



MICHIGAN HUNTING RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY

2020

Updated: 10/07/20 Incidents: 5

N O	DATE	COUNTY	ANIMAL HUNTED	CASUALTY TYPE	SELF INFLICTED	EQUIP. USED	SHOOTER AGE	VICTIM AGE(S)	SHOOTER VIOLATION	VICTIM VIOLATION	PENDING OR FINAL
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1	02/01/20	IONIA	Coyote	Injury	No	Rifle	23	20	Careless Handling	None	Pending
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Subjects were hunting in same group and were walking back to the vehicle. The shooters firearm fell off its tripod and discharged. The victim was struck in the left hand.

2	02/24/20	INGHAM	Coyote	Injury	No	Rifle	19	21	Fail to Identify Target, Others	Trespass	Pending
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Four subjects were coyote hunting along the railroad right-of-way. Looking through a thermal scope, the hunters thought they saw a coyote and one hunter fired two rounds. The object thought to be a coyote was a person, who was struck by one bullet in the upper chest. The victim and shooter did not know each other.

3	02/29/20	TUSCOLA	Coyote	Property Damage	No	Rifle	54	53	Victim out of Sight	None	FINAL
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Subject was shooting at a coyote running across a field and missed. The bullet struck a house on the other side of the coyote. No one was injured, property damage.

4	09/13/20	ST CLAIR	Deer	Fatal	No	Pistol	39	11	Fail to Identify target, Careless handling of firearm	Bait, No License	Pending
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Subject was tracking a wounded deer with several family members. When the shooter observed the deer, he attempted to shoot it with a handgun, firing several rounds. One of the rounds struck the victim, causing fatal injuries.



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5	10/06/20	BARAGA	Deer	Fatal	No	Crossbow	65	60	Fail to Identify Target	None	Pending
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Shooter observed white in the woods approximately 20 yards from his camper and thought it was the chest of a deer. Shooter got his crossbow and shot at the white area. Shooter then realized he shot his friend in the woods and rendered assistance. The victim was struck in the chest area and died at the hospital.

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