

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
3/19/12 – 4/1/12**

DISTRICT 1

CO Ryan Aho worked a covert patrol on the Menominee River. He targeted overlimit complaints and illegal take during the walleye run. He was able to conduct a few good checks but found no violations.

CO Mark Leadman reported numerous complaints coming in ranging from litter, fishing out of season, illegal camping on state land, and ORV complaints.

CO Trey Luce investigated the suspicious death of two moose that died within hours of each other, along county roads, and 10 miles apart in western Marquette County. At this point there is no evidence of being hit by a vehicle or shot. Wildlife Division will be conducting necropsies in an attempt to determine cause of death.

DISTRICT 2

COs John Wenzel and Jared Ferguson stopped a vehicle due to excessive speed and faulty equipment issues. During the stop they found an uncased gun in the vehicle. A ticket was issued for the uncased gun and warnings were given for the traffic violations.

CO Kyle Publiski was checking anglers fishing for smelt and contacted a subject who refused to show his fishing license or ID. The subject complained that the CO should be arresting people who are smelt fishing out of season instead of picking on him for a fishing license. When asked why he was smelt fishing, he stated that he was a Tribal member and could do anything he wanted. Again he was asked for a fishing license and ID. He identified himself, but wouldn't show any licenses or credentials proving his Tribal affiliation. Ticket was issued for fail to display a fishing license.

CO Mike Hammill assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a vehicle inbound to the State Prison in Newberry which was reported to be transporting drugs with plans to smuggle them into the prison. The vehicle was intercepted and CO Hammill assisted with the traffic stop and vehicle search. The drugs were located and arrests were made.

DISTRICT 3

CO Steve Speigl and ECO Lt. Vence Woods investigated a complaint of an illegal burn and found a pile of rubbish being burned that contained large quantities of household items and several tires. A ticket was issued.

CO Carl VanderWall encountered a subject who was fishing on a closed trout stream. The subject said that he was not aware that the stream was still closed to fishing. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Carl VanderWall was checking a party site on state land and found an empty car parked near a smoldering campfire. On the dash of the car was a glass jar containing marijuana. A second vehicle arrived with three occupants, and upon contacting them, CO VanderWall discovered that the driver had a suspended driver's license and three warrants for his arrest. He also was in possession of marijuana. One of the passengers was in possession of marijuana and extracted THC that were packaged for resale. He was arrested for multiple crimes including two felonies.

CO William Webster was patrolling the Devils River on foot when he observed two subjects fishing on a section of the River posted for no trespassing. The two anglers were not having any success at catching the suckers and started packing up to leave. CO Webster contacted the pair and found out they did not have permission from the landowner to fish. When CO Webster pointed out two "No Trespassing" signs they passed, they said other people were doing it earlier so they thought it would be ok. The property owner is pressing charges for trespassing.

DISTRICT 4

Three years ago CO Steve Converse received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint from a person who had observed two subjects spearing closed waters on Pine Creek. CO Converse responded but did not make any contacts that year. He has been working the complaint area the same time period ever since. CO Converse's persistence and diligence finally paid off as he observed the same two subjects spearing on Pine Creek in Manistee County. CO Converse apprehended the individuals and seized four steelhead they had illegally taken with a spear.

While patrolling closed waters in Manistee County, CO Steve Converse observed an angler illegally fishing on a small stream. The angler saw CO Converse and attempted to leave the area before the CO could contact him. When the angler returned to his vehicle he discovered CO Converse waiting for him. The angler was ticketed for fishing a closed stream.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling in Lake County when she observed a senior citizen in a vehicle. CO Greenway recalled a previous dispatched report on this subject which advised they were lost and possibly disoriented. She contacted the subject and ascertained that she did not need any medical attention. She then assisted in getting the woman home. The subject was several miles from her residence and was heading in the wrong direction.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a dangerous situation at an access site on the Pere Marquette River in Lake County where an angler had been swept away by the current as he attempted to launch his drift boat. CO Greenway assisted in extricating the man from the swift current and assisted in attempts to resuscitate him. Unfortunately, the victim did not survive.

CO Carla Soper responded to a complaint of subjects driving trucks mud bogging in a wetland in Manistee County. She located the vehicles and persons involved and witnessed several violations occurring, including operating in a wetland, allowing

unlawful juvenile operation, and several licensing violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth responded to several complaints of anglers blatantly snagging steelhead at Tippy Dam in Manistee County. COs observed the anglers switch fishing rods and attempt to snag fish. The COs contacted the targeted anglers and several other anglers nearby, not realizing the COs had been watching these anglers, approached and complained about the actions of the other group. COs seized a total of five illegally taken steelhead and tickets were issued for the violations.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth responded to a complaint from a Ludington State Park employee regarding snagging occurring at the Ludington State Park dam. The COs located several anglers in violation and recorded their activity on video. One of the anglers attempted to claim that he could not be issued a ticket for snagging because he was using a fly. Video evidence proved otherwise.

CO Rich Stowe observed an angler targeting bass while fishing from a boat on Long Lake in Grand Traverse County. Upon contact with the boater/angler it was discovered the boat was unregistered and there was no life jacket aboard in addition to the fishing bass out of season violation. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Platte River CO Rebecca Hopkins pulled into the Platte River Campground and observed subjects cutting wood. Upon investigating CO Hopkins found that no one had a wood cutting permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells responded to a complaint regarding an illegal fire and observed a large plume of black smoke. CO Wells discovered a blue tarp, three mattresses, two reclining chairs, and a TV among the rubbish being burned. The subject advised he was trying to get rid of things someone had left behind. A ticket was issued for illegal disposal of solid waste and the fire was extinguished.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a RAP complaint of an ice fishing shanty floating in the waters of Croton Pond. The complainant assisted by removing the shanty prior to CO Ginn's arrival. CO Ginn was able to determine the owner of the shanty and contacted him at his residence. The owner was ticketed and had to complete the removal of the shanty from the location.

COs Jeff Ginn and Brian Lebel observed a vehicle being operated in an area closed to motor vehicles and contacted the occupants. The driver had purposely driven the vehicle around a barricade on the forest road to get to where they were. Occupants informed the COs there were looking for firewood to cut. The driver was also operating on a suspended driver license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn contacted two anglers in a boat on the Muskegon River. When asked how their luck was going the men informed CO Ginn they had lost five fish earlier and were strictly catch and release anglers. CO Ginn checked their boat and cooler and located a walleye. The angler stated he had never caught a walleye of that size in his life and knew the season was closed but kept it anyway. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn has investigated two cases of people dumping brush and debris on state land. One subject used a front end loader to drag an 80 foot white pine tree down the road onto a two track on state land. CO Hearn followed the drag mark back to the residence and had the subject remove the tree debris.

While on patrol near a residential area, CO Mike Hearn observed black smoke coming from behind a privacy fence in a yard. There were no burn permits being issued that day due to high fire danger. Officer Hearn contacted the homeowner and discovered the subject was burning old furniture and mattresses.

CO Mike Hearn was nearby when a MSP trooper was called to a complaint of an intoxicated subject trying to gain entry into a house. The subject had a warrant for his arrest and was on probation; and fled on foot into nearby woods. CO Hearn was familiar with the wooded area and offered to track the individual. Officer Hearn quickly located footprints and within ten minutes, he located the subject lying down in a pile of brush.

In response to a complaint of several subjects snagging spawning northern pike below the dam in the City of Beaverton, CO Mark Papineau arrived on scene and located the subjects fishing. On numerous occasions, the subjects were observed "ripping" the fishing line violently through the water. Contact was made and the subjects advised Officer Papineau that they were simply attempting to catch some fish "any way they could". Numerous tickets were issued.

While attempting to check anglers at the dam in Beaverton, CO Mark Papineau observed two anglers actively snagging spawning northern pike. When approached, both subjects began to flee on foot. After wading across the Tobacco River, the two subjects fled into the City of Beaverton where they began climbing fences and hiding in random backyards. Approximately an hour later, a tip was filed with the Beaverton City Police in regard to the identity of the subjects. CO Papineau returned to the dam the following day and immediately observed one of the identified subjects fishing. The CO contacted the subject and obtained a confession from the individual who was also fishing without a license.

While patrolling in Iosco County, COs Mark Papineau and Brian Olsen contacted numerous subjects fishing at the Van Ettan Dam. The subjects were observed using flashlights to locate spawning trout. During the contact, one of the subjects admitted to catching and keeping walleye only days prior. When asked for their licenses, it was determined that one subject had not purchased an all species license.

DISTRICT 6

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint regarding three anglers fishing in the Saginaw River from the Zilwaukee boat launch. The complainant reported that he

watched one of the anglers land a walleye and put it into the cooler. The CO responded and as he pulled into the lot observed the three subjects. One of them also observed the CO and made a dash for the cooler. The subject reached in, grabbed a fish and threw it back into the river. Unfortunately, due to the distance, the CO was not able to positively identify the fish and the angler advised he threw a catfish into the water. The CO then asked the anglers to bring in their lines so he could check their baits. The CO found the anglers were using illegal gear, spinners and beads. The CO advised them that the gear was illegal during the walleye closure. Enforcement action was taken

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Dan Lee were patrolling a Saginaw County river by kayak when they observed two people fishing with illegal gear. During the closed season for walleye artificial lures are banned in Saginaw to protect the spawning walleye. Upon contact the two attempted to convince the COs that because they weren't from the area they weren't aware of the regulations. When asked how they had found such a secluded spot to fish, one subject started to say that he had been told it was good spot to catch walleye, but then realized he may have said too much. Tickets were issued.

COs Jay Person and Joel Lundberg checked an area of state land closed to wheeled vehicles, and found a large party in progress. The COs encountered numerous minors in possession of alcohol along with other violations. The COs started checking the subjects through the LEIN/NCIC system when they observed one of the subjects jump into the pond and start swimming to the other side. He had given the COs a false name and he thought he could get away. CO Person stayed with the minors and CO Lundberg determined where the subject lived and was waiting for him when he arrived at home. The subject showed up soaking wet, including his cell phone and wallet. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Midland County Jail for resist and obstruct police officer. Other violations at the original scene were also dealt with.

CO Larn R. Strawn responded to a RAP complaint of persons demolishing a mobile home and illegally burning the debris. While conducting the surveillance the CO observed two men removing debris from the mobile home and pitching it into a large open fire burning in the driveway. After stoking the fire into a significant blaze the men loaded scraps of metal into the bed of a pickup truck, got in it and drove away, leaving the fire completely unattended. CO Strawn followed the subjects and conducted a traffic stop. The men admitted to burning the debris and stoking the fire so it would stay lit until they returned from a trip to sell the scrap metal they had recovered from the trailer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg watched an angler along the Tittabawassee River hook a large fish. When the fish was brought in the CO observed that it was a large female walleye that was snagged in the belly. The angler then threw the fish up onto the shore. The CO contacted the angler and discussed the law on retaining foul hooked fish. It was also determined that the angler had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was lodged in the county jail for the warrant and a ticket was issued for retaining a foul hooked fish.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted several anglers after CO Jason Smith witnessed them snagging steelhead at Lexington Harbor. At first, the anglers denied attempting to snag fish, but after pointing out that CO Smith had been observing their activities for several hours, the anglers admitted to their violations and tickets were issued.

CO Seth Rhodea received information from a property owner that he had found a deer carcass dumped on his property and that there was a tag still attached to the deer. CO Rhodea contacted the owner of the tag who stated that he had shot a couple deer last season but he was not sure what had happened to the deer after they were butchered but he was willing to accept responsibility for the littering violation. A ticket was issued.

DISTRICT 7

CO Gary Raak reported the apprehension of a subject who was operating his truck illegally in the Barry State Game Area (SGA). The subject was caught climbing hills, off road, with his father in the passenger seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten contacted a subject who admitted to leaving a tree stand on state land after the season and to cutting numerous trees for shooting lanes. The subject was ticketed for the violation and given a warning on the tree cutting.

CO Greg Patten contacted a tribal member who was in possession of an undersized bass during their open season. A report of the incident was forwarded to the tribal game warden who ticketed the subject for the violation.

CO Andy Bauer was contacted by a subject he had assisted with trespass problems in the past. The subject stated that three men were fishing on a closed stream next to his property, and that he had told them that it was closed until the April trout opener. The three subjects ignored the complainant, and went fishing on the closed stream anyway. CO Bauer responded and located the three anglers fishing on the closed trout stream. CO Bauer issued tickets for fishing on a closed trout stream.

CO Dave Rodgers observed two subjects operating ORVs illegally and without helmets in the Lowell SGA. Upon contact he determined one 20 year old subject with a medical marijuana card was sharing his marijuana with a friend as they stopped to take a break during their illegal ride. Each rider was ticketed for multiple violations.

CO Chris Simpson worked a RAP complaint on three different evenings related to subjects taking bass during the closed season at White Lake in Muskegon County. On the third evening he observed the described subjects and was able to contact and identify one who had taken 25 largemouth and smallmouth bass. CO Simpson ticketed the subject for taking the fish during closed season and returned the following evening to the same location to ticket another angler also taking bass. That person indicated he had watched the original subjects keeping bass so he thought it was ok.

DISTRICT 8

COs Damon Owens and Jeff Walker contacted an angler who was in possession of two largemouth bass in a plastic bag near his vehicle. The angler stated his intentions were to take a picture of the fish and return them to the water. The COs didn't buy the explanation and the subject was issued tickets for take/possess bass out of season.

CO Pete Purdy contacted an angler who did not have a fishing license or identification. Further investigation revealed he was unlicensed and had a felony warrant and three misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster had just checked out of service when he received a call from central dispatch. The dispatcher wanted to know about possession limits of fish to assist an officer responding to a complaint. CO Webster promptly checked back in service and responded to assist. CO Webster encountered four individuals in possession of 96 panfish over their legal limit. All four individuals were ticketed and reimbursement will be requested on the overlimit.

CO Todd Thorn checked an angler on the Grand River in Lansing who stated that he forgot his fishing license and ID at home. The angler then admitted to having driven to the fishing location. After attaining the man's identity, CO Thorn discovered that the angler had three warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader checked a shore fishing spot in Coldwater and recognized one of the anglers. CO Bader only had to watch him for about ten minutes before he observed him catch two largemouth bass. He looked around to see who was watching before he took the fish off the hooks and hid them in the weeds. CO Bader enlisted the help of a MSP trooper to keep an eye on him until he could get into position to make contact. CO Bader and the trooper located seven bass in various locations around the subject, three of which were less than 14". CO Bader is seeking multiple warrants through the prosecutor's office. Prior to this case, he has successfully charged this individual on four different occasions for fishing violations.

COs Kyle Bader and Jeff Goss conducted an ORV patrol in Battle Creek. They contacted one subject on an ORV who was trespassing and had a suspended operator's license. The COs contacted his riding partner next, who was broken down in the woods, and had a warrant out of Kalamazoo. He was lodged on multiple ORV violations and the ORV he was riding was stolen.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a call from a MSP trooper looking for a vehicle involved in a copper theft case. CO Bader happened to see the vehicle at a gas station. He pulled in behind it and waited for the owners. The first subject came out to the vehicle but tried to walk away when he saw CO Bader. Just as CO Bader was securing the first subject, a station employee came out and said that somebody just ran out the back of the store. The next subject came out and was secured after attempting to walk away. The MSP took over the investigation and lodged one of the two subjects.

CO Kyle Bader swore to a three-count warrant on the subject he caught in possession of seven largemouth bass. While at the court, he received a disposition from a deer case submitted in December. The subject shot a 10 point buck the last day of the late antlerless season, without a license. He was sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs, \$1000 in reimbursement to the state and loss of hunting privileges for one year.

CO Brad Brewer received a complaint from Hillsdale County central dispatch about someone road hunting. The caller witnessed someone parked along the road with a firearm pointed out the window. When the subject saw the caller he quickly pulled the firearm into the truck and sped away. CO Brewer responded to the area but the vehicle was gone. While checking the vicinity he located an off duty MSP trooper, who was out scouting for turkey hunting sites. During their conversation, he mentioned seeing the subject vehicle and that he recognized the driver. CO Brewer went to the subject's house and interviewed him. The subject admitted to shooting at turtles in a pond along the road; however he was adamant that he was not in his vehicle while he was shooting. CO Brewer searched the truck and found the firearm along with numerous empty .22 shells on the floor boards. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller was patrolling the Huron River and observed several anglers along the river. He started checking licenses and discovered two of the five were without licenses. One of the subjects told CO Miller that back at their other fishing spot an angler caught a walleye. When they went back to their vehicle where the other subject was located, CO Miller started asking about the walleye. No one knew about the fish, so CO Miller started checking their containers. When he opened the first one there was one walleye in the pail and everyone started pointing fingers at each other. CO Miller ticketed both subjects for fishing without licenses, and ticketed the vehicle owner for possession during the closed season.

CO Jason Smith was contacting anglers along the bank of the Huron River when he checked two individuals fishing at a local park. CO Smith was chatting with the anglers when he heard some movement in the brush behind him. CO Smith was surprised to discover a largemouth bass flopping around in a plastic bag. One of the anglers owned up to catching the bass and told CO Smith that the bass just looked too good to throw back. CO Smith also advised the angler that he had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Derek Miller and Rick Villerot were on patrol when they observed subjects fishing in a common pike fishing spot. They contacted the subjects who stated they had caught a couple of pike but released them. After talking with them for a while, CO Miller observed a stringer floating in the water next to the dock that the anglers claimed was theirs. It had at least one large northern pike on the end of the stringer along with another fish. The subjects then advised that they did keep a couple of fish and that the stringer must have come untied from the dock after they attached the last fish. The COs then obtained a confession from one of the subjects for catching and keeping the northern pike. A ticket was issued.

CO Damon Owens responded to a distressed vessel call on a local Jackson County lake. The inexperienced operator did not anticipate the strong cold winds which had forced his vessel into rocks after his engine malfunctioned. The operator and passengers had been stranded for approximately five hours and were experiencing frigid temperatures on the open water. CO Owens, with assistance from a lake resident and local police, were able to tow the vessel and occupants to safety.

CO Dan Bigger patrolled several spots along the river for canoe and kayak activity and checked anglers while there. CO Bigger contacted one subject whom he initially recognized as an angler he had charged with trespass in the past. Today, he wasn't trespassing but had not purchased a license since 2010. Further checks indicated he had five warrants out of Genesee County and they requested that he be lodged. The subject was lodged in Shiawassee County on the warrants and issued a ticket for fish without license.

CO Dan Bigger observed two subjects in a rowboat who were having control difficulties while trying to maneuver the vessel to the shoreline. CO Bigger had to assist in getting them to a spot along the shoreline as they overshot their landing. They had consumed an overabundance of alcohol and had no personal flotation devices (PFDs) aboard. CO Bigger had them get rides and warned them about being in control of a vessel while intoxicated or impaired and issued tickets for not having PFDs.

CO Pete Purdy responded to a bank robbery in progress in the City of Owosso. CO Purdy was the first on scene at the bank; he confirmed the suspects had all fled the area in the same vehicle and that all the bank patrons and employees were unharmed. CO Purdy then secured the scene until the local police officers took over. All four suspects were caught 40 miles away after a high speed chase.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Ennett was conducting fishing checks along the Saline River when he contacted three anglers fishing off one of the foot bridges in Wilson Park. As he approached, one angler caught and released a small sucker. When asked for fishing licenses, all three responded with a version of "you mean you need a fishing license even if you catch and release?" CO Ennett advised them of the licensing requirements, and found out that at least one of them has been fishing for years without purchasing a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint of subjects taking and keeping smallmouth bass from the Detroit River. Upon approaching the pier, CO Rabon observed approximately 40-45 anglers milling around and fishing. He was unable to determine if anyone had taken or possessed smallmouth bass. After surveying the area and walking approximately 150 ft. back from the shoreline, CO Rabon found an old abandoned television frame, minus the picture tube, covered with a garbage bag. Sitting inside the frame was a five gallon pail containing three smallmouth bass. None

of the anglers claimed the smallmouth bass, or admitted to taking the bass. CO Rabon confiscated the bass.

CO Mike Drexler finalized a case from last November where one subject was found shining deer with an uncased bow in a motor vehicle at a Wayne County Sheriff Office Road Patrol parking lot. After ignoring the advice of his lawyer, the defendant insisted on having a jury trial. The jury deliberated for about 10 minutes and found the subject guilty of possessing an uncased bow in a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to two years hunting license revocation, one year probation, and over \$800 in fines.

CO Mike Drexler conducted surveillance of two anglers along the Huron River. As the anglers were packing up for the day CO Drexler observed one subject dump a can of corn into the water and throw the empty can on the ground. CO Drexler contacted the anglers and issued the subject a ticket for littering.

CO Brandon Kieft was checking an area along the Huron River in the Proud Lake Recreation Area when he observed an angler fishing along the shore. The angler was fishing in an area where trout had recently been planted by the DNR Fisheries Division. When CO Kieft contacted the subject, he stated that the trout just wouldn't bite on any of the lures he was casting toward them. CO Kieft stated that the fish were likely still in some "shock" from having been planted the day before. CO Kieft also mentioned that the trout season was still closed on that section of the river. The angler claimed he was unaware, but CO Kieft pointed to a sign stating "No Fishing before April 1st" which was only about 20 yards away. The angler also didn't have the required All Species Fishing License or the correct tackle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively contacted a subject pulling his boat out of Loon Lake in Oakland County. CO Shively walked back to the vessel to check the subject's fish and located a painted turtle walking around inside the boat. When questioned about the turtle, the subject stated he was taking it to a friend who had a pond. CO Shively then began to check the subject's catch and counted 36 panfish. The subject was ticketed for taking an overlimit of panfish and allowed to return the turtle to the lake.

CO Ben Shively contacted a subject on Kent Lake after watching him target bass for over an hour. When asked what he was fishing for the subject stated dogfish. When asked how many dogfish he caught, the subject said none. When asked again about targeting bass the subject admitted to being out for bass. The subject was ticketed for take/attempt to take bass during the closed season.

CO Ben Shively was working the catch and release trout season on the Huron River when he contacted three subjects fishing at the dam in a closed section of the trout stream early in the morning. CO Shively remembered one of the subjects as someone he had ticketed two years ago for recreational trespass. The subjects stated that they thought the trout season opened at midnight but thought it was weird that they were the only ones out fishing. The subjects were educated on the section of river that was open

to catch and release and ticketed the one subject again, this time for fishing without a license.

COs Ben Shively and Kris Kiel checked a vessel coming off of Long Lake in Oakland County. The subjects had no fish and an inspection of their vessel showed that they had no lifejackets. The owner of the vessel was ticketed for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Kris Kiel checked a boat at the Clinton River Cut-off Access Site on Lake St. Clair. The CO recognized the lone vessel occupant as someone he and CO Todd Szyska have both arrested in the past with overlimits of panfish. When asked, the subject showed off his catch. The subject was in possession of 58 panfish, 33 over the legal limit. The subject also did not have the correct type of PFD on board and was revoked for all fishing, hunting, and ORV operation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint in the middle of the night of subjects taking overlimits of rock bass and taking largemouth and smallmouth bass during the closed season. The CO responded to the fishing pier on Lake St. Clair. Checking the anglers, CO Kiel did not find any bass out of season, but did locate one angler in possession of 30 rock bass. This subject had been ticketed in the past by CO Kiel and CO Szyska for possession of bass during the closed season and fishing with too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel observed a subject fishing and asked to check the angler's fishing license. The subject pulled a fishing license from his tackle box and the CO noticed that the birth date would have made the angler quite a bit older than he was. The subject admitted that the fishing license was his father's, but that he did have his own license in his vehicle. After checking with dispatch, it was found that the angler had not purchased a fishing license since 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling on the Flint River by boat and just into Saginaw County near the Burt Road Bridge, CO John Borkovich and Sgt. Tom Wanless came around a bend and observed a male and female fishing. When the female recognized the COs were law enforcement, she threw her pole down. The COs contacted the couple and neither of them had fishing licenses and both were fishing with illegal tackle. CO Borkovich located a stringer with an out-of-season smallmouth bass on it. The male subject admitted to catching the bass. Enforcement action was taken and the fish was released back into the river.

While on a boat on the Flint River in the city of Flint, CO John Borkovich and Sgt. Tom Wanless approached the area near Atwood Stadium. A few of the anglers cut their lines, started to leave, and one subject attempted to dump a bucket of fish back into the river. The COs rounded up several of the anglers and checked them for fishing licenses. Three of the subjects did not have fishing licenses and were fishing with illegal tackle. One of the subjects had a 15 inch smallmouth bass and another subject had a 22 inch walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Port Huron SGA, CO John Borkovich observed a subject next to a parked vehicle with several of the doors open. The CO watched as the subject cleaned out his vehicle and dumped the trash on the ground. As the subject got back in the vehicle to leave, CO Borkovich made contact and took enforcement action. The mess was cleaned up as well.

CO John Borkovich contacted two anglers fishing with illegal bait on the Flint River. The CO explained the gear restrictions and that walleye, bass, and pike season was closed. The subjects appeared thankful. There was little activity on the river so the CO found a spot and conducted surveillance on the area where the two subjects were fishing. An hour and a half later, CO Borkovich watched one of the subjects land a small pike, put it in a bag, and start to leave. CO Borkovich recontacted the subjects who at first denied catching the fish. When the CO described its location, the subjects wanted a break. While the CO was filling out the ticket for the small pike out of season, one of the subjects admitted to getting arrested two years prior by Sgt. Tom Wanless and CO Al Schwiderson for bass out of season.