



MICHIGAN HUNTING RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY

2019



Updated: 01/09/2020 Incidents: 8

N O	DATE	COUNTY	ANIMAL HUNTED	CASUALTY TYPE	SELF INFLECTED	EQUIP. USED	SHOOTER AGE	VICTIM AGE(S)	SHOOTER VIOLATION	VICTIM VIOLATION	PENDING OR FINAL
1	02-11-19	St. Joseph	Rabbit	Injury	Yes	Pistol	19		No		FINAL
While rabbit hunting, subject attempted to quick draw for practice. Subject pulled the trigger during the draw, shooting himself in the leg. -Careless handling of a firearm.											
2	05-18-19	Branch	Turkey	Injury	Yes	Rifle	58		Yes		FINAL
Subject was shooting at a turkey with a rifle and the gun malfunctioned and exploded hurting the shooter. -Firearm malfunction.											
3	11-02-19	Chippewa	Deer	Injury	Yes	Bow	16		No		FINAL
Subject was walking afield with a bow and knocked arrow in one hand and an extra arrow in the other hand. Subject fell and impaled shoulder with the arrow in hand. Careless handling of arrow.											
4	11-16-19	Ionia	Deer	Injury	No	Rifle	28	27	Yes	No	PENDING
Subjects were attempting to locate an injured deer in a standing corn field. Shooter discharged muzzleloader in the direction of movement and noise believing it was the deer and struck the victim in the back. -Failure to properly identify target.											
5	11-17-19	Livingston	Deer	Injury	Yes	Pistol	63		No		FINAL
Subject was hunting with a pistol, when preparing to shoot at a deer, slipped and lost control of the pistol and shot himself in the thigh. -Careless handling of a firearm.											
6	11-21-19	Benzie	Deer	Injury	No	Rifle	59	34	Yes	No	FINAL
A subject loaded his lever action firearm, which charges the hammer. While attempting to lower the hammer to the safe position, the firearm discharged. The round struck his nephew, who was standing on the other side of the vehicle. Careless handling of firearm.											
7	12-12-19	Kalamazoo	Pheasant	Fatal	Yes	Shotgun	63		No		FINAL
Subject was hunting pheasants with his dog. Subject was overdue and found later with an apparent accidental self-inflicted wound. -Careless handling of a firearm.											



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8	12-24-19	Branch	Deer	Injury	Yes	Rifle	50		Yes		FINAL
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Subject had set a loaded muzzleloader in passenger seat of vehicle loaded and cocked. While attempting to adjust the gun, it fired. The subject was hit in the leg and hand, causing left index finger to be amputated. **-Possible loaded firearm in vehicle / Careless handling of firearm.**

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