

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
3/12/2017 – 3/25/2017**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Ethen Mapes and CO Nathan Sink were attempting to locate an injured bald eagle when they came across a large amount of smoke near Bruce Crossing. Upon investigating, a large pile of trash was found to be burning in a resident's yard. The large burn pile consisted of couches, televisions, trash bags, construction materials, and brush. Enforcement action was taken for burning unlawful materials.

CO Ethen Mapes attended a Wildlife Coalition meeting in Bergland where bear regulations, moose populations, waterfowl updates, and other topics related to the area were discussed. Many good questions were answered. The Wildlife Coalition meetings are open to all sportsmen's groups as well as the public. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested in our local natural resources.

CO Jason Wicklund and CO Shannon Kritz were on patrol when they received a "be on the lookout" (BOL) for a truck wanted in a vehicular assault in Iron River and was possibly heading towards Ironwood. The vehicle was located in Gogebic County and the driver was detained by tribal police officers while arrangements were made to bring the suspect back to Iron River. The COs were heading that way and gladly transported the suspect back with them where he was questioned by local authorities and lodged in jail.

CO Jason Wicklund and CO Shannon Kritz had just finished with a prisoner transport when they were dispatched to a one car vehicle accident with injuries and entrapment. The COs were the closest vehicle and responded immediately where they located the vehicle off the roadway and against a tree. The driver complained of shoulder and neck injuries, so the COs administered first aid until medical personnel arrived.

CO Jason Wicklund and CO Doug Hermanson worked Lake Gogebic access sites checking perch fisherman. The first check of the day turned up marijuana and the second group had illegal pills and narcotics. Another group that came off the ice had violations which included riding double on ORVs, no helmets, and unregistered ORVs. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lac View Desert Lake, CO Shannon Kritz observed two subjects fishing. Contact was made with the subjects and four jig poles were observed being used. The older subject told CO Kritz he was with his future son-in-law and was just teaching him how to ice fish, since he was from down south. He stated that his son-in-law had not been fishing and that all four lines were his. The father-in-law was cited for fishing with too many lines and the son-in-law purchased his fishing license through the mobile app so he could fish legally.

While re-fueling his patrol truck, CO Jeremy Sergey observed an individual across the street place a large piece of plastic on a fire. There were also two young children poking the fire with sticks. When CO Sergey made contact with the individual, he noticed melted plastic bottles and other debris burning in the fire. CO Sergey got the young children away from the hazardous fire and called the fire department to assist him in putting the fire out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Sergey conducted an investigation which led to an individual being charged with license fraud. The individual had purchased numerous Michigan resident hunting and fishing licenses over several years while the individual was a Wisconsin resident.

While on patrol, CO Jeremy Sergey and CO Jeffrey Dell noticed thick white smoke on U.S. 41. Upon investigation, they found three individuals dismantling a trailer and burning it. A citation was issued for unlawful disposal of solid waste.

CO Mark Leadman and CO Brett Delonge each worked a shift at the UP Boat, Sport and RV show at the Superior Dome in Marquette. A large number of people stopped by the DNR booth to ask questions and pick up the latest informational pamphlets.

CO Brett Delonge attended a job fair at NMU and another one at the Ontonagon High School. Numerous individuals approached CO Delonge inquiring about a career as a Michigan Conservation Officer and how to apply.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Robert Freeborn received a complaint from a local fisherman stating he could see and smell oil in a popular steelhead fishing river. CO Freeborn met the fisherman at the location of the oil and determined that there was indeed a little oil in the river and an oil smell. CO Freeborn contacted the appropriate division and advised them of the situation. The DEQ is now investigating the source, along with local units of government.

CO Pat Hartsig was patrolling Little Bays de Noc on snowmobile when he noticed tip-ups set up outside of an ice shanty and one of the tip-ups had a flag up. Upon close inspection, nobody was inside the shanty. After waiting 30 minutes, an ORV drove to his location. After asking the operator why he had neglected to tend to his tip-up, he stated he was only gone 20 minutes. The ORV operator was also not wearing a helmet, and had a passenger on his ORV when it was only designed for one person. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed a parked vehicle and a male subject with a little dog running at his side on private property off an ORV trail. Upon approaching the subject, CO Lynch observed the subject suspiciously reaching back into the vehicle. The subject was putting a loaded 270 back into a case. CO Lynch observed a second male subject just finishing up digging a hole with a shovel not far from the vehicle. CO Lynch asked the subject next to the vehicle what he was doing and

he said burying his dog. CO Lynch walked over to the dug up hole with the two subjects and the dog following along. Upon looking down into the hole at was an empty cardboard box, it was then realized the subjects were going to kill their dog. CO Lynch asked what was wrong with the dog. One subject stated the dog was old. CO Lynch asked the subjects if they had permission to be on the private property and they said no. CO Lynch advised the subjects that they are trespassing and also can't have a loaded a rifle in their vehicle. CO Lynch mentioned to the subjects the dog appears to be pretty healthy yet and asked if they thought about taking it to the animal shelter ten minutes away from their location. CO Lynch also advised the subjects that the landowner probably won't approve of what they were about to do. The subjects agreed their actions probably weren't the smartest thing to do. The dog was turned over to the animal shelter to find a "new home" and enforcement action was taken for the loaded gun in the vehicle.

CO Chis Lynch and CO Pat Hartsig conducted a patrol on Little Bays de Noc on the last day of the walleye season. A couple of tickets were issued for fishing with too many lines and for unattended lines. A very good fishing day was had, with most fishermen having caught walleye.

CO Chris Lynch was doing follow-up from meat processor inspections from the 2016 deer season. CO Lynch contacted a family of hunters due to a suspicious license purchase. Upon talking to the wife of the family, she stated she never got a deer this past deer season. CO Lynch asked why her deer tag was on a buck at the meat processor then. The husband stated he shot the deer and used his wife's deer tag. The husband was issued a ticket for using a deer tag of another.

While working Munising Bay, CO Mark Zitnik could smell the odor of marijuana coming from a shack he was checking. Upon investigation, the CO found a pipe and a wooden container that held marijuana. One angler confessed to smoking the pipe just before the CO arrived. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma contacted a young individual fishing on a closed stream. The subject advised that he wasn't from the area and read somewhere that this was a good spot. CO Postma informed the fisherman that it was a good spot and even better when it is open to fishing. CO Postma showed the young angler how to look up which trout streams are open and which ones are closed. A warning was given on this day.

CO Tom Oberg was patrolling Munuscong Bay when he encountered a couple individuals ice fishing. CO Oberg proceeded to check their fish and fishing licenses. CO Oberg was advised that they were both tribal members, but only one angler had the subsistence fishing license. CO Oberg asked the individual who did not have a subsistence license how many lines she was fishing with. She stated five lines. CO Oberg explained that the St. Mary's River is part of the Great Lakes and she has to follow State of Michigan fishing regulations, and could not have more than three lines if she did not have the subsistence card. The subject was cited into tribal court for the violation.

CO Tom Oberg was patrolling Munuscong Bay when he stopped to check a group of ice fisherman. CO Oberg checked their catch and fishing licenses, and was advised they were tribal members. As CO Oberg was checking the fish caught, he noticed a couple walleye. CO Oberg asked the individual if he had a subsistence fishing license and he stated he did not, but thought that he could fish for walleye until March 31<sup>st</sup>. CO Oberg explained to him that only applies to inland waters for tribal members. CO Oberg also explained that the St. Mary's river is part of the Great Lakes and he has to follow State of Michigan fishing season closures and regulations, if he did not have a subsistence fishing license. The subject was cited into tribal court for the violation.

CO Tom Oberg was patrolling Raber Bay when he approached a couple of individuals fishing in an ice shanty. CO Oberg checked their fishing licenses and the fish they caught. CO Oberg was advised they were both tribal members and noticed a walleye in a five gallon bucket. The individual that caught the walleye did not have a subsistence license. CO Oberg explained that the St. Mary's River is part of the Great Lakes and he has to follow State of Michigan fishing season closures and regulations, without a subsistence fishing license. The subject was cited into tribal court for the violation.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Andrea Albert and Sgt. Mike Feagan testified in an informal hearing for an excessive snowmobile exhaust noise citation. The operator was found responsible for operating a snowmobile with an exhaust decibel level of over 88 decibels and was fined \$245 for the violation.

CO Duane Budreau investigated a safety zone violation involving two subjects using a road killed deer carcass as bait in a residential neighborhood. The hunters stated they did not think they were in violation, because no one was home at the time. They thought the term "occupied dwelling" meant someone had to be in the home at the time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc assisted the Montmorency County Sheriff's Department and County Fire with the search and rescue of a missing two year old and her dog. After a search of the area, the toddler was located approximately a third of a mile away from her residence. The child was checked by medical personnel and returned to her parents.

CO Adam LeClerc attended an 811 Miss Dig community meeting in Alpena. A plan was set up between the multiple agencies for mutual response for pipeline emergencies. After the meeting had adjourned, CO LeClerc answered questions from the public regarding fish and game laws, and the hiring process to become a Michigan Conservation Officer.

CO John Sklba was patrolling on Kings Highway in Presque Isle County when he encountered a vehicle traveling eastbound at a very slow and unsafe speed. CO Sklba initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. During this contact and further investigation, CO Sklba learned that the motor vehicle was unregistered and uninsured.

The driver was arrested and lodged at the Presque Isle County Jail and the vehicle was impounded.

CO Kelly Ross obtained warrants for two cases from this past gun deer season. In one case, two subjects had a confrontation over hunting spots on state land in Montmorency County. During the argument, one of the subjects fired three shots over the head of the other. Enforcement action was taken. In the second case, a private landowner had a confrontation with three hunters on public land who he thought were hunting too close to his property. The landowner shot six times over the heads of the other hunters. Additionally, the landowner was driving an ORV on state land, as well as baiting in a non-baiting area. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew was patrolling on state land in southern Otsego County when, from a distance, he observed an individual walking, carrying a firearm but not wearing hunter orange. Contact was made with the subject who stated he was predator hunting and was aware he was in violation for not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO William Kinney was asked to attend a career fair at Pine River Middle School in Leroy. CO Kinney rotated between six different classrooms speaking with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for career day. CO Kinney discussed the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer, as well as answered questions from the students.

CO William Kinney received a complaint from the local forester of an abandoned camping trailer found on state land in Wexford County. CO Kinney found the trailer and was able to obtain the owner's information from the license plate. CO Kinney made contact with the owner. The owner indicated he had left the trailer on state land unoccupied since the firearm deer season this past November. Multiple other violations were present when CO Kinney discovered the abandoned campsite as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney received a complaint of a tree stand that appeared to have been left up year round, located on state land in Wexford County. CO Kinney was able to obtain the owner's information off the tree stand. CO Kinney later made contact with the owner to inquire about the tree stand. The owner told CO Kinney he has not removed that particular tree stand for a number of years and believed that tree stand had been up for 15 years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Kosciński witnessed a man operating an ORV without a helmet on M-22. The operator was also operating against the flow of traffic and operating in a closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and CO Scott MacNeill were checking anglers in Manistee County that were just leaving the ice after fishing. The COs approached the anglers and CO

Converse asked both for their fishing licenses, prompting one angler to act very nervous. Suspecting something was wrong; CO Converse asked both for identification. The angler frantically searched his vehicle, but wasn't able to locate his wallet. CO Converse obtained verbal identification which included a Michigan address. At this point, CO Converse observed out of state plates on the vehicle. A check with Station 20 revealed that the angler had obtained a resident fishing license and that the registration on the vehicle was expired. After a lengthy conversation and further investigating, it was determined that the subject had fraudulently purchased a resident license while being a non-resident, was driving with expired registration, and no insurance on the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and CO Scott MacNeill were on patrol along a Manistee County trout stream when they discovered a snare that was set along the stream in an area being heavily used by beavers. The snare did not have identification on it and was set on dry land placed on state property. Further inspection of the area revealed several other traps that were legally set and tagged. The COs went to the trapper's residence and received a confession for the illegally set snare, as well as several additional snares that were set on the trapper's property. Enforcement action was taken.

While at his residence and getting ready for an evening patrol, CO Converse observed a vehicle quickly pull into his driveway. CO Converse went out to contact the driver who informed he was there to file a complaint. The man had witnessed a subject driving around recklessly in the area and saw a couple of couches and a coffee table fall from the suspect truck. Armed with a vehicle description and last known location, CO Converse canvassed the area and located the vehicle parked at a residence. CO Converse set up down the road and watched the vehicle as it pulled onto the roadway, taking off at a high rate of speed. CO Converse followed the vehicle for a short distance and made contact with the driver after he pulled into another driveway. CO Converse quickly realized that the subject was likely intoxicated and operating on a suspended license. A LEIN check revealed the driver had a warrant for his arrest and several prior alcohol violations. Sobriety tests were conducted and the subject was found to be well over the legal blood alcohol limit. The subject was arrested by CO Converse and charged with OWI 5th offence, DWLS 3rd, open intoxicants.

CO Ryan Andrews was watching several anglers fishing in the Pere Marquette River in Lake County when he noticed one individual repeatedly leave the river and enter onto posted private property. The angler was cutting through the property to check on his friends who were fishing upstream. Upon contacting the individual, he said that he was aware it was private property and saw the postings, but said it was easier walking on the shore than the water. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling near the Green Cottage access site of the Pere Marquette River, CO Ryan Andrews contacted a pair of anglers in a drift boat and had a discussion about recreational trespass laws of Michigan. Later in the day, and several miles downstream, the same anglers were observed leaving their boat and walking on posted private property. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol when he observed an ORV operating on M-37 where ORV operation is prohibited. The ORV passed CO Killingbeck's location and he observed a license plate with an expired tag. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and determined that the plate had been expired for over five months. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling private property along the Pere Marquette River when he observed a group of three subjects cutting across private property past numerous "no trespassing" signs. At the same time, CO Killingbeck observed two subjects who had been fishing also walking around past numerous signs to cut across private property. CO Killingbeck watched one subject look at a sign, making a comment that "this must be private property." However the subject also said, "no one will care" and proceeded past. CO Killingbeck made contact with both groups of subjects and everyone admitted to seeing the signs. One subject told CO Killingbeck that it was his first time here so he did not know the regulations. CO Killingbeck asked the subject for his interpretation of "no trespassing" to which he replied, "I guess it meant to stay off." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River along private property when he observed a subject fishing directly under a "no trespassing" sign. Another angler walking up the river stopped and told the angler who was trespassing that the COs were in the area and trespass violations are enforced. The angler trespassing said he did not believe any COs were in the area and continued fishing. CO Killingbeck eventually made contact with the trespasser and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck took a complaint from Lake County Central Dispatch of two swans that were shot on a pond behind a residence. CO Killingbeck responded and found two trumpeter swans that had been shot by what appeared to be a pellet gun. CO Killingbeck was able find the suspects who were two juveniles. The children were outside with a high powered pellet gun and had gotten bored of shooting at cans. They both saw the swans swimming in the pond and made the decision to shoot them. Both juveniles were petitioned into probate court.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a Report All Poaching complaint from a subject who said he had located a tree stand left in the woods after the March 1st removal deadline on public land. CO Killingbeck located the stand which had a name and address attached to it. CO Killingbeck was able to contact the owner who said he lived down state, was too busy to take down his stands, and did not seem overly concerned about removing his stand. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was checking access sites along the Pere Marquette River in Mason County for fishing activity when he came across an ORV and three additional vehicles parked near an area of private property. There was an apparent foot trail that accessed the river through the private property, which was posted. CO Brosky only had to wait a short time before three subjects exited the property on the foot trail which passed by a

“no trespassing” signs. CO Brosky watched as the subjects left the parking area in the ORV and stopped the ORV a short distance up the road. CO Brosky advised the operator of the ORV that they were trespassing and asked why the ORV was not licensed. The operator told CO Brosky that she was unaware of the private property and asked how they were supposed to know it was private property or not. CO Brosky promptly pointed out the “no trespassing” signs along the roadway and reminded her that there was even a larger sign posted along the foot trail that they walked past. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was called to assist on a fire complaint in Marion in Osceola County. Upon arrival, CO Varriale found that the fire was contained, but saw a burn barrel that was rusted near a field of dry grass. During the interview with the homeowner, it was discovered that she had lit the fire and went to sleep. She said the fire had been extinguished, but must have reignited causing the fire to spread through her field and into the neighbor’s property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel received a complaint of a large scale winter deer feeding operation on a property in Mecosta County. CO Lebel located approximately 500 gallons of turnips in several large piles. The responsible party has been contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel is working with North Dakota on a subject purchasing resident hunting licenses in both states. CO Lebel interviewed the subject in Mecosta County, where he was staying with his sister. The address on his Michigan driver license did not exist and it is clear the subject is intentional in his efforts to establish residency in two states. The case is being turned over to the prosecutor's office for review.

CO Jeff Ginn and Sgt. Mike Bomay, along with CO Ken Lowell of Montcalm County, worked the Muskegon River. They encountered several violations to include a lack of PFDs (personal floatation devices) and failing to provide fishing licenses. They also discovered anglers in possession of marijuana and various schedule B narcotics. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Mike Hearn observed fresh ORV tracks along the shoulder of M-72 in Kalkaska County. CO Hearn followed the tracks and determined where they had left the highway and continued operating onto multiple pieces of private property. The tracks led CO Hearn to an ORV that was parked at a local bar. Having received multiple complaints regarding the exact violation in the past, CO Hearn set up surveillance on one of the parcels of private property the ORV had crossed. A short time later, the ORV was observed operating against the flow of traffic on the state highway and trespassing on private property. A stop was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben McAteer and Sgt. Brian Olsen contacted a group of anglers on River Lake in Crawford County. During the contact, one of the anglers was acting extremely nervous.

The COs learned the angler had not purchased a fishing license since 2015. While standing downwind of the angler, the COs caught the odor of marijuana. When questioned about the smell, the suspect pulled out a bag with marijuana and a glass pipe. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal was called for assistance at a grass fire in Missaukee County. CO Neal responded and interviewed the suspect responsible for starting the fire. The fire had been started in an old metal horse trough and was not properly covered to eliminate debris from falling out. The suspect had walked away for a couple minutes and when he came back the grass was on fire. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal and Sgt. Brian Olsen responded to a complaint in Kalkaska County of a subject cutting wood on state land. The COs were able to locate the suspect, who admitted to cutting standing trees on state land without a permit. CO Neal explained the permitted rules for cutting dead and down trees on state land to the suspect. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier followed a set of vehicle tracks into an area known for predator hunting. After locating the vehicle, CO Schluckbier watched the hunter release several dogs, place his loaded firearm in the passenger seat, and drive down the road. Contact was made with the hunter who admitted to driving down the road with an uncased loaded firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

After conducting a taxidermy inspection in Kalkaska County, CO Sam Schluckbier interviewed a hunter who was suspected of shooting a deer before purchasing a hunting license. During the interview, the hunter confessed to shooting a 9-point buck the first morning of the firearm deer season. Then he purchased a deer license, after the fact, at a local sporting goods store. The antlers were confiscated from the taxidermist. The requested charges have been submitted to the Kalkaska County Prosecutor's Office.

While patrolling for fishing activity at an Iosco County boat launch, CO Kyle Cherry approached a vehicle sitting in an unusual location along the water's edge. While the driver stated they were just enjoying the view, CO Cherry could smell an overpowering odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. After a brief investigation, the driver admitted to smoking marijuana. CO Cherry seized a bag of suspected marijuana and a glass pipe. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Rifle River in Arenac County during the annual Omer Sucker Festival, CO Phil Hudson observed a subject catch a large walleye. From across the river, CO Hudson watched the angler hide the walleye near his vehicle. CO Hudson waited until the angler started to leave from his fishing spot and made contact with him on the other side of the river. When CO Hudson informed the angler what he had observed, the subject retrieved the walleye from a tool box in the trunk of his vehicle. A citation was issued for taking a walleye during the closed season.

CO Josh Wright swore to a warrant in the Clare County Prosecutor's Office. The case involved a subject who shot a deer during the firearm deer season without a license. Then he attempted to cover up the crime by using a kill tag that belonged to his father. The man will be arraigned on charges of taking a deer without a license and using a kill tag of another hunter.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO John Byars made contact with a rabbit hunter on state land. The hunter had harvested a rabbit, skinned it and left skin and guts back in the woods in an unknown location. The CO also noticed his hunting license had been photo copied. The CO educated the hunter on the issues with skinning of game in the field, where species and sex cannot be determined, and leaving the skin and guts. There was also discussion about the hunting license issue. Enforcement action was taken.

While on foot patrol on public land, CO John Byars noticed a tree stand that had been left after the March 1st deadline. The CO also noticed trees had been cut and pushed over for shooting lanes. The tree stand had a name and number on it, as required by law. The CO made contact with the owner and issued a ticket for failing to remove the stand.

CO Joe Myers and CO Will Brickel were on patrol in Saginaw and Midland Counties working the river systems during the walleye closure. During the patrol, the COs made contact with two fishermen who were using colored jig heads in a restricted stretch of river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joe Myers and CO Will Brickel were on patrol in the Saginaw County river system when they received a complaint from Richland Township Police Department about a trapper taking muskrats out of season. The COs gathered the information from the officer and made contact with the trapper at his residence. The trapper admitted to trapping 'nuisance mink' in road side ditches. The trapper also lied to the COs by saying that he only had two traps set. After an interview with the trapper, CO Joe Myers found more than seven traps set, five of which were not tagged. The trapper had trapped two muskrats earlier that day in an attempt to trap mink. The trapper was educated about the proper process to obtain a nuisance animal permit, and was issued a ticket for the tagging violations.

CO Joe Myers received information regarding a fisherman in the Saginaw River who was jigging with illegal gear during the walleye closed season. The CO interviewed the suspect about the activity and gear. The fisherman admitted to the illegal activity and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joe Myers and CO Josh Russell were on patrol of the Tittabawassee River in Saginaw County when they came upon three fishermen at the Center Road Bridge. One fisherman was fishing with illegal gear during the closure and was cited for the violation. The two other fishermen had one pole between them. The COs observed one fisherman

using the pole before they made contact. When they saw the COs, the pole traded hands and was given to the fisherman that had a license. Tickets were issued for fishing without a license.

CO Josh Russell was patrolling the Flat River State Game Area when he witnessed two ORVs operate on the road way. Each ORV had an extra passenger on the back of the ORV. The CO followed the ORVs onto the State Game Area and made contact. Numerous violations were found, including riding double and no ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz performed foot patrols in the Verona State Game Area in Huron County. CO Bucholtz noted multiple tree stands missing from the area. The investigation continues.

CO Seth Rhodea provided a presentation for a den of Boy Scouts in Sanilac County. The CO's job and role in the outdoors was discussed, as well as safety around wild animals.

CO Mark Siemen assisted the Michigan State Police with a two car accident on M46, east of Carsonville, in Sanilac County. CO Siemen was first on scene, spoke with all subjects involved, and gathered proper paperwork. One driver was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

CO Mark Siemen assisted the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office with a domestic dispute. A caller reported two subjects were on the ground outside of a car fighting. The caller stated it looked like a male was hitting a female. Once on scene and investigated, it was found that it was an uncle fighting with his nephew. The uncle was highly intoxicated and was upset with his nephew, which led to the fighting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Siemen stopped an ORV driving on M25 in Sanilac County. The operator had no helmet on, no ORV license, and was operating on a state roadway. Contact was made and enforcement action taken.

CO Jason A. Smith contacted a couple young fishermen who were lingering around a stream with a substantial population of pike in it. There were spears in the truck, but an attempt was not made to take the fish illegally. The fishermen said they were well aware of the laws and penalties for doing so illegally.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson was called to a grass fire that was reported, but the caller was not sure where he was. CO Robinson could see the smoke and located the source of the fire and relayed it to dispatch. Bystanders were already attempting to put out the fire with rakes and shovels. The fire had already melted some of the siding on the house and CO Robinson joined the others to keep the fire down until the fire department arrived. The fire had burned approximately an acre and a half by the time it

was extinguished. The responsible party admitted that he started the fire attempting to burn some nuisance weeds. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson was called to a residence where a subject had allowed a fire to get out of control. The fire department was called to the area to extinguish a grass fire that resulted. CO Robinson arrived and photographed the area and interviewed the responsible party. He admitted to leaving the fire unattended and burning items that should not have been burned. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson assisted Isabella County Central dispatch on several calls, including a domestic disturbance, a medical run and several grass fires. CO Robinson was also one of the first responders to an accident that resulted in a fatality and resulted in the arrest of the other driver. The event is still under investigation.

CO Jay Person assisted the Midland County Sheriff's Office on a shots fired/gunman call in Midland County. The complainant stated a neighbor came out on his front porch and fired two shots into the back of his vehicle. After a long period of trying to make contact with the suspect via telephone, it was determined the suspect used an air rifle in the shooting. This was an ongoing neighbor dispute between the complainant revving his vehicle in front of the suspect's house, and the suspect having enough of it. The suspect was lodged in the Midland County Jail.

COs assigned to District 6 attended the Mid-Michigan Outdoor and Boat Show in Birch Run. While at this event, COs spoke with many outdoorsmen and women answering many questions.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Jeff Robinette and CO Tyler Cole attended a career fair at Southwestern Michigan Community College. The career fair was well attended and the COs answered a lot of questions regarding the hiring process and job duties.

CO Zach Bauer was checking fishing licenses on the St. Joe River in St. Joseph County and ran into a subject fishing without a license. The subject, who was from Arizona, couldn't say he didn't know he needed a fishing license since he had previously purchased a 24 hour fishing license a week earlier. The subject was cited for fishing without a license.

CO Zach Bauer gave presentations to three groups of students at Constantine Middle School, with approximately 60 students contacted. CO Bauer discussed the job duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer and the hiring process.

CO Tyler Cole received a complaint concerning multiple illegal garbage dump sites in the Crane Pond State Game Area. Approximately three truckloads of garbage had been dumped. After collecting evidence and discovering a possible address for the owners of the garbage, CO Cole went to a residence in Vandalia to investigate further. The

subjects at the residence stated they had paid their neighbor to collect the garbage, under the assumption that he would then take the garbage to the local landfill. After questioning the neighbor about the garbage dumped, he admitted he was responsible and that the garbage would be cleaned up. In the following days, the garbage was removed from the Game Area. A citation for littering was issued to the subject.

CO Tyler Cole attended a hunter safety class at the Dowagiac Conservation Club, discussing various laws and regulations. Approximately 20 students were in attendance.

CO Matt Page is conducting a follow-up investigation into a fatal boating accident that occurred on Keeler Lake in VanBuren County. Two fishermen appear to have overturned their boat and both subjects drowned. The Michigan State Police had responded to the original call and recovered the men's bodies.

CO Paul Higashi manned a booth at the Field and Stream store in Kalamazoo and spoke with approximately a dozen people, answering a variety of questions about hunting and fishing regulations.

CO Andy Bauer spoke to a group of 26 students at a hunter safety class held at Bend of the River Conservation Club in Berrien County.

CO Justin Ulberg monitored 6th Street Dam in Kent County due to recent complaints of snagging and anglers taking over-limits of fish. CO Ulberg observed one angler catch four steelhead and place the fish on different stringers. Eventually another angler left with two of the fish. Contact was made with both anglers and a confession was received that one of the anglers caught all four fish. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Rouge River SGA for ORV activity after a recent rain, CO Justin Ulberg located a vehicle stuck in a mud pit in a closed area. Two subjects were still on scene trying to figure out how to get the truck unstuck. Further investigation revealed the subjects were in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Barry County in the Middleville State Game Area. During the patrol, he observed a red ORV operating carelessly on the roadway. When the operator saw CO Cardenas, they turned around and fled. CO Cardenas turned his patrol truck around and initiated his emergency lights and sirens. The ORV failed to stop and proceeded through some rough terrain, losing the CO. After talking to local citizens in the area, CO Cardenas received a tip and relocated the suspect. Contact was made with the juvenile operator and the parents. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Bass River Recreation Area, CO BJ Goulette came across two trucks stuck off road in an area not open to vehicle traffic. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Rodgers assisted CO Justin Ulberg with a snagging complaint along the Rogue River in Kent County. CO Ulberg watched the fishing activity and relayed the information to CO Rodgers that the subjects were leaving with a couple fish. He did not

see them snag the fish, but information from a complainant stated he foul hooked them. CO Rodgers made contact with the subject to investigate the complaint. The subjects stated they caught them in the mouth and did not snag them. A records check revealed that one of the subjects had three warrants for various traffic offenses and the other had a warrant from 2010 out of Manistee for snagging. Bond in the amount of \$590 was taken on the snagging warrant. CO Ulberg transported the other subject and turned them over to a Michigan State Trooper for a no bond warrant out of Stanton.

CO Chuck Towns reported making contact with a subject who had taken a Northern Pike out of season along the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County. The subject tried to tell CO Towns that the Kalamazoo River is "connecting waters" because it's connected to Lake Michigan. The subject was corrected on his misinterpretation of the law and arrested for an outstanding warrant.

CO Ivan Perez remembered a complaint from the fall regarding someone keeping a baby deer and raising it in Robinson Township of Ottawa County. CO Perez went to the suspect area and could not locate anything. CO Perez expanded his search a block in either direction of the complaint and located a young (buck) deer being kept with some goats in a small 12' X 12' pen. A female at the residence stated that while walking along the power lines with her husband, they located the baby deer on the verge of death with the fawn's dead mother nearby. She took it back to her residence and nursed it back to health. As the button buck got older, she let the deer go, but it would always return to the pen at night. She stated that she was going to call a deer farm or rehabber to see what she could do. After explaining the law, and why it's important to inform the DNR about orphaned animals and not to move them, the deer was seized and she was given a verbal warning for the possession of live game.

While returning to a department storage facility, CO Ivan Perez noticed an unfamiliar vehicle parked in the parking area occupied by a male. As CO Perez pulled forward, the vehicle immediately left the scene. CO Perez turned around and began following the vehicle. The vehicle had sped into an apartment complex just east of the storage unit. As CO Perez was pulling up, the driver exited the vehicle and began to quickly walk away. CO Perez announced himself as a CO and ordered the subject to stop. The subject then ran into an apartment and closed the door behind him. CO Perez took a defensive position behind his vehicle, not sure what the intentions were of the suspect, and called for backup. While waiting for backup to arrive, the subject came back out of the apartment. An interview of the subject revealed that he was smoking some marijuana while parked in front of the storage facility. When a county deputy arrived, the vehicle was searched for drugs, but nothing was found other than several open bottles of liquor. The subject was issued a citation for the possession of the open intoxicants.

CO Greg Patten found a litter pile in the Muskegon State Game Area. Contact was made with the subject that the mail was addressed to and found out that the subject paid his grandson to haul the trash to the landfill. The litter pile was cleaned up, and enforcement action taken.

While checking the boat launch at Sessions Lake, CO Cary Foster observed a truck parked in the launching lane blocking the launch. CO Foster observed a rowboat on the lake, but was unable to get the attention of the occupants. A ticket was issued for parking in the non-authorized location.

CO Cary Foster received a phone call from a local resident in reference to a deer carcass being dumped on the side of a county road where there was a tag attached to a leg. CO Foster located the carcass and tag. The owner of the tag was located and a confession was obtained for the dumping of the carcass. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in the Village of Saranac, CO Cary Foster observed a subject fishing in a closed, type 1 trout stream. Contact was made with the subject who was fishing for steelhead. The subject stated he did not know the stream was closed to fishing and he lives just around the corner. CO Foster explained the stream is a natural spawning area for steelhead and is closed to allow for more natural fish reproduction. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Dan Prince is assisting the Forest Management Division with a wildfire investigation which happened in the Brighton Recreation Area. The fire started on private property and spread into the Brighton Recreation Area. Brighton and Hamburg Township Fire Departments were able to put out the fire which burned over six acres. A report will be submitted to the Livingston County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Eric Smither assisted Lenawee County Sheriff's Department and Adrian Township Police with a suicidal subject armed with a knife. Officers were able to deescalate the situation and the subject was taken to the hospital to be evaluated.

CO Eric Smither assisted Cambridge Township Police on a semi accident on M50 near Laird Road. CO Smither provided assistance by directing traffic around the accident.

CO Eric Smither assisted the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department on a domestic violence call. CO Smither talked with the male individual, while the deputy talked with the female. The female was taken into custody by the deputy.

CO Brandon Hartleben was a guest speaker for the Introduction to Criminology class at Washtenaw Community College. CO Hartleben spoke to approximately 12 students about what a Michigan Conservation Officer is and does. In addition, CO Hartleben offered insights into the CO hiring process, discussed the academic/physical requirements, answered questions, and provided advice to the class about pursuing a career in law enforcement.

CO Pete Purdy was on his way home from prescreening interviews when traffic slowed down on eastbound I-96. He observed a vehicle nearly rear end a semi-truck, carelessly change lanes and came close to side-swiping CO Purdy's patrol truck. The vehicle then

sped up and began tailgating another vehicle. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and the driver of the vehicle said he was in rush to get home. He was issued a citation for careless driving.

CO Pete Purdy was on his way home from prescreening interviews when a Livingston County Sheriff deputy requested back-up for a 911 call of a larceny of vehicle in progress at a closed business. CO Purdy responded and it turned out to be an employee of the business preparing the work vehicle for the next day.

CO Pete Purdy was on a rural road in Ingham County when a vehicle came from behind at a high rate of speed and began tailgating his patrol truck. It then passed CO Purdy's marked patrol truck at a high rate of speed and began tailgating another vehicle. That vehicle signaled a left turn and began to slow down at which point the aggressive driver passed on the dirt shoulder. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and the driver advised he was trying to get to a business before it closed. He was unable to provide proof of insurance, the vehicle's registration was expired, and it had a defective brake light. The driver was issued citations for careless driving and expired vehicle registration. Warnings were given for no proof of insurance and defective brake light.

CO Chris Reynolds and CO Andy Monnich assisted the Michigan State Police Cyber Crimes Unit in collecting evidence of cell phones seized with a search warrant. The suspect named in the warrant shot a deer in Ohio without a license, and then transported the deer to Michigan, where he tagged the deer with his son's license.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a set of fresh ORV tracks on a local Hillsdale County road. CO Reynolds circled the block and listened for the ORV. After a short time, the CO observed the ORV in the distance, with the driver not wearing a helmet. A stop was conducted with multiple other violations observed. CO Reynolds educated the driver on ORV laws for the county. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds was passed by a vehicle at a high rate of speed. The CO paced the vehicle well over the posted speed limit for approximately one mile. A traffic stop was conducted with the driver stating he never saw the CO and could not recall how fast he was driving. CO Reynolds advised the driver of the speeds at which he was paced. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Jackson was on patrol in Branch County when he heard a BOL on the radio about two cars that were racing and traveling at a very high rate of speed. The two vehicles were nearing CO Jackson's location and he waited along US-12 to watch as they entered the county. The CO was able to stop one of the vehicles, whose driver admitted to going too fast. The driver was also operating on a suspended license. CO Jackson cited the driver for driving while suspended.

CO Josh Jackson finished an investigation that started in February wherein he found a 9-point deer at a local taxidermist with suspicious license circumstances. He suspected the hunter had shot the deer and then purchased the license. The suspect ultimately

admitted to shooting the 9-point buck, then buying a tag before bringing it in to the taxidermist. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Ludwig received a complaint via the Report All Poaching hotline of a duck stuck in a trap near the state secondary complex. Upon arrival, the CO was unable to locate any ducks at the location, but did notice a goose having a difficult time swimming. The CO launched his canoe and attempted to net the goose. CO Ludwig was unable to net the goose in the water and noted how well the goose was able to swim under water to elude him. Eventually the CO was able to corral the goose on shore and remove a foothold trap. The goose was released without any further incident.

While patrolling the Grand River, CO Troy Ludwig observed a boat he recognized from a previous contact at a boat launch. Contact was made and the owner was unable to produce life jackets for the occupants, which he was cited for a month earlier. The owner had also not registered the boat or trailer, nor installed navigation lights, which he had been warned on previously. The owner stated he didn't think he would get caught because he didn't believe the area was patrolled. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling Eaton County when he thought he saw fireworks on the side of the road ahead of him. Upon arrival, he discovered that a powerline was down and grass in the ditch was catching fire. The CO advised the local residents to remain in their homes and blocked traffic to avoid any contact with the line. Dispatch was contacted and the Charlotte Fire Department and Consumers Energy were dispatched to the scene.

CO Todd Thorn and CO Jason McCullough responded to a RAP complaint detailing a subject selling protected animals on Craigslist. A subject was contacted on a traffic stop as he left the suspect's residence. The driver was found to be in possession of a protected species that he had just purchased from the suspect. The animal was seized and the seller was contacted a short time later at his residence. Both the buyer and seller were educated about the illegal sale of wildlife.

CO Todd Thorn found ATV tracks in the snow going through the Dansville State Game area. CO Thorn, using his tracking skills and knowledge of the area, tracked the ORV to a nearby residence. The ORV was located behind the residence and the owner of the ORV confessed to operating in a State Game Area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn found a pile of trash in the Dansville State Game area and was able to locate a name and address on a box found in the pile. CO Thorn contacted the man at his residence where enforcement action was taken. Additionally, the man was required to clean up the pile of trash.

CO Shane Webster received a tip from CO Chris Reynolds about a buck shot during the 2016 season by a hunter without a license. CO Webster tracked the suspect to a residence where his adult son was contacted. The suspect and his wife were out of town for the winter. CO Webster contacted the suspect by telephone, and after several

minutes of conversation, the suspect hung up on CO Webster. CO Webster contacted the suspect's wife, who convinced her husband to talk with CO Webster. The suspect confessed to shooting the deer without a license and stated he couldn't see the deer's head when he shot. The suspect also stated he never sees bucks and was surprised when he recovered the deer. Charges are pending through the local prosecutor's office.

CO Shane Webster was patrolling for snowmobile activity during the recent snowfall. The CO spotted two riders who quickly darted between houses to avoid him. CO Webster was able to track them through the neighborhood and caught up with them as they were trying to conceal the snowmobiles in the backyard. Both machines had multiple violations in addition to refusing to stop for CO Webster. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick and CO Jason King attended a youth pheasant hunt at Muzzy Pheasant Farm in Shiawassee County. CO Slick and CO King spoke to the participants about firearm safety, ethics and the role of a conservation officer in Michigan. The youth were successful in harvesting multiple birds. It was great to get the youth out in the field and teach them the importance of firearm safety and Michigan's natural resources.

CO Todd Thorn conducted an investigation into a complaint of an individual who had killed an over-limit of bucks at night, and within the Lansing city limits. The individual was borrowing tags from family members to tag the bucks. The investigation led from one family member to another and multiple interviews were conducted by COs Thorn, Nickols and Ludwig. The investigation led to search warrants being served on multiple residences by COs Thorn, Neterer, Maher, Slick, Kennedy and McCullough. Evidence was gathered and additional violations were uncovered, including an over-limit of bucks taken by another member of the family. Warrants are being pursued through the local county prosecutor's office.

CO Chris Maher received a request for assistance from the Luce County Sheriff's Department. The LCSD was investigating a snowmobile that had been found wrecked on a snowmobile trail and abandoned. All the registration numbers had been removed from the machine. The LCSD located a previous owner through extensive searching in Jackson. CO Maher, after following the trail to multiple residences, located the owner and advised him to contact the LCSD.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Jason Becker noticed fresh ORV tracks in the mud while checking a local gravel pit. After a short wait, two operators on ORVs rode up near CO Becker's location. Neither operator was wearing a helmet. CO Becker stopped the ORVs and asked if they had written permission to ride in the gravel pit. The operators stated that they thought the State of Michigan took over the gravel pit. CO Becker explained that the state had not, and even if it was State of Michigan property, ORV operation was not allowed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking a local gravel pit for ORV activity. There were no fresh signs of recent activity, but as CO Becker was leaving the gravel pit, he observed a dirt bike in the area he just checked. CO Becker signaled the subject to stop and the subject fled across the gravel pit to another exit point. CO Becker knew where the subject was headed and met him on a paved bike path that ran adjacent to the gravel pit. CO Becker got the subject stopped and educated the operator on the dangers of attempting to flee when signaled to stop. The subject had no idea of any of the laws pertaining to ORV operation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Travis Dragomer investigated a complaint of a Blue Heron that may have been shot in Genesee County. CO Dragomer located the bird which he identified to be a Sandhill Crane. CO Dragomer performed a necropsy on the bird. The CO was unable to locate any signs that indicated the bird had been shot. CO Dragomer was able to determine the cause of death to be from powerlines.

CO Jacob Griffin and CO Jason Becker interviewed two subjects regarding purchasing resident hunting licenses in two states. This investigation is taking place as an assist to another state.

While monitoring fishing activity at River Bank Park in Flint, CO Justin Muehlhauser observed two men fishing from the south side of the river. Both of the angler's lines were equipped with orange twister tail swim baits. Both men were in violation of gear restrictions during the closed walleye season. When CO Muehlhauser contacted the men, it was discovered that both were fishing without a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed an angler casting a large lure at the Clinton River spillway dam during the gear restricted period. The angler was contacted and informed of the spawning run and claimed that he was unaware of the gear restriction at the dam. The fishing tackle was photographed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel, CO Brad Silorey and CO Joseph Deppen conducted a taxidermy inspection at a large taxidermist that took over four hours to complete in Macomb County. The taxidermist had incomplete records and specimens that were untagged. The COs also found multiple deer that will require follow-up interviews to see if the kill tags were purchased after the deer were taken. Enforcement action was taken with the taxidermist.

CO Ken Kovach was checking activity in the Port Huron Game Area when he located a car parked in a remote area. CO Kovach located and made contact with the two occupants approximately a half mile from their vehicle. As the CO contacted the two, he heard glass breaking, as the subjects were throwing beer bottles over a cliff. The two subjects thought it was illegal to be drinking in the game area after hours, and were trying to get rid of the evidence. The more important issue, besides the obvious littering,

was that the female had a personal protection order against the male subject. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach completed an investigation to the alleged illegal taking of a trophy buck. CO Kovach conducted numerous interviews which lead to a suspect, and a subsequent confession to taking the illegal buck. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Macomb County, CO Brad Silorey and CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint from dispatch. The complainant described an individual who was fishing at a marina and was over-limit on yellow perch. Upon arrival to the marina, the complainant stated that the subject had just left before the COs arrived. Based on the description of the subject, CO Kris Kiel had a good idea who the subject may be. The subject has been known to fish both in the morning and evening at the same marina. Knowing that the subject may return, CO Silorey and CO Kiel left the area and returned several hours later. The subject's vehicle was spotted when the COs returned. When the subject packed up to leave for the day, the COs made contact with him. CO Silorey and CO Kiel questioned the individual on how many fish he had, and he stated that he did not have a limit. CO Silorey counted the fish, and he was found to be over the daily limit of perch by four fish. CO Silorey told the subject he had one opportunity to tell the truth, and then questioned the subject on how many fish he had caught in the morning. The subject then stated that he had an additional 30 perch at home from fishing in the morning that same day. The COs then followed the subject to his residence where they found an additional 47 perch on ice in the subject's garage. The subject, in total was in possession of 101 yellow perch; over double the daily limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey made it a priority to check the Clinton River Dam, where special restrictions are currently in place until late April. CO Silorey contacted multiple anglers at the dam, in which a majority were in violation of the artificial bait restriction. Enforcement action was taken on the violating individuals.

CO Matthew Zultak witnessed a subject unloading construction waste from their vehicle onto state land in the Lapeer State Game Area. A citation was issued and a warrant arrest was made on the vehicle operator for failure to pay child support. The subject was turned over to the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department.

CO Raymond Gardner was on eastbound I-96 in Howell patrolling back to Wayne County. While on patrol, CO Gardner was passed by an SUV traveling at a high rate of speed. CO Gardner then caught up to the vehicle, which was traveling at approximately 90 mph, and initiated a traffic stop. After making contact with the driver, CO Gardner discovered that the driver was on probation and operating on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was sneaking through the woods to observe a few anglers when he smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. He observed one gentleman with a joint in his lips, smoking away. He approached the angler and the angler spit the joint out into

the water. When asked for his fishing license, he stated that he did not have it on him, nor did he have his ID. CO Schaumburger asked for his name and date of birth to check him for warrants. The angler had a birthday of 4/20 that he was very proud of, and much not to the CO's surprise, the angler had an outstanding warrant for possession of marijuana. The angler was arrested and lodged on his warrant.

Leaving Belle Isle at the end of shift, CO Dan Walzak and CO David Rodgers were the first on scene at a traffic crash involving two vehicles. Both vehicles suffered substantial damage but, thankfully, neither of the drivers had any serious injuries. CO Rodgers contacted MSP Station 20 and requested they advise Detroit PD of the crash at the corner of East Jefferson Avenue and Chene Street. The COs managed to move one of the vehicles out of traffic and held down the crash until Detroit Police were able to respond.

## **BELLE ISLE**

While on patrol on Belle Isle, CO Al Mendez and CO Joe Meyers responded to a 911 complaint of a suicidal subject on the MacArthur Bridge. Upon arrival on the scene, Detroit Police Department and Border Patrol units had the subject in custody. A search of the subject's vehicle produced a large machete found between the front seat and the center console. The subject was despondent and suicidal because his sister was murdered a week before. The subject was transported by Detroit Police Department to the hospital for evaluation.

CO Andy Monnich was on patrol on Belle Isle when he was passed by a car that was going two times the speed limit on the island. CO Monnich conducted a traffic stop on the speeding vehicle and made contact with the driver. The driver was very angry to be pulled over on the island stating that in his home town the police just leave him alone and he's well known in his town. A license check revealed why this individual was well known in his town. His license was actually suspended in California and he was not valid to drive in the state. Enforcement action was taken and the vehicle was towed.

CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted CO Chris Simpson and Detroit Police Department with a suicidal subject attempting to jump from the MacArthur Bridge on Belle Isle. The subject was taken into protective custody by DPD officers.

CO Joshua Wright and Sgt. Jason Smith were just ending their shift on Belle Isle when they received a call that a person may have jumped off the Mc Arthur Bridge. They were assisted by the Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department and US Coast Guard. After three hours of searching, the Detroit Police Dive Team recovered the body.