

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
3/8/10 – 3/21/10**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Marvin Gerlach investigated a litter complaint in Menominee County. The subject stated that the garbage must have flown out of his truck when he was driving in on a two track road to help a friend. He was unable to explain why the five bags flew out together and landed underneath a pine tree. A ticket was issued.

COs Marvin Gerlach, Jason Niemi, Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright worked complaints of anglers keeping overlimits of walleye on the Menominee River. Two subjects were issued tickets for the violations.

CO David Miller responded to a dead wolf complaint in Baraga County. He arrived on scene and found a dead siberian husky. The dog was disposed of in a proper location.

CO David Miller and Sgt. Steven Burton responded to a dead moose complaint on Drummond Lake Road in Baraga County. A cow moose was found 20 yards from a two-track road. The scavenged carcass was collected and sent to Lansing for necropsy. The investigation continues.

CO David Miller was called out by local police officers to assist in the search for a lost census worker last weekend. CO Miller used his snowmobile to follow the subject's tracks from his truck which was stuck on Menge Creek Road. The lost subject travelled nearly nine miles before making a fire for the night. He was found at about 6:00 a.m. the next morning by CO Miller.

CO Brian Bacon responded to three wildfires in Dickinson County last weekend. With the recent warm weather fire danger continues to be very high. One fire burned several acres and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

CO Dave Painter was called to the scene of a missing ice angler. Two subjects were returning from fishing on the Michigamme Reservoir on the final evening of the walleye season. Both subjects went through the ice on their four wheelers. One subject was able to get out of the water, but was unable to get the second subject out. Both anglers decided the one subject who got out of the water should try to walk out for help. The initial incident happened at approximately 7:30 p.m. and the angler who left for help was found three to four miles from the scene at a nearby residence at 9:00 a.m. the next morning. He was treated for hypothermia and is recuperating. The second subject was recovered by the Delta County dive team after an air and ground search failed to locate the subject.

**DISTRICT 2**

COs Mike Hammill, Derek Miller and Jared Ferguson conducted a plainclothes patrol and watched as an angler caught a limit of panfish. He continued to catch additional fish and hid the fish in another bucket. Upon contact he was surprised that the COs knew where to look for several illegally taken fish. The subject was issued a ticket for the overlimit of panfish.

CO Kyle Publiski encountered a trapper with untagged traps in his truck. The subject stated he was taking the traps back home to tag them because the tags had fallen off. The CO asked if the traps in his trap line were all tagged. The subject assured the CO that they were. Further investigation revealed that none of the traps in the trap line were tagged. Enforcement action was taken for trapping with untagged traps.

CO Derek Miller, after a long investigation, caught up with subjects in two separate cases involving unattended fishing lines. The individuals were leaving tip-ups out overnight on area lakes in hopes of poaching fish the easy way. CO Miller located the subjects and through a series of interviews obtained verbal confessions. Enforcement action was taken for leaving unattended lines overnight.

CO Kyle Publiski had finished his patrol for the day and was headed home when a subject driving in a careless manner went off onto the shoulder of the road several times. Upon contact the CO could smell intoxicants and investigation revealed several alcohol related violations. The driver was lodged in the Chippewa County Jail for drunk driving and the passengers were issued tickets for minor in possession and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO John Wenzel and Sgt. Darryl Shann assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a report of a reckless driver on US-2. The first reports received indicated excessive speed and swerving in and out of traffic. Minutes later the reports indicated that several vehicles had been driven off the road. The COs caught up to the vehicle and after getting it stopped, found that the driver was having medical problems. Emergency medical personnel were called to the scene, checked the driver, and transported him to a local hospital. Family members were called to take care of the vehicle.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Carl Vanderwall investigated a complaint of an ice shanty through the ice. Upon arrival the CO found the owner and friends working on its removal.

CO Andrea Albert was travelling down the road when she observed a man carrying a gun walking out of the woods heading toward his vehicle. She stopped and checked on him and he stated that he was rabbit hunting. A second man then emerged empty handed. He stated he was just jumping on the brush piles. Further investigation revealed the second subject had thrown down his long bow when he observed CO Albert. He admitted to hunting small game without a license.

CO Andrea Albert obtained arrest warrants for two individuals who operated their snowmobiles past several "No Trespassing" signs then went around a gate in order to climb a hill on private property. The property owner observed and photographed the incident, including close ups of their registration numbers. Both subjects confessed when contacted by CO Albert.

CO Andrea Erratt and CO Carl Vanderwall talked to two individuals who were feeding turkeys and deer. CO Erratt explained to both individuals that the platforms below the elevated barrel feeders were not big enough and the deer were feeding on the corn spread to the ground by the turkeys. Both individuals were warned for inadvertently feeding deer with their turkey feeders and advised to fence the area around their feeders.

CO Mark DePew investigated two unattended tip-ups which were associated with an ice shanty on Otsego Lake. The following week, due to the unseasonably warm weather, the ice shanty fell through the ice. With the assistance of the local fire department, CO DePew removed the ice shanty. CO DePew interviewed the father and son who owned the equipment and the son admitted to having left the lines unattended on more than one occasion and the father admitted responsibility for not removing the ice shanty. Enforcement action was taken on both.

CO Kelly Ross investigated two nonresidents who rented snowmobiles, crashed them and turned them into the rental company without reporting the accident to the police or the rental company. Enforcement action was taken for failing to report an accident.

CO Kelly Ross served a seven count warrant on a hunter who, during the 2009 deer season, shot an overlimit of bucks using his licenses and licenses from family and friends.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling Fletchers Floodwater when he contacted an angler he had warned earlier in the year for not having an ORV license on his four wheeler. The angler pointed out he had purchased a sticker for his four wheeler. CO Webster then pointed out he was using three tip-ups and a jig pole. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling state land in Alpena County when he encountered three pickup trucks with empty gun cases in the cabs of the trucks. CO Webster heard several shots and walked toward them and contacted four hunters. The subjects stated they were squirrel hunting and were not having any luck. When asked about the shots he heard, they stated they had been shooting squirrel nests to see if there was anything in them. CO Webster checked their hunting licenses and found one of them did not have a license. The CO then informed them squirrel season was closed. Enforcement action was taken.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Mike Borkovich responded to a complaint in Leelanau County where a private land owner had cornered three out of four snowmobiles for trespassing. The fourth snowmobile failed to stop but later returned after CO Borkovich convinced the subject's wife to call him and have him return. The group was ticketed for recreational trespass.

CO Jair Kollasch conducted a boat patrol on the Manistee River for fishing and marine violations. During his travels he observed an ORV stuck in a swamp on state land. Upon investigating the unattended machine, he followed the tracks in the snow to the owner's residence. While at the residence, CO Kollasch also discovered active deer feeding violations. Multiple charges are pending.

CO Justin Vanderlinde conducted an inspection of a local taxidermist in Benzie County. During his inspection, CO Vanderlinde discovered multiple deer tagging violations, some of which included tag borrowing/lending and tags purchased after the deer was harvested. Responsible parties were ticketed for the tag violations.

CO Justin Vanderlinde received a complaint in Benzie County regarding subjects who had possibly kept a short pike. CO Vanderlinde responded and contacted the group of subjects regarding the complaint. Through his investigation, CO Vanderlinde located four short northern pike. Enforcement action taken.

CO Sean Kehoe observed a cloud of black smoke while patrolling through Wexford County. Upon locating the source, CO Kehoe contacted the owner of the property who was burning several items such as carpet, chairs, etc., from a house trailer he was cleaning out. The subject was ticketed for the burning violation.

COs Angela Greenway and Dan Bigger were working in Lake County when they contacted a person hauling wood from state land. A check of the person revealed that he had taken the wood without a permit. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of the driver for operating while intoxicated and transporting open intoxicants.

CO Steve Converse was on patrol when he observed a subject standing along a small stream known to contain spawning steelhead. CO Converse turned around and parked the patrol vehicle in the driveway of a nearby residence. The subject did not notice the patrol truck in the driveway, picked up a pitch fork and began chasing fish around. The subject with the pitch fork was contacted before he could take any fish and was ticketed for attempting to take fish by an illegal method.

CO Troy Vangelderren and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were conducting a foot patrol of an Oceana County stream when they observed three subjects on ORVs. The COs had observed the subjects for a short time when one of the subjects entered the water and grabbed a steelhead with his hands. All three subjects then started up their ORVs and attempted to leave the area with the fish. Contact was made and tickets were issued for the illegal take of the fish and operation of an ORV without a helmet.

CO Mike Bomay has investigated several complaints in regard to deer carcasses being dumped around Mecosta County. CO Bomay received another deer carcass complaint and located a kill tag at the scene. CO Bomay located the kill tag owner and she advised she had not taken a deer this past season. The subject explained she had given her kill tag to another subject. CO Bomay located this second subject who advised he had given his kill tag to another to use. This third subject has been identified but has not yet been located. The investigation continues.

CO Mike Wells responded to a complaint of a wildfire just outside the city limits of White Cloud in Newaygo County. Upon arrival, CO Wells observed a four acre fire burning around several structures that showed damage. CO Wells' investigation revealed an ash pile behind a residence on the upwind side of the fire. An interview of the occupants of the residence produced an admission to the dumping of hot coals from a fireplace behind the residence. A ticket was issued for allowing a fire to escape.

## **DISTRICT 5**

While at the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department, CO Bobbi Lively was asked by dispatch to be on the lookout for a subject suspected of having a gun walking near the building. Minutes later, a female subject entered the building carrying a concealed pistol and told CO Lively she had just shot at her boyfriend. CO Lively took the subject into custody and assisted MSP troopers in the investigation of the shooting.

CO Mike Hearn received information that a subject was going to burn a building and observed a large black plume of smoke as he neared the reported scene. He contacted the property owner who admitted to igniting the building after he had demolished it.

CO Chuck McPherson was called to a shooting complaint and located a black squirrel and numerous birds that had been shot. The property owner was contacted and admitted to shooting the animals.

CO Mike Hearn contacted three juveniles and one adult who had trespassed and were fishing on a closed trout stream. Initially, the subjects lied about their names and dates of birth because they felt they needed a fishing license. CO Hearn advised the subjects of the age when a fishing license is required. The adult subject did not have a fishing license.

CO Brian Engelhard observed two subjects consuming intoxicants in a parked motor vehicle at a fishing site in Iosco County. A short time later, he stopped the same vehicle for disregarding a stop sign. The operator of the vehicle was lodged for operating while impaired, driving while license revoked, and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. A search also produced a quantity of marijuana. The subject refused a breathalyzer and also refused a chemical breath test. A search warrant was obtained and blood was drawn at the hospital. Additional charges are being considered.

CO Joel Lundberg was watching anglers below a dam and observed two subjects drinking alcohol and littering with their empty cans. A short while later, the subjects started to snag the spawning pike and musky. CO Lundberg ticketed both individuals.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Scott Brown was asked to assist the Bad Axe Fire Department on a fire complaint. The investigation revealed that a homeowner was burning grass and the fire spread out of control. The fire spread to a small garage and it was a total loss before the fire department was able to respond. The homeowner was ticketed by the CO for burning without a permit and allowing a fire to escape. The homeowner will also be required to reimburse the fire department for suppression costs.

CO Joshua Wright assisted a firefighter who had responded to a large illegal burn and was being prevented from putting out the fire by the property owners. When CO Wright arrived, he discovered the property owner and his brother were pushing a firefighter and obstructing him from putting out the fire that consisted of tires and other illegal items that were being burned. CO Wright ticketed the property owner for the illegal burn and is submitting warrant requests to the prosecutor's office for felony charges of obstructing an emergency official from doing his or her job.

CO Joshua Wright received a complaint of a bear hide in a garbage bag found in a county ditch. Upon examining the bag, a taxidermist tag was found on the bear hide. CO Wright contacted the taxidermist and found that a relative of the taxidermist had shot the bear legally but let the hide spoil and go bad, then dumped the hide in a ditch. Enforcement action was taken.

While working state land for illegal ORV activity, CO Joshua Wright observed a vehicle drive by him at a high rate of speed. After following the vehicle and catching up to it, the vehicle was stopped. The driver admitted to driving in excess of 90 mph and a female passenger in the vehicle was also found to have an outstanding felony warrant for aggravated assault. The passenger was lodged on the outstanding warrant.

COs Seth Rhodea and Robert Hobkirk responded to a complaint of a hiker finding what he believed to be a wolverine in the Minden State Game Area (SGA). Upon arrival, the COs confirmed that the animal found by the hikers was a female wolverine. The carcass was recovered by the COs and sent to the lab to determine the cause of death.

CO Seth Rhodea was checking anglers in northern Tuscola County when he checked a boat with three people without any life jackets on board. Other violations that the CO found were littering, failing to have a fishing license in possession and one angler had a warrant for his arrest. Several tickets were issued to the angler and the subject with the warrant was able to post bond for his warrant.

CO Nick Atkin was dispatched to multiple forest fires where subjects were burning illegal materials and the fires got out of control. A total of 15 acres were burned along with one storage barn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin contacted anglers fishing near a bridge on the Rifle River. The CO asked one of the subjects to see his fishing license and the subject looked in his wallet stating that he swore he had bought one. The CO ran the subject and found that he had not purchased a fishing license. After enforcement action was taken, the angler stated that he did not buy a license and this was the first time he was fishing this year.

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin were checking anglers coming off the AuGres River when a subject was observed operating at a speed much faster than slow, no-wake in a slow, no-wake zone. One angler fishing on shore with his wife stated that the wake caused by the vessel splashed them as it broke over the bank of the channel. The operator of the vessel stated that the vessel was running poorly. The COs had the subject rev the vessel and listen to the vessel run for five minutes. The vessel was running fine the whole time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was patrolling a remote portion of the Rifle River on a kayak when he observed two fishing poles with lines out on the bank of the river. The CO was in the process of checking the lines when a subject approached from a nearby residence. CO Atkin was told by the subject that the fishing poles belonged to him. The CO then asked the subject to see his fishing license. The subject stated he did not have a fishing license and enforcement action was taken.

CO Holly Pennoni was called to investigate an illegal burn complaint and issued a ticket to the property owner for burning tires and demolition of building materials.

As the ice became unsafe on the Saginaw Bay and River, fishing activity increased at the Consumers Power hot ponds in Bay City. CO Holly Pennoni had been called out to Consumers Power for recreational trespass complaints where anglers were continuously fishing inside a signed closed barrier of the warm water discharge. Several tickets were written by local COs for the trespass violations.

CO Dan Lee took pictures of ice shanties on the Saginaw River the day before the ice went out. Later that week, Sgt. Tony Soave and CO Bob Hobkirk contacted CO Lee with information on several shanties they had found floating in the Saginaw River near Bay City. Many of these were the same shanties seen on the ice. CO Lee is contacting those who failed to remove their shanties before ice conditions became unsafe and enforcement action will be taken.

CO Ken Lowell was working the Stanton SGA when he encountered a well used ORV trail. The CO followed the trail, which crossed three streams and led to a house. Later that day when the CO checked the game area again he found a subject operating an ORV without a helmet and with an open beer. When the subject was stopped, he told the CO he was not the one who made the trail, that many other people use the trail. He

told the CO his ORV was not causing any damage. The CO discussed the three separate violations and issued a ticket for operating in a State Game Area.

## **DISTRICT 7**

Area 1 COs, with the assistance of COs Zach Doss, Dave Rodgers and BJ Goulette, worked several patrols targeting spawning walleye and steelhead at the Allegan Dam. Numerous tickets have been issued for attempting to snag fish and retaining foul hooked fish by COs working in uniform and plain clothes. During one sweep, COs ticketed violators for retaining 43 pounds of illegally hooked walleye and steelhead. One walleye retained after being foul hooked weighed 16 lbs.

CO Mike Mshar investigated a complaint of too many deer being taken by a subject during the 2009 season. Using computer records and entries on Facebook, CO Mshar determined the subject had purchased too many deer licenses and was having his wife purchase licenses, even though she had never completed hunter safety training. Confessions were obtained for the illegal purchase of licenses and the taking of too many deer, with tickets issued for the violations.

CO Mike Mshar, while working the Allegan Dam area, observed a go-cart occupied by a husband and wife and their children along the roadway. It was determined the family had traveled six miles on county roads to see how the fish were doing at the dam. CO Mshar determined the driver had a suspended operator's license and was wanted on a felony warrant. Enforcement action was taken and the driver was lodged at the Allegan County Jail.

CO Mike Mshar, while on patrol at the Allegan State Game Area (SGA), encountered a subject moving logs to his vehicle from state land. After advising the subject that it was illegal to simply take wood from state land, he followed him to his residence to further discover two cords of wood had already been taken home by the subject. Charges for illegal wood harvest will follow.

CO Gary Raak responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of subjects fishing the Coldwater River, a closed trout stream. CO Raak responded to the scene and ticketed two for fishing a closed stream. He also released five trout that were still alive.

CO Gary Raak reported considerable activity involving big trucks and ORVs in the Middleville and Barry SGAs. He ticketed several people for operation in closed areas, opening gates to gain illegal entry, operating in wetlands, hill climbing and various land violations. In one incident he found trucks using a large rock placed as a block by Wildlife Division staff as a barrier, to anchor straps and winches to pull their trucks loose from the wetland.

CO David Rodgers found several fishing violations on area streams and at the 6th Street Dam in downtown Grand Rapids, where people were snagging steelhead and suckers.

CO Greg Patten assisted the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department with a subject who was threatening suicide and was in possession of firearms. As time passed, the subject overdosed and passed out. He was taken to the hospital without incident.

COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney conducted a taxidermy inspection in Van Buren County where they discovered the taxidermist had a mallard duck mount for sale. COs also discovered several other taxidermy violations while conducting the inspection.

CO Jeff Robinette responded to a complaint regarding the possible illegal killing of a turkey in Cass County. CO Robinette investigated and located the subject who admitted to shooting the turkey with a .22 rifle. The subject stated he did not keep the turkey but shot it for something to do. CO Robinette retrieved the dead turkey in a nearby swamp.

During a taxidermy inspection, COs Andy Bauer and Zach Doss discovered that a subject had dropped off a fox and another subject had dropped off a weasel which had been shot. Further investigation resulted in both subjects being ticketed for illegal method of take and taking game without a license.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Pete Purdy received a RAP complaint about numerous deer carcasses that were dumped alongside a rural dirt road. CO Purdy's investigation led him to a local deer processor who admitted to dumping the carcasses because he didn't want to pay a landfill for proper disposal. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster represented the division by attending the funeral of slain Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau. Officer Bonneau was killed in the line of duty while responding to a domestic violence call. COs Owens and Webster paid their respects along with over 1000 other law enforcement officers from Michigan and elsewhere.

CO Dan Prince reports a guilty verdict on a second offense case of a husband and wife violating the no deer feeding ban. Sentencing is scheduled for April.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Tom Wanless conducted a foot patrol of a large parcel of private property along the Flint River. The property owner does not allow anglers on the property and it is heavily posted no trespassing. The COs contacted seven subjects along the mile stretch and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at the Hamilton Street Dam in Flint, CO Linda Scheidler observed a subject reel in a line, set the fishing pole down, and turn and walk away as the CO approached. The CO attempted to close the distance between them and make contact; however, the subject took off running. As the CO crested a hill, she observed

the subject grab a bicycle out of the back of a pick up truck and take off. The CO contacted the owner of the vehicle who denied knowing the subject, yet did not want to file a report on the stolen bike. The CO seized the fishing pole. The owner of the vehicle was willing to accept the seized property receipt for the unknown subject.

CO Ken Kovach arrested a subject on a warrant for hunting while revoked. The subject admitted to taking a deer last season and CO Kovach will be seeking an additional warrant for taking deer while revoked.

Sgt. Arthur Green responded to a complaint of an oil spill on the Rouge River in Hines Park in Wayne County. There was a strong odor of oil in the area and after tracking upstream from the reported location, he contacted a clean up crew working on the problem. Sgt. Green notified Station 20 and advised that EPA was on scene and had been working on cleaning up the illegal dumping for a few days.

CO Jonathon Sklba and CO Dan Walzak conducted an interview of two subjects for violations found during a taxidermy inspection. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted two ORV riders on Lake Oakland who were riding double with no helmets and their ORV license was four years old. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers coming off of Lake St. Clair, CO Kris Kiel observed two subjects who were having trouble carrying their gear and their catch. When asked how many fish they had, they didn't know, nor did they know how many they were allowed to have. CO Kiel counted 270 perch in their bucket. Most of the fish were alive and CO Kiel was able to return all but 18 of them to the lake. Tickets were issued.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska responded to a complaint of an ice shanty that was left on the ice at a marina. When they got to the guard shack, they were told that the ex-wife of the angler left a note saying he had been missing for four days. CO Kiel checked the shanty and found all of the angler's equipment and his empty beer cans but no sign of the angler. The sheriff's department was called and their evidence tech photographed the scene. The family was told they could come and retrieve the ice shanty.

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Tom Wanless were checking anglers along the Flint River near Atwood Stadium during the walleye closure when they observed a subject fishing with illegal tackle. Upon contacting the subject, Sgt. Wanless searched the subject's cooler where he found a northern pike and a walleye. The pike was 24 inches long and was still alive, and the walleye was 13.5 inches. The pike was revived and released and the walleye seized. Enforcement action was taken.

While pulling into the parking lot at the Holloway Reservoir Dam, CO Linda Scheidler was followed by a subject on a three wheeler. Once in the parking lot, the CO contacted the subject and found numerous violations. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Arthur Green III and CO Dan Walzak observed a subject trespassing on a railroad right-of-way and through some private property. Though he claimed to have permission from the landowner, the subject could not advise the officers of the name of the landowner. The subject was no stranger to law enforcement. Several tickets have been written in the past by other conservation officers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathon Sklba contacted an angler coming into Bolles Harbor. The angler stated he had been fishing and stated he had not caught any fish. CO Sklba was allowed to check his cooler and was amazed to see an 8.59 lb. steelhead. The subject only possessed a restricted license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathon Sklba received two complaints about a loud air boat operating on the River Raisin. He located the launch site of the boat and contacted the operator and addressed his lack of a muffler on his boat. The subject advised that he would fix his boat before he takes it out again.

CO Jonathon Sklba contacted an angler at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (SGA). When he asked the angler for his fishing license, he stated it was his friend's fishing pole and that he was just using it. CO Sklba advised he needed a license if he was going to be fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted two hunters who were leaving the woods in the Holly Recreation Area. Both subjects were carrying .22 rifles and stated they were rabbit hunting, but neither had a valid small game license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively responded to a complaint of an ice shanty floating and sinking in Long Lake. The COs put on waders and went out about 150 feet to remove the shanty. The COs are attempting to locate the owner to return the shanty and take enforcement action.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted local deputies with a complaint of a feral swine. The animal was located and was determined to be a domestic pig that was released on a farm and then escaped. The owner was contacted and came to pick up the pig.

CO Ben Shively followed up on a complaint of an ice shanty that was left on Wormer Lake. He contacted a subject and enforcement action was taken for fishing with no license, recreational trespass and fail to remove ice shanty by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

CO Ben Shively went to court on a case of a subject who took an antlerless deer without a license. The subject was found guilty and paid \$1100 in fines and costs and lost his hunting privileges for four years.

CO Ben Shively received a complaint of subjects taking an overlimit of fish on the Huron River. He contacted the subjects and found one was in possession of an eight inch largemouth bass and seven panfish over the limit. The second subject was in

possession of four largemouth bass, the biggest of which was seven inches, and three panfish over the limit. He also had prior convictions for an overlimit of walleye, recreational trespass and an outstanding warrant for snagging. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a complaint of a subject who was shooting squirrels off a power line in a subdivision. CO Kiel found one dead squirrel in a neighbor's yard but there was no evidence that the subject shot it. When he checked the subject's property, CO Kiel found a raccoon in a trap and released it. The subject was trapping without a fur harvester license during the closed season and with an untagged trap. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel reports the completion of two deer cases from last fall. A subject took an antlerless deer with a firearm license and was found guilty and paid \$1635 in fines, costs and restitution and received a three year license revocation. The second case was a subject who took an antlerless deer at night over a lighted bait pile. He was found guilty and paid \$1725 in fines, costs and restitution and received a three year license revocation. His firearm was also condemned.

CO John Borkovich completed an investigation that started last fall from a call from CO Chuck McPherson in Roscommon County. A subject shot a bear out of season. CO Borkovich was able to track down the individual who lived in the Port Huron area and get a written confession.

CO John Borkovich investigated a littering complaint involving household items and a deer carcass. The carcass had a tag on it that led the CO to a subject whose information was on the kill tag. In lieu of a ticket, the subject cleaned up his mess along with the entire area.