

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Mark Leadman is following up on a minnow dealer who failed to renew his license from 2009 despite being warned about this last year.

CO Trey Luce has been getting more and more complaints of dogs running deer. Unfortunately, the heavy snow crust is allowing dogs to easily run on top of the snow while deer are breaking through. Enforcement action is being taken in cases of owners allowing their dogs to run at large.

CO Marv Gerlach and PCO Todd Thorne came across some suspicious paperwork when conducting a taxidermy inspection. Follow-up investigation revealed a case in which three subjects had engaged in illegally borrowing and loaning tags to avoid paying for non-resident deer kill tags. The COs obtained confessions and seized a deer rifle. The subjects are facing charges for taking two illegal deer.

CO Ryan Aho checked on the complaint of an ORV through the ice in the Groveland Mine Ponds. The owner of the ORV had organized help from anglers in the area and they were able to retrieve the ORV from the shallow water.

CO Grant Emery worked late season bluegill anglers on a popular lake. One subject was ticketed for being 33 fish over the limit and another non-resident was ticketed for fishing without a license.

While traveling on US 2 in Gogebic County, CO Grant Emery was passed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. CO Emery paced the vehicle at over 90 miles per hour. A traffic stop was initiated and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

COs Reid Roeske and John Wenzel handled separate fire complaints in Delta County. Both situations involved people allowing fires to escape. One was a brush pile fire and the other was a grass fire. Over 30 acres burned. Tickets were issued in both cases.

COs Mike Evink and Derek Miller were investigating an illegal deer case when a vehicle pulled out in front of them with an expired license plate. A stop of the vehicle revealed the driver's license was suspended and revoked. The subject was lodged.

CO Robert Crisp contacted three anglers who had been smoking marijuana. After a short discussion, a baggie of marijuana was seized. The subjects were ticketed.

CO Derek Miller conducted an investigation into several traps that had been left out after the season closed. After many interviews and a lot of footwork, CO Miller uncovered an illegally taken otter. The otter was seized and the subject was charged with the illegal otter.

CO Kyle Publiski encountered a subject ice fishing for perch and observed large amounts of blood around the area. Unable to find any violations at the time, the CO returned the next day and located the suspicious angler. After several hours of surveillance, it was found that the angler was catching pike out of season, stomping on them and leaving them on the ice to die. Once the pike were dead he would kick them back into the hole. As the CO approached, the subject kicked a pike into the hole, but was not fast enough to get rid of three others. The angler stated that the pike were irritating and ruining his perch fishing. He was charged with taking pike out of season and restitution for each fish.

COs Kyle Publiski and Jeff Panich assisted a local deputy with a domestic violence disturbance. The COs were first on scene and noted injuries to both parties. Interviews were conducted and statements taken which resulted in arrests being made by the deputy.

CO Jeff Panich responded to a complaint that a subject was attempting to burn down his trailer home. The CO learned that the subjects were burning household goods, clothes and furniture because they were being evicted. They assured the CO that they wouldn't burn the home down and were then issued a ticket for the illegal burning of solid waste.

CO Jeff Panich responded to a complaint to find a subject burning tar paper and roofing shingles. The subject indicated that he knew it was against the law, but did it anyway. A ticket was issued.

DISTRICT 3

CO Duane Budreau encountered an individual who was searching for and digging up historical artifacts on state land in Emmett County. CO Budreau advised the subject that it was illegal to excavate or remove historical artifacts from state land without a permit. The subject was a historian and was seeking to preserve local history in the area. He was cooperative and CO Budreau gave him a verbal warning. The subject agreed to advise all of his friends who search for treasure that it was necessary to obtain a permit before engaging in this type of activity while on state land.

While patrolling lakes in Antrim County, CO Stephan Speigl was notified that a suspected drunk driver was in his general area. Within minutes, CO Speigl located and pulled over the highly intoxicated operator. Several open containers of alcoholic beverages were found in the vehicle. After sobriety tests were conducted, the subject was lodged in the Antrim County Jail.

While patrolling the Pigeon River Country (PRC) state forest, CO Eric Bottorff overheard an ambulance call regarding a subject administering CPR to his partner in a remote area of the PRC. The two had been dog-sledding when one collapsed. CO Bottorff responded, and ran the last half mile into the woods to the subjects' location. CO Bottorff took over CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. The victim was transported out of the woods and to the hospital. His condition is unknown.

CO Matt Theunick received multiple complaints on an abandoned ice shanty on Black Lake. The board with the name on it had been pulled off, and there had been an attempt to burn it. Concerned that it may go through the ice, CO Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski dismantled and moved the shanty to shore. In the meantime, CO Richard Stowe learned who owned the shanty. CO Theunick and Sgt. Drogowski interviewed the owner and received a confession. Enforcement action was taken, including the requirement that the subject remove and dispose of his shanty from the shoreline.

CO Bill Webster was on patrol when he saw an ORV operator without a helmet doing donuts around anglers. CO Webster talked with the anglers in the area as he walked to where the ORV stopped. The anglers expressed their anger with the operator, stating he was operating carelessly within 100 feet of them and their equipment. CO Webster contacted the 12 year old rider and his father and explained the law, and then issued the father a ticket for his son's illegal operation.

DISTRICT 4

Lt. Dave Shaw was returning from Lansing when he witnessed the end of a "road rage" incident. While stopped at a traffic light in an unmarked State of Michigan vehicle, Lt. Shaw observed a subject with a metal pipe in his hand exit a vehicle in front of him. The subject started swinging the pipe at the driver seated in a vehicle directly in front of Lt. Shaw. Lt. Shaw, in uniform, stepped outside his vehicle and approached the subject, ordering him to drop his weapon. The subject quickly re-entered his vehicle and left the scene. The victim yelled to the Lt. that the subject had also threatened him with a knife. Lt. Shaw phoned 911 and followed the subject until he jumped from the vehicle and fled. Lt. Shaw was assisted by officers from the local police department as they searched for the subject. One half mile away one of the local officers and the Lt. observed the subject and pursued him on foot. The subject was taken into custody with the aid of the K-9 unit, lodged, and charged with felonious assault and resist/obstruct a peace officer. The subject was also wanted on a warrant for a probation violation.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a littering complaint where numerous containers of soy milk were located along a road in Newaygo County. Several mailboxes in the area were damaged by someone throwing the milk containers from a moving vehicle. CO Ginn recovered close to 100 discarded containers, and began the investigation by going to the manufacturer with a lot number. CO Ginn determined that the soy milk was sold to a local food bank for distribution in Newaygo County. After a lengthy investigation, CO Ginn developed a suspect. During the interview the subject admitted to taking the large amount of soy milk and upon finding out that none of his friends wanted it, he went out

and dumped it throughout the county. A ticket was issued for the littering violation and restitution will be sought on several of the damaged mailboxes.

While patrolling the White River shortly before midnight, CO Brian Lebel observed bright spotlights downstream from a remote access point. After walking to the location and watching the subjects netting and snagging fish, the subjects went to a nearby residence. With the assistance of a local deputy, contact was made at the residence where three juveniles were found in possession of five walleye and two steelhead taken illegally. Illegal gear, including "M-60" snag hooks were seized. The juveniles were turned over to their mother who had to be awakened and was not at all happy with their conduct.

CO Mike Wells received a complaint regarding a subject who had caught and kept a walleye during the closed season near the Croton Dam. CO Wells responded and spent over four hours conducting surveillance on the subject. When the subject finished fishing and returned to his vehicle, CO Wells made contact. A two pound walleye was located and the subject was ticketed for the illegal possession.

CO Mike Wells responded to a recreational trespass complaint on the Muskegon River where the complainant's property was posted and he was having trouble with several individuals. CO Wells contacted two of the trespassers, and while talking with the subjects about private property issues, another subject walked onto the property, passing seven "No Trespassing" signs. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper were dispatched to a complaint of possible illegal fishing activity. The COs located two subjects along a remote trout stream who had set up a small shelter on the river bank. The COs observed the subjects as they intently watched steelhead with no attempt to take them. The COs finally contacted the subjects and found a large spear. When questioned about the spear, the owner stated that he hadn't taken a steelhead yet but when he did, he was probably only going to take one. Enforcement action was taken and the spear was seized.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint of possible illegal fishing activity in Lake County. CO Brosky arrived at the scene of the complaint and located a vehicle parked along a closed trout stream on private property. CO Brosky followed the tracks in the snow for two hours and finally located two subjects with fishing equipment. The pair indicated they had permission from the landowner to access the river. Contact was made with the landowner who stated that no permission was given to these subjects. Tickets were issued for recreational trespass and fishing a closed stream.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn concluded an investigation of felony larceny of timber from a local timber producer on a state timber sale. The investigation revealed a subject stealing saw logs from piles on the sale site and reselling the timber.

CO Mike Hearn contacted the owner of a shanty left on a local lake past the March 15th removal date. The subject indicated he had sold the shanty to another individual. The second owner was contacted and named yet another subject to whom he had sold the shanty. The third subject contacted was the current owner and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg stopped to talk with a hunter who was out running dogs. Upon reaching the window of the vehicle, Officer Lundberg saw that the hunter was frantically trying to unload his firearm. Further investigation revealed another loaded firearm in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Engelhard reported that an Iosco County jury found two subjects guilty of fishing in a closed area. In addition to the convictions, one of the subjects was held in contempt of court by the judge for disregarding his instructions. The case began when a concerned angler called the Report-All-Poaching (RAP) hotline after observing two subjects fishing in a closed area of the Au Sable River and keeping steelhead. CO Engelhard quickly responded to the complaint; however the subjects had already left. The following day, CO Engelhard rechecked the area and contacted the same two subjects fishing in the closed area.

CO Brian Engelhard was conducting a follow-up investigation to a RAP complaint of burning tires when he passed a different residence where he observed multiple fires, one of which was giving off dark black smoke. CO Engelhard contacted two men throwing objects into the fire and asked them what they were burning. One of the men commented that they were just burning some garbage, fence posts and some damp hay bales. CO Engelhard also documented two burning tires and the steel belting remnants of at least one additional tire. A ticket was issued for open burning of solid waste.

CO Rebecca Hopkins reported that she and a county marine deputy conducted the first marine rescue of the season in Iosco County. After observing a vessel run aground in Lake Huron, the marine deputy and CO Hopkins suited up in waders, walked out to the vessel and helped push it off the sand bar. After being pushed to deeper water, the operator again ran the vessel aground. A second time, the marine deputy and CO Hopkins entered Lake Huron to help dislodge the vessel and return it to deeper water.

CO Rebecca Hopkins checked two anglers who informed her that a few minutes prior, a man snagged an out of season walleye and quickly left in his vehicle with the fish. The anglers provided CO Hopkins with a physical description of the subject and his vehicle. A short time later, the CO located the subject at a different fishing location. The subject confessed to taking a walleye during the closed season, fishing with an illegal lure on a trout stream, retaining a foul hooked fish and driving a motor vehicle on a suspended operator's license. CO Hopkins seized the walleye and issued a ticket for out of season walleye.

DISTRICT 6

COs Jason A. Smith and Philip Hudson were working spring fish runs in Tuscola County when they were contacted by a group of anglers. The group questioned the COs about what and where they could spear legally. They also asked where the fish were. The COs told them of a creek a few miles away that had good numbers of pike in it, but as previously discussed, they could not legally spear the pike. The COs moved locations and about 10 minutes later the same subjects showed up at the previously discussed location and began trying to spear the pike. After watching the subjects for a while, they came within two feet of CO Hudson. When CO Hudson contacted the subjects, they had a 27 inch pike on the end of their spear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was on a foot patrol on the Rifle River when he observed two ATVs and a dirt bike operating on the roadway at a high rate of speed and in a reckless manner, doing "wheelies". Upon stopping the subjects, CO Atkin found that two of the three operators had suspended driver's licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly took a complaint of anglers using artificial lures in the closed waters in the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA). When the Sgt. arrived on scene, he observed a large campfire in the parking lot with empty beer cans all around it. The Sgt. contacted an angler who was fishing for suckers about 40 feet away. Sgt. Kimmerly advised that ground fires were prohibited in the game area. He then told him that the possession of alcohol and bottles and cans were also prohibited, along with littering. The angler told Sgt. Kimmerly that all the beer cans were there when he arrived. The Sgt. looked down in the grass and asked the angler to hand him the beer can right next to his feet. The can was open and still full of cold beer. At this point the angler told the Sgt. that it was his beer but none of the others were. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Cary Foster ticketed an individual fishing at the Portland Dam after he commented about catching a small pike. CO Foster searched the shoreline for a short distance and found a stringer belonging to the angler, which included the northern pike taken during the closed season.

CO Cary Foster was provided evidence by DNR Wildlife Division employees after a clean up of trash found in the Lowell State Game Area (SGA). CO Foster concluded his investigations with one warning and two others were ticketed for dumping trash in the SGA. One individual admitted that he was paid by his mother to take the trash to a local transfer station and another admitted he knew the dump location well because he hunts in the area.

CO Dave Rodgers of Kent County continues to work fish runs related to the Grand River at the Sixth Street Dam. CO Rodgers worked a complaint of a subject returning to the river in the afternoon after taking a morning limit. Several hours of surveillance prior to

dark resulted in a subject being ticketed for taking an overlimit of steelhead as he worked on his second limit for the day by boat.

CO Dave Rodgers responded to a late night report of subjects taking walleye by snagging and during the closed season at Sixth Street. CO Rodgers observed three subjects snagging below the dam after midnight and in one case carry a walleye to a van. Contact with the subjects as they attempted to leave the area resulted in three tickets for snagging and four walleye seized with a total weight of 36 pounds. The largest illegally taken fish weighed 14 pounds.

While conducting undercover surveillance at the Allegan Dam along the Kalamazoo River, COs Patrick McManus, Mike Mshar and Chuck Towns witnessed a subject snagging and retaining foul hooked fish. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

While conducting surveillance along a local closed trout stream loaded with steelhead, CO Patrick McManus watched two subjects unsuccessfully attempt to catch some fish with their hands and leave. The subjects arrived back a second time that same night with a net and were successful at taking a steelhead illegally. When contact was made, it was learned that one of the subjects had been ticketed eight days earlier for taking a foul hooked walleye in the area and had paid the fine only hours before. The subject was ticketed again and requests have been made to the judge to revoke the subject's fishing privileges.

CO Chris Holmes contacted an angler who was unable to produce a license and lied about his identification. When he was identified, it was revealed the subject had felony warrants out of Detroit for weapon and drug charges. He was taken into custody on the warrants and issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Jeff Robinette obtained a disposition from an investigation last deer season. CO Robinette discovered a non-resident hunter who had borrowed an antlerless deer license from a Michigan resident and had killed a deer. The Michigan resident was ticketed for loaning the license and the non-resident was charged with various violations including the taking of an illegal deer. The non-resident man pled guilty to taking the illegal deer and paid \$1000 dollars reimbursement to the state, along with losing his firearm and his hunting rights for the year of conviction plus three additional years.

CO Steve Mooney responded to a RAP complaint of a subject taking overlimits of Coho on the pier in St. Joseph. The complainant stated that the subjects had already taken their limit and had left and returned and one subject had taken another limit. CO Mooney arrived in time to catch the subject with the second limit at his vehicle and obtained a confession to the double tripping. CO Mooney followed the subjects to their residence and verified that they had already taken limits the same morning and had returned for more fish.

Sgt. Zach Doss received a telephone call from a retired Law Enforcement Division employee who stated he had observed a subject on a stream with a large net. CO Steve Mooney was contacted and was able to respond within a few minutes and located a father and son on the stream, with the father allowing the 15 year old son to use illegal fishing gear in his attempt to snag steelhead. The father was ticketed and the son was given an explanation of the fishing regulations.

DISTRICT 8

CO Rich Nickols received a call about a disorderly subject dressed in camo trying to flag down passing cars. CO Nickols located the subject lying in the middle of a state park campground road. CO Nickols' investigation found the subject to be highly intoxicated, soaking wet, and wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). It was determined that the intoxicated subject capsized his canoe in the lake and swam to shore. The subject was in the water for approximately one hour in 33 degree weather; it is likely the PFD saved his life. CO Nickols assisted the mildly hypothermic subject to his campsite and recovered the sunken canoe.

CO Damon Owens contacted two subjects who were fishing from a boat on a rainy, cold day. The subjects were surprised to be checked by the CO and stated that they "always follow the rules". CO Owens noted that their vessel registration was expired and one of the subjects was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

Following up on some open cases from last fall, CO Dan Bigger was finally able to interview a subject about an illegal deer case. Within the first minute of the interview the subject confessed to killing three deer illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger followed a plume of black smoke to a residence behind a barn. The subject was burning an old couch with the flames getting very close to the barn. The subject didn't get a burning permit nor did he have any water available to put out the fire. CO Bigger helped put out the illegal fire and took enforcement action.

CO Peter Purdy contacted the driver of an ORV that was illegally operating on the roadway. The operator was also carrying a two year old juvenile and a seven year old juvenile illegally on the ORV. None of the occupants of the ORV were wearing helmets or eye protection and the ORV was unlicensed. The operator stated that he was lacking in his knowledge of the ORV laws, so he parked the ORV and called for a ride. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

COs Mark Papineau, Todd Szyska, and Kris Kiel, along with PCO Mike Drexler, worked the Clinton River's spillway dam for violations and observed several anglers intentionally "snagging" the spawning northern pike. One subject was warned earlier in the day for targeting the pike. The COs had observed the subject snag five pike, remove the hook from their bodies and kick the pike back into the river. After the COs contacted the

individual again, he advised that he had not caught any fish. That subject, along with two others, was ticketed for taking northern pike during the closed season. Two others were ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint through the RAP hotline in regard to a subject attempting to snag spawning northern pike in the Fenton Mill Pond. CO Papineau responded to the area and observed the suspect vehicle leaving the parking lot. CO Papineau stopped the vehicle and contacted the single occupant. During questioning of the driver, CO Papineau was directed to a pail secured in the rear hatch of the vehicle. Located inside the pail were two out-of-season northern pike with a combined weight of 12 pounds. The illegally taken pike were confiscated and the driver was ticketed for possessing northern pike during the closed season.

CO Ben Lasher received a RAP complaint of a subject allegedly cutting wood in St. Johns Marsh. The CO contacted the subject and advised him that he was not allowed to cut/take wood off of the state property and that permits are not given out for the area. The following week, an officer from the local police department contacted CO Lasher and informed him that he observed the same subject cutting wood on state property in the same area. CO Lasher re-contacted the subject, got a statement and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Sklba observed two anglers fishing from a boat in the hot hole. The hot hole is inland water and CO Sklba noted that the boat registration was Ohio and that the subjects were targeting bass. CO Sklba returned to the boat launch and found the subjects' vehicle and boat trailer. As CO Sklba was running LEIN information on the registered owner, the subjects pulled up to the dock. CO Sklba addressed the issue of taking/attempting to take bass during closed season. A check revealed that one of the anglers from Ohio did not have his fishing license; enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon was on patrol in Detroit when a Detroit police car passed him at a high rate of speed with their emergency lights on and made traffic stop a few hundred feet in front of the CO. He followed and observed the officers exit their patrol vehicle and contact two occupants of a parked vehicle. CO Rabon assisted the officers in securing the two subjects, then entered the adjacent residence with an officer, and contacted the complainant. The complainant reported three subjects were involved in the theft of 1600 pounds worth of stolen chickens and were attempting to sell the chickens to her. Upon returning to the stopped vehicle, a third subject was found sleeping on the floor covered up in the rear seat of the vehicle. After securing that subject, the suspects were taken to the Detroit police station for further questioning.

After COs Mark Papineau and Todd Szyska observed anglers for a while at the spillway dam, it was determined that one subject continued to target pike after being warned earlier in the afternoon. After questioning the subject and informing him that other COs had been watching him for two hours, he did not have a response. The subject was ticketed for attempting to take pike during the closed spawning season.

During a check at the spillway, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler asked to see the fishing licenses of two females. One stated that she had one but not with her. The other female stated that she had one but wasn't sure when she purchased it. After checking license information through the retail sales system, it was determined that the first subject had never purchased a fishing license and the second subject had not purchased a license since 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

Checking anglers on the Coast Guard Pier, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler contacted one subject fishing with his girlfriend. When asked if they had fishing licenses the male subject handed the CO a license that did not seem quite right. The birth date was much older than the subject appeared, and when compared to his driver's license, CO Kiel noted a significant age difference. The subject admitted his father told him to use his fishing license to "try out a new spot, and then get his own." The subject was ticketed for borrowing the license of another and warned for fishing without a license. Follow up will be conducted with the father.

CO Mark Papineau and Todd Szyska were patrolling together when they observed a vehicle stopped at an intersection. The passenger of the vehicle rolled down the window of the vehicle and discarded the entire contents of an ash tray onto the roadway. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and found that the vehicle was operated by a sixteen year old male and the passenger was an eighteen year old female. At the time, the 18 year old passenger did not see the big deal in regard to the approximately 20 cigarette butts that were dumped onto the street. The passenger soon changed her attitude when she was ticketed for littering.

CO Mark Papineau assisted local police officers with a trespassing complaint that turned violent. Several subjects were floating a navigable stream in Argentine Township when they were approached by a landowner who stated they were trespassing. According to the complainant, numerous words were exchanged between him and the unknown individuals, which ultimately led to a gun being pulled and several shots fired. The suspects quickly fled on the canoe after they shot at the complainant. A group of canoeists were later contacted in the area; however, no gun was located. The complainant could not positively identify the shooters and the subjects were released. The investigation continues and is being handled by the local police agency.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint of subjects snagging northern pike in the Fenton Mill Pond. CO Papineau arrived on scene and located the subject still fishing the pond. The subject was working two different poles; one was set up in the flow of the river and the second was being worked by hand. CO Papineau observed the subject intentionally snag two pike with an unbaited treble hook, pass the snagged and out-of-season pike to a second individual who then hid them in a vehicle. CO Papineau, along with local police officers, contacted the subjects. A total of five northern pike, weighing 15 pounds were seized along with the snaggers' fishing equipment.

While working a group patrol on the Huron River, CO Kris Kiel, PCO Mike Drexler and CO Dan Walzak contacted several subjects suspected of taking walleye out of season.

The first subject, upon seeing the COs, looked visibly panicked. The COs contacted the subject, who stated there were walleye in the bucket he was carrying. He also stated that the fish were still alive and he could just put them back in the river. The COs told him that was not going to happen and asked for his fishing license and driver's license. As the subject was getting out his documents he began to repeat how sorry he was and how this was the first time he had ever done anything like this. However, the COs had information that this subject had done this in the past. In all, the subject had six walleye in the bucket totaling 21 pounds. Enforcement action was taken.

While PCO Mike Drexler and CO Dan Walzak were interviewing the first subject, another angler approached them. CO Walzak stopped the angler about six feet away and asked "Can I help you?" The angler replied "I was just wondering what was going on". CO Walzak advised him that he was going to have to move away, so the angler opened up his car and got out a travel cup of coffee. Walking away, the angler set off the alarm to his car, which immediately resulted in him being stopped by PCO Drexler. The subject told PCO Drexler that he was trying to lock his car but hit the wrong button. PCO Drexler shined his flashlight into the back seat area of the subject's car and was met by the reflection of eyes from a walleye in a trash container. Though there was only one fish in the vehicle, the fish weighed seven pounds. Enforcement action was taken.

As all of this was going on, a man and woman hesitantly approached the COs, with the man carrying a fishing rod. PCO Drexler summoned the two subjects over and the female subject responded immediately, but the male subject had to be called three times. When asked for his fishing license, he searched his wallet and claimed that he had purchased his license "two or three months ago" but was now unable to find it. CO Walzak advised the subject that his license was expired, and a LEIN check revealed that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. When PCO Drexler patted the male subject down for weapons he found a walleye concealed in the front of the subject's jacket. The subject was charged with possessing walleye out of season, fishing without a license and was lodged on the outstanding warrant. The female had been observed fishing and she, too, did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling along the Huron River, CO Brandon Kieft located two anglers fishing for trout. The anglers were aware that the DNR had just released a number of trout in the river and were hoping to catch a few. CO Kieft informed the anglers that trout season hadn't opened yet, and they were fishing a closed section of the river. The subjects were issued tickets for the violations.

DISTRICT 21

Detective Bill Ford reports that on March 28, a resident of Barolda in Berrien County plead guilty to one count of failing to pay yearly Underground Storage Tank fees to the DEQ. Two other criminal counts were dismissed as part of a plea agreement. The judge sentenced the man to six months probation, fines and costs of \$458.00 and he must pay the State of Michigan \$2000.00 in back tank fees and remove the underground gasoline storage tanks within six months.