identification card. While writing the operator's name down, CO Beavers noticed he was reading from a card he was trying to conceal in his gloves. CO Beavers obtained the card, which was a medical marijuana card. CO Beavers then asked the subject if he was lying and giving him the wrong name. The subject stated he was not, but could not remember his new address, which is the same as his caregiver, the reason he was referencing the card. CO Beavers then asked for his old address, the one assigned to him on the card. The subject was unable to give the correct address. CO Beavers told the subject he is obviously lying and asked if he may have outstanding warrants. CO Beavers went on to say that he was not going anywhere until he could confirm his true identity. At that time, the subject stated he was lying and gave him the wrong name. He explained that he believes he has a warrant for his arrest relating to child support. CO Beavers ran the subject's name with dispatch and verified that he did have a child support warrant, as well as several others, including a felony warrant out of Lapeer County. The subject was cited for operating a snowmobile with a suspended license and lodged in the Genesee County Jail on one of his many outstanding warrants.

CO Justin Muehlhauser was on snowmobile patrol in the area of Buell Lake County Park checking for activity. Eventually the CO noticed a sled traveling south bound on Genesee Rd on the north bound shoulder. When the snowmobile approached, CO Muehlhauser noticed that the sled did not have a valid trail permit. Upon stopping the snowmobile, it was discovered that the operator had a suspended license. The CO arranged for a family member to pick up the sled and enforcement action was taken on the operator.

CO Justin Muehlhauser made contact with several snowmobilers on the park property. The CO noticed one machine that did not have a valid snowmobile trail permit. CO Muehlhauser informed the man that trail permits are required while in an area open to the public and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was patrolling an area frequented by anglers along the Clinton River. While checking anglers, CO Silorey noticed a very large amount of trash on a path leading down to the river. Upon further investigation, CO Silorey was able to locate

several pieces of mail and a prescription label in several bags of trash. CO Silorey then travelled to the home of the possible suspect to interview them regarding the dumped trash. The homeowner stated that the name on the mail belongs to a person who no longer lived at that address, and provided CO Silorey with a phone number of the subject. CO Silorey arranged to meet with the subject at the trash site. Upon contact, the subject stated that it was his trash, but he had no idea how it got there. The trash was cleaned up by the subject and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol checking anglers fishing the Clinton River Dam. Upon contact with a group of anglers, CO Silorey requested to see the fishing license of each angler. Only one of the three anglers could produce a valid fishing license. The other two anglers had failed to purchase a 2015 fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a tip of an untagged deer at a local taxidermist. Upon further inspection, CO Kovach located the trophy rack at the taxidermist, and was able to interview the successful hunter. The hunter admitted to shooting the buck, and was unable to locate his tag. The hunter panicked and used a family member's tag. He then took the buck to a processor and then the taxidermist. The hunter was educated on the law about failing to immediately validate a kill tag, and borrowing another's tag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was requested to respond with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, to a domestic complaint involving an attempted suicide. CO Kovach was the first to arrive on scene and was able to separate the parties. The situation de-escalated and the subject was taken for medical evaluation.

CO Al Schwiderson ended up getting a felony count on a waterfowl ticket he had previously issued this season to a hunter. As it turns out upon the Lapeer County Prosecutor's review of the case, it was found that the hunter was a felon and barred from using/possessing/hunting with firearms.

CO Matthew Zultak was checking ice fishermen on Long Lake in Lapeer County. During the check, CO Zultak observed a yellow perch mixed in with the bait minnows. CO Zultak asked if they had purchased the perch at the bait store. They stated they received it when asking for suckers. CO Zultak performed a retail minnow inspection at the bait shop in question. The bait shop did not have any game fish in their tanks, but the store did not have their license posted. Upon further investigation, the store's minnow retailer license was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak came across an ice shanty that had three unmarked tip-ups and two rods in the water. There were persons nearby but they were not associated with it. CO Zultak located tracks in the ice leading to a house. The investigation continues to find the subject responsible.

BELLE ISLE

CO Matthew Neterer and CO Larn Strawn were working a midnight Belle Isle shift when they noticed a vehicle traveling without headlights or taillights and no license plate. Upon attempting to make a traffic stop on the vehicle, the vehicle fled leading the COs on a brief pursuit. The COs terminated the pursuit for the safety of the public.

CO Mike Drexler was working an afternoon Belle Isle shift when he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed that also ran a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted and CO Drexler found the vehicle occupied by five high school students that were on their lunch break. Nobody in the vehicle had a driver's license and the operator only possessed a learner's permit. Enforcement action was taken and a relative came to pick the juveniles up.