

# 2015 HUNTING INCIDENTS

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

No.	County	Date	Animal Hunted	Casualty Type	Self-Inflicted	Equipment	Shooter Age(s)	Victim Age(s)	Shooter Violation	Victim Violation	Major Factor Investigation still pending *
1	SANILAC	01/25/2015	Rabbit	Injury	No	Rifle	Unknown	61	No	No	Careless discharge of a firearm
		The victim was in her residence watching family and friends hunt out in the yard when the hunters all shot at a flushed rabbit. One bullet penetrated the window and hit the victim in the wrist exiting through a finger.									
2	CRAWFORD	05/07/2015	Turkey	Injury	No	Shotgun	39	59	No	No	Fail to identify target
		Shooter mistakenly took Victim's movements and turkey calling for a turkey. The Shooter shot at the Victim striking him in the leg, abdomen and hand.									
3	ALPENA	10/01/2015	Pheasant	Injury	No	Shotgun	50	74	No	No	Careless handling of firearm
		While hunting, pheasant flew between subjects. Both turned toward each other, shooter tripped and fired, striking victim in the hand.									
4	MISSAUKEE	10/24/2015	Squirrel	Injury	No	Unknown	8	33			*****Pending*****
		Victim walked in front of shooter while squirrel hunting. Victim suffered a gun shot wound to the calf.									
5	BARRY	10/27/2015	Waterfowl	Injury	Yes	Shotgun		28	No	No	Careless handling of firearm
		Climbing from kayak to blind, trigger was bumped and firearm discharged striking the victim in the forearm.									
6	ST. CLAIR	11/15/2015	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun		30	No	No	Careless handling of firearm
		While exiting a treestand, the subject hooked his dropline through the trigger guard and the gun discharged and struck the subject in the leg.									
7	CALHOUN	11/15/2015	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun		21	No	No	Careless handling of firearm
		While walking, victim tripped and dropped the firearm. The butt of the gun struck the ground and the firearm discharged striking the victim in the chest.									
8	GLADWIN	11/18/2015	Deer	Injury	Yes	Handgun		46			*****Pending*****
		While reholstering the victim was decocking the firearm when his thumb slipped off the hammer causing the firearm to discharge.									
9	LUCE	11/23/2015		Injury	Yes	Shotgun		46			*****Pending*****
		Subject was walking with loaded shotgun. Subject tripped and gun discharged striking the subject in the hand and torso. Pending additional information.									
10	ROSCOMMON	11/24/2015	Deer	Injury	Yes	Rifle		27		No	Careless handling of firearm
		While hunting with a lever-action, the subject shot a deer and racked another round in the chamber. The trigger was then bumped when the subject was putting the firearm down. The firearm discharged and the subject was struck in the foot by the bullet.									
11	VANBUREN	11/28/2015	Deer	Injury	Yes	Shotgun		35	No	No	Firearm Malfunction

		Victim shot at deer and when second shot was attempted, barrel exploded received a laceration to the left temple.									
<b>12</b>	<b>IOSCO</b>	12/04/2015	Trapping	Injury	Yes	Handgun		17	Yes		<b>Careless handling of firearm</b>
		Subject was loading handgun at vehicle when the firearm discharged and struck the victim in the leg.									
<b>13</b>	<b>LAPEER</b>	12/26/2015	Deer	Injury	No	Shotgun	39	47	Yes		<b>Fail to identify target</b>
		Hunter was walking out of the woods, heard a noise in the brush, saw the flash of eyes and fired at what he believed to be a doe.									