

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

CO Trey Luce served a warrant on a subject for taking a deer last firearm deer season without a license.

CO Dave Painter responded to the call of a suicidal subject in Iron County. CO Painter observed a set of boots extending out from a small bridge in the area of the complaint. With the assistance of a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper, CO Painter was able to talk the subject out from under the bridge and the subject was taken into protective custody without incident.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the complaint of an ice shanty left out in Dickinson County. An early spring has caused ice conditions to become unsafe, and has left anglers scrambling to remove ice shanties. The COs were able to track down the owner and enforcement action was taken for failing to properly identify an ice shanty.

CO Mark Leadman observed a subject fishing on the Carp River and stopped to check him. When asked for a license, the angler assured the CO he had one. A check of the computer license system revealed that the subject hadn't purchased a license since 2003. A ticket was issued.

CO Trey Luce observed a subject clad in a trout fishing vest who was fishing on the Carp River. When Officer Luce approached, the subject had put down his pole and denied fishing. Action was taken for fishing without a license.

DISTRICT 2

COs Michael Evink, Jared Ferguson and John Wenzel assisted Delta County Search and Rescue looking for an overdue angler. Following several hours of searching, the angler was found safe and sound in Rapid River. As it happened, when the subject returned from fishing his truck wouldn't start. He then used his snowmobile and on the way home his snowmobile became stuck. He then hiked out to the highway where he got a ride into town. He failed to notify anyone that he'd made it to town safely.

CO Michael Evink was checking a group of anglers on an inland lake in Schoolcraft County and found that two of the group had extra lines out. While he was dealing with those violations, another group of anglers proceeded to put out extra lines about 150 yards away. CO Evink walked over to them and after a short discussion on distance and visibility, ticketed them as well.

COs Kevin Postma and Kyle Publiski conducted surveillance on several groups of anglers on Munuscong Bay. After several hours they identified three subjects who were using too many fishing lines. They proceeded to make contact and all three subjects tried to say that the extra lines were not theirs. One subject was in a panic to pull up the extra lines as the COs made their approach. When the surveillance information was relayed the subjects realized they were caught and admitted to using the extra lines. All subjects were issued tickets for using too many lines.

CO Jeff Panich checked three anglers on a Mackinac County Lake. The subjects showed the CO a limit of bluegills and attempted to lead the CO away from another five gallon bucket of fish. Upon inspection, the bucket the anglers said held garbage actually held a large amount of fish. In the end the three anglers were overlimit by 120 Bluegills and one subject didn't have a fishing license. Many other nearby anglers were very appreciative of the flagrant violators being apprehended. Tickets were issued for the overlimit and \$1,200 is being sought for restitution.

DISTRICT 3

CO Carl VanderWall ticketed a subject who was trapping Coyotes during the closed season, failed to mark his traps with his name and address, and also failed to check his traps on a daily basis. After leaving his business card on a nearby tree, the CO also seized a game observation camera that was set at the scene and had recorded a Coyote in the trap for at least three days without being dispatched. A ticket was written for failing to check and attend a trap within 24 hours.

CO Duane Budreau is investigating a complaint of a subject who trapped a Red Fox without a fur harvester license, then posted information on his Facebook page. A quick check of his record through the license system revealed that he had not purchased a license before trapping the animal.

COs Carl VanderWall and Duane Budreau were sent out to an area where a bear cub had climbed up into a tree in Emmet County, and was surrounded by a group of concerned citizens. Upon arriving, the COs observed that the alleged bear cub was actually a Raccoon, causing the disappointed and embarrassed onlookers to vacate the area.

During a group patrol for illegal ORV activity, CO Andrea Albert located two individuals who had filled a pickup truck and a large trailer with sand, gravel, and rocks from a state land gravel pit. CO Albert watched them shovel gravel into a trailer and then rake over the hole left on state land. CO Albert then called CO Andrea Erratt to assist. The individuals had talked to someone who told them where to get the gravel for their driveway. CO Erratt ticketed one of the subjects for taking minerals from state land without a permit.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County received a complaint about a grass fire on Pin Cherry Road. An individual was burning trash and cardboard in a fire ring behind his

house when a gust of wind spread the sparks. The grass burned quickly and the fire raced through his grass yard toward trees and his neighbor's house so he called 911. The local fire department was able to get the fire under control quickly using their new grass fire truck. Approximately one acre was burned. CO Erratt warned the individual for burning without a permit and ticketed him for failing to take precautions to prevent the spread of fire.

During the winter on her day off, CO Andrea Albert received a complaint of ORVs and dirt bikes tearing up dirt roads and running on power lines on private property. CO Erratt patrolled the area for the illegal activity and located fresh dirt bike tracks at an intersection, and more tracks leading up a hill on a power line. The CO stopped three dirt bikes, two of which were unlicensed. One of the riders admitted to spinning donuts at the intersection while waiting for his friends, and riding the power lines; and admitted he had been doing it for years. CO Erratt ticketed the dirt bike operator for failing to display and attach his ORV license.

An Antrim County man has pleaded guilty to a four year felony of manufacturing and distributing marijuana. The subject was growing the plants on state land near the Jordan River Valley when COs Andrea Albert, Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Borkovich arrested him and seized his ORV for condemnation. Some of the 24 plants seized had grown to over eight feet tall and were scattered over a three mile wide area.

CO Matt Theunick and Lt. Vence Woods began an investigation over one year ago in response to an abandoned car ferry and two tug boats in Duncan Bay off Lake Huron. The investigation led to several warrants issued for both felony and misdemeanor charges against the owner of the vessels, with the ultimate goal being removal of the abandoned boats. The owner of the vessels was arrested and through court proceedings, given six months to remove the boats. His six months were up last week and in another court hearing, the Judge required the vessels forfeited. The vessels will soon be removed, including one of the tug boats which had sunk. In addition the defendant was fined \$24,000 and sentenced to 30 days in jail, to begin immediately. Upon hearing of the jail time, the defendant put a substance into his mouth that was identified as sodium cyanide. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital and was treated. He is currently in the Cheboygan County jail.

COs Eric Bottorff and Jon Sklba responded to a complaint of an abandoned gill net off Rogers City Harbor in Lake Huron. A boater had become tangled in the net. The COs located and removed the balled up net, which had apparently been left out from last year. Identifying marks were found on the net and the investigation to identify the responsible party will be turned over to the Commercial Fish Unit.

CO Jon Sklba responded to an illegal burning complaint and found a huge pile of building debris being burned. CO Sklba determined that one person had lit the fire, by request of the owner. Tickets for illegal disposal of solid waste were issued to both. In addition the fire department will charge for suppression costs of the debris fire.

CO Jon Sklba apprehended a Coyote hunter operating a motor vehicle with an uncased rifle on the front seat. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Torsky and Mark DePew have been assisting CO Dan Prince with an investigation of a Bobcat which was shot during firearm deer season. The hunter claimed to have shot it in January. A confession was obtained by CO Prince and the Bobcat was seized at the hunting camp in Otsego County.

CO Bill Webster conducted taxidermy inspections and located two bucks that appeared to have been taken illegally. Interviews were conducted with the hunters and confessions obtained from them that they shot the deer, and then purchased their hunting licenses. Charges are being sought.

CO Mark DePew reports dispositions on two cases he investigated of illegally taken deer. One hunter received fines of \$1,450 and the second paid \$1,200. Both poachers lost their bows, and one will have his license revoked.

DISTRICT 4

CO Steve Converse was patrolling small streams in Manistee County when he observed a vehicle parked near a bridge with a person standing on it. The person appeared to be watching up and down the road and communicating with someone below on the closed trout stream. As CO Converse approached the location, the subject on the vehicle motioned down toward the river and another person appeared climbing up the bank. After unsuccessfully attempting to mislead the CO about their actions, a fishing rod was located along the river. The subjects admitted to fishing the closed section of water and received a ticket for the fishing violation.

CO Steve Converse and a U. S. Forest Service (USFS) officer were checking camps in the Manistee National Forest when they encountered a subject living in a camp along a local stream. The subject was in possession of an illegal homemade firearm, illegal traps and had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was lodged in the Manistee County Jail.

CO Angela Greenway and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling streams in Lake County when they observed an adult and a juvenile passenger without helmets riding a dirt bike. The ORV had just exited a wooded area and continued down a county road. A traffic stop was made and it was determined that in addition to the helmet violations and the illegal operation on both the road and through the woods, the operator also had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller responded to a grass fire that was started by a subject burning in a barrel. The fire escaped the barrel and burned several acres of adjacent property. A ticket was issued for allowing a fire to escape.

CO Troy Mueller responded to a complaint of an ice shanty left on an inland lake past the date of removal. CO Mueller had contacted the shanty owner earlier in the season when the owner was attempting to remove the structure, but was unable to move it due to deep wet snow conditions. The owner then tore apart the shanty and allowed the remaining parts to freeze into the ice. The remaining sections of the shanty later went through the ice and sunk to the lake bottom. The owner was issued a ticket for littering.

CO Troy VanGelderren was conducting surveillance of a creek containing Steelhead when three subjects arrived to look at the fish. Two of the subjects stood lookout along the rural two-track while the third individual went down to the creek and began taking Steelhead with his hands. CO VanGelderren contacted the group and issued a ticket to one of the subjects for illegally taking fish.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn located a litter pile on state land that contained a significant amount of packaged food that was spoiled along with household trash. Officer Hearn located a name in the litter and contacted the subject. The homeowner stated that his caregiver had taken his trash after he had lost power and the food had gone bad. A follow-up interview revealed that the caregiver had tossed the food and trash onto state land on his way home instead of setting it out for trash pick-up. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen investigated a wood cutting complaint and located two subjects in the process of cutting very large, live oak trees on state land. When the CO contacted the subjects, they immediately asked him what they had to do to cut the trees legally. He educated them on the permit process and issued them a ticket for cutting trees without a permit.

CO Jon Warner was checking anglers along the Au Sable River when he noticed the smell of burned marijuana. CO Warner followed the odor which led him to two subjects who admitted to smoking marijuana and immediately showed him their medical marijuana cards. They did not have any more marijuana in their possession. One of the subjects was fishing without a license and was issued a ticket. The CO also educated both subjects concerning regulations prohibiting smoking marijuana in public.

COs Jason McCullough and Steve Lockwood followed up on a tip regarding a Bobcat that was harvested illegally. Once the COs began interviewing suspects, the investigation quickly snowballed into six illegally harvested Bobcats by six different individuals in two counties over the last five years. The investigation continues and charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 6

COs Joel Lundberg and Dan Lee conducted a kayak patrol in Saginaw County where the Walleye season is closed and the rivers have gear restrictions to protect the spawning fish. The COs observed a boat with two men on board who were fishing with

jig heads and plastic worms, which are illegal. When asked if they were aware of any restrictions during the closed season, the subjects indicated they knew of some restrictions but didn't think that jig heads with plastic worms were restricted. When asked what they would use to catch a Walleye if the season was open they responded that they would use jig heads with plastic worms. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg watched several anglers fishing a section of river that was closed to fishing due to spawning Walleye. The CO observed the subjects catch and keep several Walleye. The CO then contacted the anglers and seized the fish and issued tickets for the taking of Walleye during closed season, and warned them for fishing the closed section of river.

COs Joel Lundberg and Jay Person interviewed a subject about a Bobcat that the individual had sealed at the field office. The information did not make sense and an interview with the individual resulted in a confession to illegally snaring the Bobcat, and catching it in the closed season. The Bobcat was recovered at a local taxidermist and enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received information from the Gratiot County Court concerning sentencing information on a deer poacher arrested this past fall. The subject was found guilty on all five counts and was sentenced to 60 days in jail, \$1,000 restitution to the state and \$1,000 in fines.

CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a call from central dispatch regarding a subject wanted on felony warrants who was involved in an unknown disturbance at the caller's home. While the CO and deputies responded they received information that the subject may have been involved in a double shooting in Muskegon. As the deputy arrived, the subject fled out the back door and out into a field. When the CO arrived the deputy jumped into his patrol truck and they drove out into the field and then started searching for the subject on foot in the dense area. The subject was found hiding in a culvert and was taken into custody. The subject stated that he could not believe he was found. The CO replied that conservation officers have been tracking people since 1887 and they're pretty good at it. The subject was lodged on warrants for weapon charges and probation violations.

While checking the Salt River in Isabella County, CO Larn R. Strawn observed a high volume of truck tire tracks heading into the state land area. Recognizing the warm weather and early spring would have flooded the area making it impassable to conventional motor vehicles, the CO turned his attention to checking the possible avenues of access to the state land. Shortly thereafter the CO observed a 4X4 truck traversing through mud holes and flooded areas of the state land. Eventually the 4x4 got stuck and stranded in a mud hole. The CO hiked into the area on foot to contact the operator. The driver had just gotten out of his truck and was in waist deep water. The driver was highly intoxicated and was arrested for operating while impaired and operating an ORV in a closed area. A local wrecker service ultimately recovered the 4x4 from the state land.

CO Jay Person was called to a neighbor dispute where one neighbor fired a shot in the direction of the other neighbor's house. The report also stated that the neighbor who fired the shot had also shot a Wild Turkey. Contact was made with the subject who admitted shooting at a flock of eight to 10 turkeys that were feeding at his bird feeders. A quick search of the area found a dead turkey lying in the woods. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Atkin and Phil Hudson were patrolling the last ice on Saginaw Bay and contacted two anglers with overlimits of perch. One angler was in possession of 74 perch and another angler had 58. Enforcement action was taken.

While watching an area that held numerous Steelhead, CO Seth Rhodea contacted a subject after observing him and his son catch a Steelhead in a net and keep the illegally taken fish. A ticket was issued for the violation.

While investigating a fishing complaint, CO Seth Rhodea contacted four anglers fishing in a local stream. When the CO asked the anglers for their fishing licenses, only one of the four was able to provide a valid license; another attempted to pass off his father's fishing license as his own. Tickets were issued to the three unlicensed anglers.

While patrolling the Rush Lake State Game Area (SGA), CO Bob Hobkirk contacted three ATVs at the Rush Lake access. Besides operating in a closed area, none of the ATVs were licensed. Since all three ATVs were owned by one individual, a ticket was issued to the owner for no ATV license. Warnings were given to the operators for the remaining violations.

COs Bob Hobkirk and Scott Brown patrolled the shoreline of Saginaw Bay on their airboat and located four waterfowl blinds that were not removed from last season. The COs have a good idea who owns the blinds and follow-up on removal of the blinds is forthcoming.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chuck Towns met with two subjects who were small game hunting illegally on railroad property near Fennville. The subjects were not wearing hunter orange and did not have licenses. Enforcement Action was taken.

CO Gary Raak reported the apprehension of a subject for operating his truck illegally in the Barry SGA. The subject was caught for the second time climbing hills off- road. A ticket was issued for ORV operation in a closed area.

Sgt. Jeff Rabbers responded to a complaint from campers in the Barry SGA of subjects operating their jeeps illegally on state land. A subject was apprehended operating off road while doing donuts at high speed resulting in erosion damage to the game area trails. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes reported that he apprehended a subject in an ongoing investigation of someone setting untagged traps and trespassing. Twenty-three untagged traps were located along with one Raccoon that was taken out of season. After reviewing information from local law enforcement agencies, he met with the subject and obtained a confession. The subject was charged with taking a Raccoon out of season and one count for possessing untagged traps. Numerous warnings were given and a review of regulations was presented.

CO Chris Holmes, with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies, apprehended a subject operating an ORV on the roadway. The subject fled the scene and was caught after fleeing through power company property and a cemetery. The subject was lodged and charged with fleeing and eluding along with operating on the roadway. The ORV was impounded.

CO Mike McGee was checking fishing licenses on the piers in St. Joseph and located a subject fishing with five lines and no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a complaint of a mudder-style vehicle that had trespassed on a blueberry farm and became stuck. CO Bauer located the driver and obtained a confession. This vehicle was suspected in earlier trespass incidents on farms in the area where damage had been done to the farmers' fields. The subject was ticketed and a tractor was required to pull the vehicle out of a large mud hole.

CO Steve Mooney was working closed trout streams for illegal fishing activity and located three subjects fishing a closed section of the Black River. The subjects were well aware that the section of the river was closed and attempted to hide their fishing poles. All three were ticketed for fishing on a closed trout stream.

CO Mike McGee located a subject at a dam on the St. Joe River, who had gone around a fence and numerous no trespassing signs into a dangerous area near the dam. The subject was ticketed for recreational trespass.

CO Mike McGee responded to a fire that had escaped at a local captive cervid facility. The subject had been burning improper material when the fire escaped and the local fire department had responded to put the fire out. CO McGee issued a ticket to the subject who had let the fire escape and warned him for improper disposal of solid waste.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader was on patrol when the Bronson PD called out a foot pursuit stemming from a concluded vehicle pursuit. As one Police Officer stayed with the suspect vehicle and three passengers, his partner chased a fleeing suspect toward an abandoned building. During the foot pursuit, the fleeing suspect was picked up by a second vehicle with the description of this vehicle relayed to CO Bader. CO Bader was able to locate and stop this second vehicle. The original fleeing suspect was located in the passenger seat and placed under arrest. A MSP trooper assisted with this second traffic stop and

arrested the driver for operating with a suspended driver's license. The subject who fled on foot was a suspect in illegal drug activity along with the other three suspects detained by the Bronson Police Officers.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of shots fired and trespassing. Upon arrival, CO Goss located the two suspects already at their vehicle. CO Goss checked their firearms and found both to be loaded in the vehicle. The landowner decided he did not want to prosecute for the trespass. A ticket was issued for the possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

CO Derek Miller was patrolling the Huron River checking anglers. One subject said his fishing license was at home on his kitchen table. After checking the computer license system, it was found that he had not purchased a fishing license since 2002. CO Miller asked the subject about his license at home and he admitted that he had not purchased one in quite a while but was unsure if the officer was able to check on it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller was working a late shift and checked a state boat launch where he has been finding signs of illegal activity. He contacted two individuals in a vehicle parked near the boat launch after smelling fresh burnt marijuana. The CO obtained marijuana from the pockets of both subjects and located a larger amount of marijuana in a bag in the back seat of the vehicle, along with two scales, and three large glass pipes. CO Miller has submitted all of the property to the lab and is seeking charges for possession of marijuana.

CO Jason Smith patrolled the Huron River focusing on fishing activity when he encountered numerous violations including possession of marijuana, possession of alcohol by a minor, and multiple subjects fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a waterfowl complaint where the complainant reported observing four teenagers with a shotgun and goose calling equipment shoot and kill a Canada Goose. The complainant continued to watch as one of the teenagers hid the goose under a large section of plastic behind their home. The teenagers then left the area. CO Prince was able to recover the dead goose and caught up with the teenagers the next morning. The teenagers stated that the guns were air soft and paint ball guns. The 18 year old admitted to chasing down the goose and killing it with a boat oar. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Daniel Prince talked with a subject who killed a Bobcat during the closed season. The subject first stated that he shot it up north during the regular Bobcat season and then admitted that he shot it off his local deer stand during firearm deer season. A warrant request is being submitted.

CO Pete Purdy contacted an angler who advised that he forgot his fishing license at home. CO Purdy also noted the subject's vehicle parked near the lake had several

bass fishing decals on the vehicle. CO Purdy checked the license system database which revealed the subject had not purchased a fishing license in two years. When questioned, the angler stated that he hadn't purchased a 2011 or 2012 license. The subject also stated that he stopped buying licenses because he had never been checked and was actually bragging to co-workers that he doesn't buy fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishing activity at the Brehnke fish ladder in Lansing, CO Todd Thorn contacted a subject who was fishing near the ladder. The subject stated that he did not have any ID and that his fishing license was at home. CO Thorn asked the subject for his name and was provided a false name. CO Thorn eventually learned that the man did not want to hand over his ID or give his proper name due to being wanted on a misdemeanor warrant out of Ingham County. After CO Thorn took the subject into custody, several baggies of marijuana as well as marijuana pipe was discovered. The marijuana was packaged for distribution. The subject was arrested on charges of fishing without a license and attempting to sell marijuana as well as the warrant out of Ingham County.

DISTRICT 9

At the Clinton River Spillway, CO Kris Kiel observed a subject walk down to the water's edge and look around. He then set up three poles with perch rigs and cast them into the spillway; and hid one of the poles in the bushes. The subject picked up a fourth pole rigged with an artificial lure and started fishing. After a few minutes, CO Todd Szyska, who was also in the area, contacted the subject, who initially denied the four poles and the oversized hooks. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Tom Wanless and CO John Borkovich checked numerous anglers along the Flint River during the 11th Annual Flushing Walleye Festival fishing tournament. When asked for his license, one subject stated he lost his license and wallet when he accidentally fell into the river and got wet. The subject provided his name and date of birth. When the subject realized that the officers were going to check his license status through the computer, he finally admitted he did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler, Brandon Kieft, Kris Kiel, Ben Lasher, Ben Shively and Todd Szyska along with Lt. David Malloch and Sergeants Arthur Green and Tom Wanless participated in a group patrol. The officers worked the Clinton River Spillway targeting subjects fishing for Northern Pike and Walleye during the closed season. A total of 15 tickets were written along with 15 verbal warnings for take/attempt to take prohibited species during the closed season, fishing with illegal gear and fishing without a license. Two of the subjects ticketed had outstanding warrants for their arrest; one of whom was able to post bond in lieu of going to jail.

A complaint was phoned in to CO Todd Szyska's cell phone during a group patrol concerning a subject that had a Largemouth Bass in his bucket at a marina on Lake St. Clair. COs Todd Szyska and Mike Drexler, along with Lt. David Malloch responded.

After searching the large marina, the officers were able to locate the subject with a 14" Largemouth Bass. The subject was also fishing without a license and had a warrant for his arrest. He was able to post bond and was issued a ticket for the fishing violations.

CO John Borkovich worked the Flint River over the weekend and issued warnings to young anglers who were fishing with illegal tackle. The CO contacted an 80 year old angler who was in possession of a bass out of season. After a brief discussion and a verbal warning, the CO had the angler release the bass back into the water.

CO John Borkovich assisted local authorities with a search warrant of a convicted felon's residence. The officers found a dead deer hanging in the garage with a single small caliber bullet wound to the head. When searching the back yard, CO Borkovich located a tent blind overlooking an illegal bait pile. In the blind the CO recovered a .22 magnum shell casing. A .22 magnum rifle was also recovered from the house. The subject eventually admitted to taking the deer illegally. Numerous charges will be sought along with the illegal deer.

While checking shore anglers, CO Dan Walzak made contact with several subjects fishing for Bluegills and Yellow Perch. When CO Walzak requested that the anglers produce their fishing licenses, two of the subjects just sat there and started whispering to each other. Checking further it was determined that these subjects did not have valid fishing licenses and one of them had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Tickets were issued to both individuals for the fishing violations and the subject with the warrants was transported to jail.

CO Lacelle Rabon has been receiving complaints of anglers catching and keeping bass during the closed season at Mariner Park on the Detroit River. While checking the area, CO Rabon watched a subject catch a bass and put it in a bucket. The subject then started for his vehicle with the bass in the bucket only to place the bucket on the ground and walk away from it upon observing the officer. The subject was stopped and issued a ticket for the possession of a Smallmouth Bass during the closed season.

CO Ben Shively watched two anglers in a boat targeting bass during the closed season on Kent Lake. CO Shively watched the subjects for an hour and a half as they caught over 20 bass and one pike. CO Shively contacted the anglers when they came into the launch, and when asked what they were fishing for, the anglers stated dogfish and Bluegills. When asked about bass, the subjects denied fishing for bass because the season was closed. CO Shively pointed out that he had been watching them for some time and both anglers were ticketed for take/attempt to take bass during the closed season.

DISTRICT 21

On February 21, 2012, a 46 year old East Jordan man pled guilty to a one count Liquid Industrial Waste-General Violation misdemeanor. The plea agreement resulted in a second count of Illegal disposal of solid waste being dismissed. The man was

sentenced to \$1,200.00 worth of fines and costs, \$552.00 of that is restitution to the DEQ Remediation Division for lab costs for analysis in the case.

The case stems from Conservation Officer Andrea Albert responding to a complaint of paint cans thrown out on state land in the spring of 2010. CO Albert was able to identify the original owners of the waste and a suspect for the dumping and contacted the Environmental Investigation Section for additional follow up investigation. The investigation resulted in the original generators of the waste cleaning up the waste and contaminated soils and the illegal disposer being charged.