

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

COs Trey Luce and Mark Leadman had a snowmobile operator fail to stop in the Gwinn area. They tracked the sled to an unrelated residence where the operator had hidden it behind a house then fled on foot. The sled was impounded and the investigation continues.

CO Jason Wicklund was working a late night fishing complaint in Gogebic County when he observed a three wheeler operating down the roadway. The ORV did not have a break/tail light and the operator was having a hard time keeping the ORV on the roadway due to the wet heavy snow. The CO contacted the operator and determined that he was operating while intoxicated and driving while suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter contacted a group of anglers taking advantage of the nice weather. Each of the subjects had a different account on the catch for the day. Three undersized pike were found hidden in a snow pile near the group and enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter assisted local deputies with the investigation of a serious snowmobile accident. At 3:40 a.m. a snowmobiler collided with a horse on the snowmobile trail near Iron River. The horse was killed in the collision and the snowmobile operator was seriously injured. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Jason Wicklund stopped an ORV leaving a gas station in Iron River for a registration violation. A check on the subject's driving status revealed a warrant for his arrest for domestic violence. The operator was arrested on the warrant and the ORV was loaded into the back of the CO's patrol truck. Several days later, CO Wicklund received information about an ORV that was stolen from a camp in northern Iron County. A check of the ORV that the CO had taken the previous week determined that the ORV was the stolen ORV from the camp. The subject, who was still in jail, was charged with two felony counts and remains in jail.

CO David Miller was called out from home to assist in the search for a missing family stuck on a snowmobile trail in Baraga County. After a quick search, CO Miller found the family and was able to pull them out with his truck.

DISTRICT 2

COs Reid Roeske, Jerry Fitzgibbon and Sgt. Darryl Shann investigated the illegal killing of a wolf in central Delta County. With the assistance of the Department pilot and plane, the COs were able to locate the site and the dead wolf. The investigation continues.

During a recent snowstorm, while other departments in Schoolcraft County were shorthanded, CO Michael Evink assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) by checking on a car in the ditch. Once there, he identified the female driver and found a valid warrant for her through Delta County. She was turned over to MSP troopers.

COs Robert Crisp, John Wenzel and Jerry Fitzgibbon conducted a group patrol in Alger County. They came across one subject in possession of a quantity of marijuana, a subject with a probation violation warrant, one subject fishing without a license and another subject with an unregistered snowmobile and no trout license.

CO John Wenzel was patrolling with an intern and attempted to arrest a subject on a warrant for failure to appear on a DNR issued ticket. The subject didn't answer his door, but CO Wenzel later learned that the subject had been inside the house. CO Wenzel returned to the residence, this time with MSP troopers. They knocked on the front door and the subject attempted to run out the back door, where CO Wenzel was waiting.

COs Jeff Panich and Kyle Publiski conducted a snowmobile patrol in north Chippewa County. They observed two snowmobiles go through a stop sign at a high rate of speed. After a long chase the COs caught up to the reckless snowmobilers and stopped them. Investigation revealed that both operators were driving on suspended/revoked licenses. They both ended their day early and were issued tickets for reckless operation of a snowmobile and driving on a suspended license.

CO Mike Hammill conducted a fish patrol on Manistique Lakes and located an ice shack with unattended set lines. The CO was able to track the owner responsible through the snow and issue a ticket for the violation. Later, the CO came across several tip-ups that were unattended and again tracked subjects through the snow. Tickets were issued for unattended lines.

DISTRICT 3

Conservation Officers in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties are focusing their efforts on ice fishing activities and late ice shanty removal. Several shanties have been left out past the March 15 deadline, and a few of those have gone through or are stuck in the ice making them difficult to remove. Enforcement action is being taken, including several tickets for using too many lies and fishing without a license.

Concerned that a person had been hit by a vehicle, Emmet County CO Carl VanderWall stopped and assisted with an 84 year-old woman who was lying in a snowy ditch along a busy highway. She had been picking up deposit cans when she slipped and fell and broke her ankle. She was very appreciative for the assistance rendered by the CO and another passerby who stopped to assist her until medical personnel arrived on scene.

CO Carl VanderWall issued a ticket to a young man who had been involved in an overnight party on state land in Charlevoix County. Along with beer cans and other litter, CO VanderWall found a receipt from a local hotel. After tracking down the subject, he issued an appearance ticket and had the subject return to the site to clean up the rest of the trash.

During the week, Cpl. John Morey and Sgt. Greg Drogowski field tested a new Arctic Cat Prowler ATV on Burt Lake. Apparently it took quite a few anglers by surprise, as five tickets were issued for fishing with more than three lines and unattended lines, as well as multiple warnings for various other violations. Several comments were heard about usually seeing the COs on snowmobiles or four-wheelers, and not one of these new vehicles.

CO Mark DePew contacted four snowmobile operators along a county road. While talking with them one operator appeared to be intoxicated. Following an investigation the individual was arrested for operating while intoxicated. A further search of the subject resulted in the location of narcotics. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Otsego County jail.

DISTRICT 4

While on a fish patrol of the backwaters near Hodenpyl Dam, CO Koscinski observed a subject operating an ORV without wearing a helmet. CO Koscinski observed a second subject without a helmet get on the ORV and then watched the pair proceed to check on some set tip-ups. CO Koscinski contacted the subjects as they were pulling lines. In addition to the ORV violations of no helmets, riding double and no ORV license, the two subjects were fishing with 12 tip-ups and one of the subjects did not possess a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe checked a subject fishing near Bower's Harbor. When CO Kehoe asked the subject if he had any fish the subject responded, "No". CO Kehoe then observed what appeared to be a fish that the subject was sitting on. When questioned about it the subject responded, "It is so small I was not even considering it to be a fish". CO Kehoe observed that it was a 10" Lake Trout, well undersized but considered a fish nonetheless. A ticket was issued for the undersized trout.

While checking fishing activity on Long Lake, CO Sean Kehoe approached a subject who appeared to fall into an ice auger hole. As the CO got nearer, it appeared that the subject kept falling in and out of the hole in the ice. Investigating further, CO Kehoe observed that the subject was not actually falling but rather attempting to push a 10" Walleye down the hole using his foot. The almost dead fish would not cooperate and kept floating back to the surface where it was detected. A ticket was issued for the undersized fish.

CO Justin Vanderlinde reported on the conclusion of a case where a subject was charged for purchasing a hunting license while revoked. The subject pled not guilty and

the case went to trial. CO Vanderlinde was able to use photos he located on the subject's Facebook page which showed the license and another photo which showed an uncased firearm in the subject's vehicle, along with other evidence to obtain a guilty verdict. The subject was sentenced to seven days in jail, \$680 in fines and costs and had his hunting license revocation extended until 12-31-2014.

CO Justin Vanderlinde investigated an individual who burned his fishing shanty on Crystal Lake. CO Vanderlinde contacted the shanty owner and discovered the owner decided to burn the shanty rather than remove it by the March 15th deadline. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway worked a joint patrol with local deputies to address ORVs operating illegally on the roadways during an annual ORV trail riding event. Several subjects operating ORVs illegally were apprehended and one subject was lodged on an outstanding warrant.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper patrolled the Big Manistee River in Manistee County and checked several charter vessels operating without current inspections and proper licensing. The COs also ticketed several subjects for personal flotation device (PFD) violations and failing to purchase fishing licenses.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper were patrolling the Big Manistee River when they encountered a subject in possession of fishing gear along the river. When they asked for a fishing license, he indicated that he wasn't fishing. The COs ran the subject through LEIN and found that he had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and transported by boat to the nearest launch site where he was transferred to a MSP trooper and lodged.

Acting on a complaint of unlicensed charter vessels operating in Manistee County, CO Carla Soper was able to make contact with a charter captain who was taking passengers for hire. The captain admitted to operating the vessel uninspected and was issued a ticket for the violation.

CO Steve Converse was checking two subjects on the Big Manistee River when he discovered a seven pound northern pike concealed under snow in the bottom of the boat. When asked about the illegal fish, the subjects claimed that although the fish was concealed, they had no idea that they could not keep it. A ticket was issued for the closed season possession.

CO Steve Converse was investigating a complaint of illegal wood cutting on state land when he discovered that one of the persons cutting wood illegally had taken a deer last fall without a license. The remaining deer meat was seized along with the ill-gotten wood and tickets were issued for both violations.

CO Troy VanGelderren was contacted by personnel at a local medical facility in regard to a subject who was admitted with a gunshot wound. The subject advised that he was

squirrel hunting when he shot himself in the foot. From the interview, the subject admitted to sitting on the couch and seeing a squirrel in the backyard. The subject then grabbed his .22 caliber rifle and ran outside to shoot the squirrel. The subject missed the squirrel and slung the gun down to his side with his finger on the trigger. This caused the subject to fire one round into his foot miraculously missing every bone and tendon in his foot. CO VanGelder confirmed with Station 20 that the subject had never taken a hunter safety course. In addition to attempting to take a squirrel during the closed season, other violations included no hunter orange, no small game license and the careless use of a firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells were working a marine patrol on the Muskegon River when they came upon a boat whose occupants were Steelhead fishing. Upon contacting the successful anglers and conducting a marine inspection, it was determined that there were no PFDs on board the boat. With the water temperature under 40 degrees, the boat owner was ticketed for failure to provide PFDs.

CO Jeff Ginn was conducting surveillance of a Newaygo County stream when he observed two subjects wearing waders and dressed in camouflage approach the stream with a spear. CO Ginn was able to witness both subjects spearing Steelhead and northern pike before making contact with them. Within minutes of ticketing the first two subjects, two other subjects were apprehended fishing the closed trout stream. Tickets were again issued for the fishing violations.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn conducted a night time fishing patrol to check for set lines. He located one shanty with a vehicle parked next to it and contacted the angler who was catching panfish and had a dozen over his limit. CO Hearn continued to check shanties and located one with a bucket in front of the door with the name of the subject he had just ticketed for an overlimit. CO Hearn could see a set line in the shanty and located a tip-up set nearby. After waiting a while, the subject arrived in his vehicle to check his lines and explained to the CO that they were his second and third legal lines. Officer Hearn explained to the subject that his lines needed to be under his immediate control.

CO Becky Hopkins responded to a breaking and entering call, and upon arrival at the scene, she found a broken window with fresh tracks beneath. She then observed a subject hiding in the woods not far away. She was able to catch the subject and matched footwear impressions from his shoes to the tracks by the broken window. The subject was turned over to the local police who had arrived on scene.

CO Warren MacNeill investigated a complaint of an illegally trapped bobcat. The subject confessed to catching the bobcat in a coyote set during the closed bobcat trapping season.

CO Brian Olsen watched a subject who was fishing and, upon seeing the CO approach, hid his fishing pole. The subject lied about his age and his mother, who was also

fishing, corroborated his story. The subject had not purchased a fishing license and his mother had a warrant out for her arrest.

DISTRICT 6

CO Seth Rhodea made a traffic stop on a vehicle that had nearly caused a head on collision when attempting to pass several vehicles. Upon contacting the driver who was acting very suspicious, CO Rhodea located numerous hidden knives on the driver and a large amount of unmarked prescription pill bottles in the vehicle. The driver was also suspended and had two warrants out of Bay County. CO Rhodea was assisted by the local police department who lodged the driver on his warrants. The driver is facing numerous additional charges resulting from the traffic stop.

CO Seth Rhodea and intern Paul Fox were patrolling in Sanilac County when they stopped to check some rabbit hunters. Upon requesting to see the hunters' licenses, only one hunter was able to produce a small game license. The other hunter told CO Rhodea that he had a license but left it at home. A quick check of the retail sales system showed that the hunter had never purchased a small game license. He was ticketed for hunting without a license.

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin were on patrol when they spotted multiple subjects ahead of them in the roadway. After watching the subjects with binoculars, the COs realized the subjects were in possession of firearms. The COs went to contact the subjects in the road and as the COs approached, they observed the subjects hide their firearms near a small hill next to the road. Contact was made and during the investigation that followed, the subjects were found to be minors hunting unsupervised, trespassing and hunting without licenses. The adult in charge of the minors was contacted and the COs explained the law and why it is important for minors to be accompanied while hunting and addressed the other violations.

While on patrol checking fish activity, CO Scott Brown observed a large plume of black smoke rising from the ground behind a residence. A closer look revealed two individuals standing over a fire in the backyard where two tires were burning, along with brush and household trash. CO Brown issued a ticket to the landowner for illegal disposal of tires.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling Tuscola County when he observed an ORV being operated on the road in front of him. Once the CO caught up to the operator in a driveway, the operator tried to take off up a steep snow covered hill. The operator immediately became stuck, allowing CO Wright to apprehend him. Not only was the subject operating on the roadway illegally but he also had a suspended driver's license, no helmet and no ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of a hunter shooting at Canada Geese in the Maple River State Game Area (SGA). The complainant advised that he saw the subject shoot at a Canada goose and then send

his black lab into the water after it. The CO arrived on scene 15 minutes later and contacted the subject, who stated he was hunting woodchucks. However, as the questioning continued he admitted to shooting at a goose. The goose was never found but all the violations came to light. The subject was hunting from a dike, had no hunter orange and was using a rifle to hunt waterfowl during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting taxidermy inspections in Saginaw County, CO Daniel Lee located a business with less than accurate records. On the books were several bears reportedly from Canada but without the required seal, importation or CITES information. The taxidermist explained he had bought the business a few years back and the former owner told him most of the information requested was unnecessary. After checking with Canadian officials, the CO learned that the bears had been legally taken and imported into Michigan. The taxidermist was ticketed for not keeping adequate records.

During a taxidermist inspection in Saginaw County, CO Chad Foerster found a taxidermist with numerous untagged mounts. Further investigation revealed that the taxidermist had illegally killed a bobcat and then mounted it. A ticket was issued for the bobcat and the mount was confiscated. Numerous verbal warnings were given for the record keeping and tagging violations.

DISTRICT 7

CO Steve Mooney was walking an area of suspected turkey baiting when he observed an illegal deer feeding station with a trail camera on the neighboring property. Further investigation led to the admission from the landowner of illegally feeding deer.

CO Patrick McManus responded to a complaint on Gun Lake of a subject on a snowmobile that was hydro-planing across open water and had fallen through. The subject was able to get out of the lake and was found walking back to his residence. The subject removed the snowmobile from the lake and was ticketed for careless operation and for failing to register his snowmobile.

While conducting a foot patrol along Bear Creek COs Mike Mshar and Chuck Towns encountered subjects fishing. One of the subjects could not produce an all species fishing license. Upon inspection of their gear along the stream an unregistered 9 mm handgun was found hidden in one of their bags. The gun was confiscated and charges are pending.

Conservation Officers conducted patrols along the Grand River near downtown Grand Rapids in Kent County. These patrols targeted numerous annual complaints of closed season walleye harvest, retention of foul-hooked steelhead, and fish overlimit cases. Enforcement efforts during the week have led to eight arrests for retaining foul hooked fish and overlimits, and the seizure of 16 steelhead and the tackle used in those violations. COs are targeting individuals who are taking multiple limits of fish per day by leaving and returning to the river. COs are also encountering numerous subjects giving

steelhead away during the day each time they reach a daily limit. The anglers are then continuing to harvest fish throughout the day ultimately taking multiple limits.

CO Chris Simpson and BJ Goulette were conducting a night patrol along the Muskegon River after the close of the walleye season. After locating a parked vehicle near the Consumers Power plant, the COs patrolled on foot until they located three subjects who had passed signs and a fence to fish at the warm water discharge. The trespassers were ticketed for trespass and no fishing licenses and one subject was arrested on two outstanding felony warrants, one from Michigan and one from Florida.

CO BJ Goulette responded to a report of a 15 year old who had fallen through the ice on a small lake near Jenison. After being in the water for nearly a half hour, the boy was rescued by area residents and CO Goulette was able to use his vehicle to reach the victim and coordinate a response by emergency medical personnel. The boy was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader investigated a complaint of a subject taking overlimits of panfish. CO Bader watched the subject hide a bag full of fish underneath his back seat. Upon further investigation it was determined that the subject was 10 fish over his legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Jason J. Smith observed three subjects drinking and smoking marijuana. CO Smith determined that one of the subjects was wanted on three outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince responded to a complaint that a large trash pile had been dumped in the Gregory SGA. CO Prince's investigation led him to a subject who confessed to dumping the trash in late February. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was required to clean up the illegally dumped trash.

COs Damon Owens and Jeff Walker investigated a poaching complaint where seven deer had been taken illegally. The COs interviewed the subjects and received written confessions about the illegal activity. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking the Shiawassee River for fishing activity, CO Dan Bigger contacted a subject in a small motor boat with no registration numbers and no PFDs on board. CO Bigger advised the subject that the river is very fast and unpredictable during the spring thaw and that a subject drowned in the swift current last year. Enforcement action was taken for the safety violation.

CO Pete Purdy was the first responder on the scene of a vehicle fire. The operator lost control of the vehicle, struck a tree and the vehicle caught on fire. The driver escaped before the vehicle was fully engulfed and was taken to the hospital for his injuries. CO Purdy stayed on scene until the fire department took control of the situation.

COs Pete Purdy and Dan Prince investigated a complaint of a carcass illegally dumped on state land. The COs were able to obtain the name and address of the shooter and when contacted the subject confessed to the illegal dumping. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens was the first on the scene of a two-car accident where one subject was pinned inside the vehicle. CO Owens assisted with first aid and traffic control as the rescue unit used the Jaws of Life to extract the injured victim.

CO Kyle Bader assisted the MSP in the pursuit of a fleeing suspect. When the subject ran into a muddy field, the MSP vehicles ended their pursuit. CO Bader's four wheel drive patrol vehicle was able to keep up with the fleeing subject. The pursuit ended when CO Bader and the troopers were able to tackle the subject and take him into custody. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Papineau assisted local police department officers with the apprehension of a murder suspect. The suspect was in his vehicle in a Wal-Mart parking lot. As officers secured the area and tactically approached the suspect's vehicle, the suspect took his own life.

Several weeks ago, CO Mark Papineau, DNR Wildlife Biologists, along with a sport falconer, a wildlife rehabilitator, and members of the Detroit Zoo rescued an injured bald eagle in Gaines Township. During examination of the eagle's injuries, it was determined that the five year old male bald eagle had been shot by a gun. Several tips were reported to the RAP hotline due to the media coverage which ultimately led to a person of interest in the case. CO Papineau interviewed a subject and recovered evidence from his residence. The incriminating statement, along with the recovered evidence from the eagle and subject's residence led to multiple arrests warrants being issued.

CO Linda Scheidler arrested an angler at the Holloway Dam who was fishing without a license. The subject said he had a license. When he was told DNR records indicated he had not purchased a license since 2009, he continued to declare he had a license yet could not produce it for the CO. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher received a RAP complaint of deer caught in oversized traps. The CO followed up with the information on the traps which came back to a trapper out of Mio. The trapper stated that he filed a report two years ago that these traps were stolen. CO Lasher's investigation led him to a subject who admitted they were his traps and that he found them in a ditch. This subject did not have a license to trap. Enforcement action was taken and the traps will be returned to the rightful owner.

CO Jon Sklba was checking anglers in Bolles Harbor when he came across a man fishing with seven lines. While questioning the angler about the excessive number of

lines, CO Sklba observed seven more ice fishing poles rigged up and ready to be put in the water. The angler was issued a ticket for fishing with more than three lines.

While checking vessels at a local boat launch, CO Dan Walzak observed a vessel coming into the ramp with three persons on board and three shanties in the front of the vessel. With all of the equipment on board, it was easy to see that the weight exceeded the limits for the vessel. The shanties and fishing gear made it extremely difficult for the operator to access the vessel safety equipment – creating a potentially dangerous situation if a passenger had ended up in the water. This particular individual had received numerous warnings for vessel equipment issues in the past and would not be receiving another one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft followed up on a complaint of an ice shanty in Oakland County that had not been removed by the March 1st deadline. The shanty was not properly marked with the complete name and address of the owner. Using the partial information listed on the shanty, CO Kieft located the owner, and a check of the owner's license history also showed that he had not purchased a fishing license for the 2010 season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively passed an off road motorcycle traveling on a paved road in Oakland County. CO Shively was able to turn around and stop the motorcyclist who explained that he just wanted to "test" the bike out. The operator felt a five mile ride on the roads would help work out any of the kinks. The subject was ticketed for operating an ORV on a public roadway and warned for not having an ORV license.

CO Ben Shively followed up on two ice shanties left on White Lake in Oakland County two weeks after the removal date of March 1st. CO Shively obtained the name off of one of the shanties and discovered that he had ticketed the subject almost three years ago to the day for the exact same violation on the same lake. CO Shively contacted the subject and again ticketed him for failure to remove the ice shanty by March 1st.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler finalized a court case involving a deer that was illegally shot in the winter of 2010. The subject pled guilty to recreational trespass and taking a deer with a shotgun during the muzzleloader deer season. He was charged fines and costs, including \$1000 dollars restitution for the deer and loss of hunting and fishing privileges for two years.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler responded to a complaint of a subject taking bass during the closed season on Lake St. Clair. The COs located the subject and determined that the angler was fishing without a license and was in possession of a largemouth bass. The subject was issued tickets for both violations.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler checked ice anglers coming off Lake St. Clair. While PCO Drexler was checking anglers near the road, two other anglers noticed him and began dumping their fish on the ice. Realizing they were over their limit, one of the anglers quickly drilled a hole with his auger and dumped the extra perch down the hole.

When PCO Drexler contacted the two anglers to check their fish, CO Kiel came up and questioned the anglers about the fish he had witnessed them dumping. The anglers eventually admitted to taking an overlimit of perch and were ticketed.

CO Todd Szyska finalized a case involving an antlerless deer that was taken in the fall of 2010. The subject pled guilty to taking the deer illegally and was sentenced to probation, 10 days of community service, \$1000 dollars restitution for the deer, conservation fees and court fines and costs. The subject also lost his hunting/fishing privileges for one year.

CO Todd Szyska patrolled Lake St. Clair by ORV and issued two tickets to subjects fishing without licenses. He issued an additional ticket to a subject operating an ORV without a helmet and also gave numerous warnings for subjects not wearing their helmets while operating their ORVs. He also issued a ticket to a subject for possession of more than 50 yellow perch.

While investigating a complaint, CO Mark Papineau was passed on a roadway by an ORV. The CO stopped the ORV and contacted the young adult operator. The operator stated he recently purchased the ORV and was "breaking it in" before he took it up north. The ORV did not have an ORV license on it. Enforcement action was taken and CO Papineau had the subject contact his father to pick the ORV up and transport it home.

While checking for vessel traffic at Halfway Creek Access Site, CO Jon Sklba observed two ORVs doing "doughnuts" in the roadway, and neither young operator was wearing a helmet. As the ORVs left the scene, the CO caught up to both machines and contacted the two operators, and found that neither machine had a current ORV license. One of the operators called his parents and the father came out to pick up both operators and their machines. Enforcement action was taken. The father also assured the CO that the matter would be dealt with at home.

CO Ben Shively finally made contact with a subject who failed to remove his ice shanty before March first. The subject had moved and had not updated his driver's license with the Secretary of State office. With the assistance of the RAP dispatchers, CO Shively found a previous address and plate for the subject. After numerous attempts to contact the subject at the residence, CO Shively contacted the father and advised the father to have the son contact CO Shively. A meeting was set up and the subject was ticketed for failing to remove his ice shanty before the first of March.

CO Ben Shively was checking an undeveloped subdivision in Oakland County when he heard ORVs operating by power lines in the distance. CO Shively made his way toward an adjoining county road and stopped two dirt bikes operating on the road. Both subjects were ticketed for operating on a public roadway, both were warned for failing to transfer title with Secretary of State, and one was also warned for not having eye protection and no ORV license. While issuing the tickets one of the subjects came up to CO Shively's window and stated that there was an ORV operating on the roads inside

the undeveloped subdivision. After ticketing and releasing the subjects, CO Shively contacted a father, not wearing a helmet, and son, with no eye protection, operating a two person four wheeler. The father was ticketed for failing to wear a helmet/no eye protection and warned on the ORV trespass.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler received a tip of a subject ice fishing on Lake St. Clair and taking overlimits of fish. The information came in that he told his buddies on the ice that he had “already took two limits to his house” and was working on his third. The following day while observing anglers, the COs contacted an angler fitting the subject’s description. After a short interview, the COs found the subject was fishing without a license and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest; and that he had received a ticket from CO Kiel in 2010 for fishing without a license. The subject also confessed to having fish at his house, but that he had lied to his friends about taking three possession limits. The COs followed him to his residence and seized 34 perch illegally taken and issued him a ticket for fishing without a license. The subject was advised to resolve his outstanding warrant as soon as possible.

While working a night patrol on the Clinton River, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler checked two anglers fishing after dark. After observing their gear and asking what they were fishing for, it was determined they were targeting walleye. When the anglers were asked if they knew when the walleye season closed they stated they “weren’t sure what month it closed.” One of the anglers stated that he had been spoken to by a CO a few years ago about targeting species during a closed season – at that same location. Tickets were issued for attempting to take walleye during the closed season.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler investigated a permanent ice shanty that was observed on Lake St. Clair well after the February 27th removal date. The shanty was seen on the ice March 8th, when the ice drifted out to the middle of the lake. After obtaining the necessary information, the COs decided to pay the owner a visit at his residence. When the COs asked the owner if he knew where his shanty was, he said that it was out on the lake. The COs informed him that it certainly was as of the day before, but it was now floating on a chunk of ice in the middle of the lake. When the owner claimed that he had no means to remove it, the COs responded by issuing tickets for failing to remove shanty by required date and littering.

Checking anglers along the Clinton River, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mike Drexler contacted two subjects. The COs suspected that a fish may have been hidden in their automobile. When the angler opened his car door no fish was found but the strong odor of marijuana emanated from inside. The subject confessed to having a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. A consent search turned up the controlled substances and enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska contacted an angler who he observed catch a sucker and place on a stringer. When CO Szyska asked him for his fishing license, the angler responded only that he had just caught a sucker. CO Szyska pulled up the stringer and found an undersized northern pike along with the sucker. CO Szyska explained that it was illegal

to keep the pike because the season was closed due to spawning. The angler claimed that he was unaware of the closure. Officer Szyska confiscated the illegal fish and asked the subject to wait on the bank. The CO also explained that he would be receiving a ticket for the pike. A LEIN check revealed that the subject had three misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. When he walked back down to the bank, CO Szyska saw that the angler was gone and had left his stringer behind with the sucker still on it. CO Szyska contacted a bystander who stated the subject had run down the bike path and into the woods. CO Szyska ran back to his patrol unit and, spotting a vehicle down the road with the hazards on, watched as the subject ran out of the woods and into the parked vehicle. CO Szyska was able to stop the vehicle on the roadway, and found the vehicle occupied by the angler and a driver. The subject had run from the CO because he knew he had the outstanding warrants and he thought that he would be taken to jail. While running, the subject had phoned his wife for a quick pick up. Multiple warrants are being sought including felony resist and obstruct, possession of a northern pike out of season, possession of an undersized northern pike (less than 24 inches), and littering into the public waters a fish/carcass/offal.