

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

CO Trey Luce served a two count hunter harassment warrant on a subject in Marquette County that stemmed from an incident that occurred during the late December deer hunting season.

CO Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright worked a plain clothes patrol at the bubblers in Marquette's Upper Harbor. They were targeting complaints of anglers retaining foul hooked herring. The COs observed an individual catch and retain a lake herring that had been hooked in the tail. Contact was made and a ticket was issued. A ticket was also issued for fishing without a license to another individual.

Sgt. Pete Wright responded to a complaint of subjects shooting geese near the Greenwood Reservoir. He was able to locate the suspect vehicle and make contact. Following a short interview and investigation, it was determined that the driver of the vehicle had shot and missed a goose from the window of his truck. He then exited the vehicle and walked into the woods near a pond where he shot and killed another goose. It was also determined he did not have a hunting license to allow him to legally possess the shotgun he had with him. Action was taken and the goose and shotgun were seized.

CO Mark Leadman investigated a complaint in which a subject dumped a truckload of litter on state land. He was able to determine who the suspect was and issued a ticket for the litter violation.

CO Brian Bacon encountered two trappers in northern Dickinson County. It was noted that the trappers were not clear on the license and tag requirements for the spring otter season. It turns out the trapper had obtained new otter tags with his new 2011 fur bearer license, but still had three otter tags left from last year. The situation was cleared up in the field and the extra tags were voided in the retail sales system.

CO Dave Painter responded to the report of a lost hiker in Iron County. The CO was familiar with the area and was able to locate the hiker after a short search. The hiker was not injured and was out of the woods just before a line of severe thunderstorms set in.

COs Marv Gerlach, Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright worked an undercover patrol on the Menominee River targeting walleye poaching. Two subjects were observed taking several walleye over the limit. Contact was made and both were ticketed for the violations. COs Trey Luce and Mark Leadman also worked an undercover patrol on the Menominee River. They ticketed a subject who asked for and retained a snagged walleye that another angler had caught.

CO Dave Painter responded to the complaint of an injured eagle in Iron County. Upon arriving at the scene, CO Painter found two adult eagles stuck together by their talons. Neither eagle would let go of the other. After a lengthy process, CO Painter was able to pull the talons free from the eagles and both flew off uninjured.

CO Brian Bacon assisted DNR Forest Management Division with a fire in Dickinson County. A subject was trying to burn yard debris in 30 mph winds and lost control of the fire. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy came across a subject who had a truck load of freshly cut firewood. The subject stated he had cut all the wood on private land behind his uncle's camp. Sgt. Pomroy followed the subject's fresh tracks and found where the subject had been cutting standing trees on state land without a permit. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint in which a subject had just shot at Canada Geese near a local golf course. Local police officers assisted in the investigation and located a subject in possession of a firearm and a dead goose. The subject indicated that he thought he could get a permit from the DNR to shoot geese on the golf course so he figured he would just do it. CO Publiski informed him otherwise and issued a ticket for take/possess Canada Geese out of season. Restitution is being sought.

CO Kyle Publiski was conducting surveillance on a local trout stream, and after several hours watched as two subjects snagged steelhead and also catch one by hand when it became stuck in a log jam. Upon contact it was discovered that they were also using illegal snag hooks. Enforcement action taken.

CO Derek Miller located fresh ORV tracks that led deep into a section of state land. The CO trudged along on foot through a wetland area and finally located the ORVs as they were tearing up the wetland. Surprised to see the completely soaked and muddy CO, the subjects took their tickets without much complaint.

CO Reid Roeske investigated a fire in Delta County that started four days after the property owner had what he thought was a controlled burn. It had smoldered throughout those four days then reignited after winds kicked up.

After being alerted to a drunk driver in the area, CO John Wenzel responded and observed the vehicle as it crossed the center line. While attempting to stop the vehicle, it crossed to the opposite shoulder of the roadway. After several minutes, he was able to get the vehicle stopped. The woman driver was processed and lodged.

DISTRICT 3

CO Carl VanderWall responded to a complaint of a subject burning illegal materials, including furniture, at a dump site on state land. The fire was extinguished and the subject was ticketed for burning without a permit and warned for unlawful disposal of building materials. CO VanderWall also handled a complaint of two pickup loads of household trash that was dumped on county owned property by a subject who had been living on the parcel illegally since last fall. Enforcement action was taken and the site was cleaned up.

CO Andrea Erratt ticketed several subjects who were fishing without a license and using illegal treble hooks to take steelhead on the Boyne River. Several warnings were given to other subjects who were involved with more minor fishing violations.

CO Andrea Erratt caught up with a subject who was riding a dirt bike recklessly and doing hot laps on the DNR snowmobile trail near the Jordan River Valley. CO Erratt warned the man about the illegal operation and issued a ticket for operating an unlicensed ORV on public land. CO Erratt also stopped and issued several tickets and warnings to other illegal ORV operators who were also operating on state land near Boyne Falls.

CO Steve Speigl is seeking the help of local painters and builders who may have information regarding the illegal dumping of 51, one-gallon paint cans, several smaller containers and seven five-gallon buckets of paint on state land in Antrim County. Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact the DNR Office in Gaylord at 989-732-3541 or the RAP hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

Sgt. Michael Borkovich was involved in a pursuit of a female subject who was using both the northbound and southbound lanes and paved shoulders on US-31 south of Charlevoix. The subject operated at speeds of 55-60 mph directly at oncoming vehicles in pre-dawn light conditions narrowly missing several vehicles as she weaved both left and right of multiple vehicles. The situation ended when the operator struck a vehicle head-on that had pulled off the road and onto the shoulder after seeing the oncoming patrol vehicle's emergency lights and hearing the siren. The operator of the suspect vehicle was transported to a local hospital and is under investigation by the sheriff's department.

Sgt. Michael Borkovich observed as four juvenile subjects smoked marijuana and attempted to bag and distribute the illegal substance to other youths in a local business parking lot. An investigation by local school authorities and the Traverse Narcotics Team is being conducted. It appears that the substance was stolen by one of the youths from a family member who possesses a medical marijuana card.

CO Mark DePew located two large garbage bags filled with dirty diapers on state land. CO DePew proceeded to dig through the bags despite the horrible smell and located evidence he used to track down the person who dumped the bags. The individual was issued a ticket and told to clean up the bags of diapers.

COs Michael Feagan and Matt Theunick responded to a RAP complaint of subjects fishing on a closed trout stream. The COs observed and apprehended three subjects for fishing on a closed trout stream and/or possessing fishing gear on a closed stream.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski found a large pile of trash strewn about on state forest land. A search of the garbage produced evidence which eventually led to the sale of a truck a few months earlier that still had a load of trash in it. An interview with the suspect produced a ticket and a clean-up of the dumping site and additional trash on state land.

DISTRICT 4

While patrolling Leelanau County, Sgt. Robert Torres assisted the local police agency with a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle complaint. Two subjects involved in the B&E fled the area. While responding, Sgt. Torres observed one of the subjects run across the road. Sgt. Torres pursued on foot and was able to secure the subject until other units arrived. The subject was 19 years old, had a blood alcohol level of .12, had an outstanding warrant for his arrest, was reported as a missing person, had just broken into a vehicle and was also a subject in several B&Es that occurred a few days prior, one of which was an occupied dwelling.

CO Sean Kehoe investigated a deer carcass dumping complaint on private property. Evidence at the scene led to a subject who admitted to the littering violation as well as the purchase of too many deer tags. A ticket was issued for the littering violation.

CO Sean Kehoe investigated another littering complaint where a subject left broken glass on state land from a window he had used for target shooting. CO Kehoe was able to use witness information and other evidence to track down the subject. The subject was ticketed for the violation and ordered to clean up the site.

CO Sam Koscinski investigated a complaint of 330 conibear traps set illegally on dry land. CO Koscinski interviewed the owner of the traps who admitted to setting them illegally for beaver. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jim Espinoza responded to a complaint of a subject snagging walleye near the dam at Ludington State Park. CO Espinoza located the subject who was in possession of a live large northern pike. The subject explained that there were too many small pike in Hamlin Lake and he was going to help by planting this large pike in the lake. Further investigation turned up several walleye fillets hidden in the subject's fishing vest. Tickets were issued for the fishing violations.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling Lake County when she observed fresh ORV tracks crossing state land closed to ORV traffic. CO Greenway followed the tracks that eventually led to an open ORV trail. After following the tracks for several miles, the CO decided to check another section of the trail that ran by several illegal hill climbs. Ten minutes after arriving at the illegal hill climb, a group of 27 ORVs came by. Two ORVs broke from the group and started operating on the illegal hill climb. A deputy who was

assisting CO Greenway contacted the two operating on the hill climb, while the CO contacted the rest of the group. This was the same group CO Greenway had been tracking earlier in the closed area. Tickets were issued to the two subjects tearing up the hill and the remainder of the group received verbal warnings.

CO Steve Converse was working a late night patrol at Tippy Dam and observed a subject snagging fish. The CO made contact and while checking for licenses determined that the subject only possessed a restricted fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper was on patrol when she observed a vehicle parked at a culvert where trout are known to stack up. CO Soper stopped and checked a father and his young son who were returning to their vehicle carrying fishing equipment. CO Soper asked if the subject had caught any fish on the closed section of the river. The father stated he had not but was quickly corrected by his young son who claimed he had caught two trout. The subject then admitted to having two fish on a stringer tied up downriver. After a walk downstream looking for the stringer containing the illegal trout without success, CO Soper explained to the subject that now was the time to be truthful. The subject finally admitted to having the two illegal trout in the vehicle at the road. The subject was ticketed for the fishing violation.

While on routine patrol, CO Carla Soper checked four subjects who had been fishing below the weir. CO Soper asked to check fishing licenses and three of the four subjects obliged. The fourth subject indicated he had to go to his truck and continued walking away from her. CO Soper again asked him for a license and he said he didn't have time because he was late for an appointment. CO Soper stopped the subject who finally admitted that he hadn't purchased a fishing license for 2011 and was ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County was conducting surveillance on a stream when he observed three subjects netting suckers. CO Wells inspected the stringer of fish and found a large brown trout hidden among the suckers. A ticket was issued for the illegal fish.

CO Mike Wells was conducting surveillance on a closed trout stream when two subjects were observed in the stream chasing steelhead up and down the stream attempting to land the fish using long handled nets. Both subjects were apprehended by CO Wells and ticketed for the fish violation.

CO Troy VanGelderren investigated a recreational trespass complaint dealing with subjects illegally accessing a trout stream. CO VanGelderren located the subjects and determined that they had legal access to the stream. One of the subjects was ticketed for the out-of-season trout he possessed.

CO Troy VanGelderren was contacted by local deputies who informed him that a subject to whom he had written tickets for snagging and possession of illegal gear was arrested

on his outstanding warrants. CO VanGelderren picked the subject up and transported him to the District Court in Oceana County. The judge sentenced the violator to 45 days in jail.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County was conducting surveillance on the Muskegon River system when he observed several subjects catching and keeping closed season walleye. Each subject would catch a walleye, look around intently and then stuff the fish into a drainage tube. After only a few minutes of observation, CO Lebel watched these subjects take seven walleye. When another angler began fishing close to them, the violators grabbed the hidden fish and ran for their vehicle. CO Lebel ran back to his patrol truck and conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. The subjects stated they did not know that walleye season was closed. CO Lebel informed them that he observed them stuffing the walleye in the drainage tube and confessions were obtained. Tickets were issued for the illegal fish and all fish were seized.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Brian Lebel contacted two subjects parked at a DNR boat access site smoking marijuana. CO Lebel recognized the passenger's last name as someone that CO Mike Wells had ticketed for possession of an illegal deer in 2010. A file check was conducted that revealed an outstanding arrest warrant due to the subject's failure to appear on the original charge. The subject was arrested and lodged.

DISTRICT 5

CO Bobbi Lively reports a subject who admitted guilt to third offense unlawful feeding of deer was sentenced to five days in jail with the first day scheduled to begin on November 15, 2011.

CO Mike Hearn reports a wildfire that started when a property owner, who had been burning lawfully two days prior, turned over the coals in the fire pit. The wind caught the hot coals and set the grass on fire, burning 30 acres. Smoke across the highway caused US 131 to be temporarily shut down.

CO Mike Hearn located a duck blind left on state land from the fall hunt. He was able to locate a sign with a name and address floating in the water that appeared to have come from the blind. The CO contacted the subject who admitted to leaving his blind out on the pond.

CO John Huspen obtained three felony warrants for arson stemming from a case last summer where the subject was investigated and found to be starting forest fires in the area.

COs Steve Lockwood and Jason McCullough assisted CO Phil Hudson in Arenac County in conducting surveillance and apprehending subjects who were keeping walleye during the closed season. After a lengthy surveillance of a camp along the river, several pounds of walleye fillets were seized. The subjects were trying to burn the carcasses in the campfire to destroy the evidence.

CO Brian Engelhard was conducting a fishing patrol early Monday morning when he observed a pick-up truck driving very erratically. He stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be very intoxicated, operating on a suspended license with no insurance and also found open intoxicants in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen assisted the MSP in looking for a vehicle involved in a felonious assault with a firearm. CO Olsen located and stopped the vehicle; and inside were several paintball guns. The juvenile subjects confessed to pointing a paintball gun at the complainant and were turned over to the MSP.

CO Brian Olsen was patrolling stand land and located a parked vehicle that had the engine running and the windows fogged up. When he checked the interior, he could see a male subject duct taping a garden hose to a plastic bottle. The subject became very upset when CO Olsen made contact. After the CO calmed him down, the subject admitted he was contemplating suicide. The subject was willingly turned over to mental health for an evaluation.

DISTRICT 6

CO Phil Hudson was fishing on his day off and watched a subject taking walleye out of his dip net, filet them and hide them in his truck. CO Hudson contacted COs Steve Lockwood and Jason McCullough and advised them of what he observed. CO McCullough was able to get within feet of the camp, undetected, and observe which subject was taking the walleye and the vehicle in which they were being hidden. CO McCullough contacted CO Lockwood to advise the suspect vehicle was leaving the camp and the direction it was traveling. CO Lockwood was able to stop the vehicle and upon contact located 11 lbs of walleye fillets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson was on his way to the Bay City District office when he was alerted about a reckless driver who was exiting the highway and struck a guardrail at Beaver Road. CO Hudson located the vehicle and followed it a short distance on a rural road where it nearly struck two pedestrians. The CO stopped the vehicle, obtained the subject's information and asked the subject if he had been drinking. The CO observed a large quantity of prescription medicine in the back seat and began to ask questions about it. The subject then accelerated, squealing his tires and causing gravel to spray on the CO. A pursuit ensued for several miles before the vehicle was stopped and CO Hudson was assisted by CO Chad Foerster and the MSP. The subject was taken into custody and lodged.

CO Jay Person stopped to check a vehicle parked near the Chippewa River and located two young men and a young woman fishing off the bank. CO Person watched them for a bit before contacting them. Both men were using illegal gear for the time of year due to spawning activity. One subject did not have a fishing license, and as CO Person was talking with them, he could smell the odor of marijuana. The subjects were asked once where the marijuana was. Both men looked at each other and then began searching the ground where they said they dropped it. CO Person asked if there was any more.

They answered no, but then suddenly remembered the small baggie in their pockets. Enforcement action was taken for both the marijuana and the fishing violations.

CO Jay Person was busy on the weekend with escaped wildfires. One subject, who was trying to burn a pile of illegal material, had her fire escape her control. The flame heights were so high that by the time the fire department arrived, they had to spray down a highway billboard in her backyard to keep it from melting.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint about dogs chasing wildlife several different times over the course of the weekend. Upon responding to the subject's residence, where the owner of the dogs had received prior warnings from CO Rhodea about her dogs chasing wildlife, CO Rhodea contacted the owner and questioned her about the dogs running off her property over the weekend. The owner claimed that her dogs would never leave her yard and were in the yard all weekend. CO Rhodea then pointed out to the owner that both dogs were currently running away from the residence and off her property. The owner attempted to call the dogs back but was unsuccessful and was then ticketed for failing to leash her dogs.

While patrolling northern Huron County, CO Robert Hobkirk observed a subject operating his vehicle in a closed area on public land. The subject had driven around a barrier to check a local river. As the subject was backing down the trail, CO Hobkirk knocked on his window to announce his presence. Prior to stopping, the subject covered his open beer with a shirt. He was ticketed for operating his vehicle in a closed area and warned on the open intoxicants.

DISTRICT 7

CO Ken Cerny was observing two anglers along the St. Joseph River when he observed them catch a northern pike during the closed season. CO Cerny watched as the two subjects wrapped the fish in newspaper and hid the fish in the truck. Upon contact, the two subjects claimed the fish was a walleye, not a pike, not realizing that walleye season was also closed. CO Cerny observed a 2011 fishing digest on the front seat of their vehicle as well.

CO Steve Mooney was checking closed trout streams when he observed two subjects fishing along one of the streams. As he was making contact with the subjects, he could hear a fish flopping in the trunk of the vehicle. A check revealed a steelhead trout that had just been taken from the closed stream. The subjects were ticketed for taking the trout during the closed season.

CO Greg Patten responded to a fire which had escaped a burn barrel and caused a small grass fire that moved to a neighbor's property. CO Patten ticketed the home owner for allowing the fire to escape and issued a warning for illegal disposal of solid waste.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson assisted in locating a suicidal subject in the Muskegon State Game Area (SGA). The victim of an overdose was located and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Sgt. John Jurcich was requested to investigate a brush fire which occurred near Whitehall one afternoon with the initial cause reported as a dropped cigarette ash. Working with local authorities, a scene investigation and several interviews were conducted to identify a suspect and cause. It was determined a subject was intentionally setting small amounts of dry grass on fire when one grew too large and escaped his control, causing him to notify the fire department. The subject is to be charged with starting the fire.

COs Ivan Perez and BJ Goulette, with the assistance of local police officers, investigated a report of a large teepee-type structure that had been constructed within the Holland State Park property. Officers located a structure within the wooded dunes that was nearly 30 feet tall, and a large area that had been cleared of dead wood and some live trees. The builders were digging soils and moving earth for the construction process and officers found quantities of treated lumber had been brought to the site and much of the structure was nailed to live trees. An investigation involving neighbors and social networking sites led to the identification of suspects and a time period of over three years of building and party activity at the site. The subjects were ticketed for damaging trees and vegetation within the park and ordered to remove the structure or face additional charges. It appears the same subjects had built a similar structure on property belonging to Grand Valley State University resulting in a similar outcome.

CO Dave Rodgers worked on the Grand River late several nights in response to complaints of fishing, snagging and netting. During one patrol at about 2:30 a.m., CO Rodgers observed three anglers working to snag and net steelhead moving up the ladder. CO Rodgers moved in directly behind two of the subjects as they used a hoop net to land a foul hooked fish and as they threw the fish up to the sidewalk, it landed at CO Rodgers feet. Three persons were ticketed for license and illegal taking violations.

COs Dave Rodgers and Steve Orange of Kent County conducted patrols of area streams by motorcycle. Focusing on steelhead spawning locations, the COs ticketed 13 anglers for fishing closed streams, snagging and licensing violations. CO Rodgers stated one individual was apprehended using a treble hook with attached weights as he attempted to snag spawning steelhead on a gravel bar. When approached by the COs he explained how he greatly respects these fish and has purchased an underwater camera to observe their spawning activity. COs pointed out the illegal device he was using in a closed stream and their observations of his activity as he was ticketed for his violations.

DISTRICT 8

While working an area known for heavy fishing activity, COs Jason J. Smith and Brad Brewer observed a subject throw his fishing pole into the water. When asked for his

identification, the subject gave the COs his brother's information. The subject's brother had a warrant for his arrest and when the COs told the subject he would be arrested he decided to tell the truth about his identity. The subject lied because he had not purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince received arrest warrants from the prosecutor's office on a subject who killed two deer last deer season without the proper licenses; the subject also killed a wild turkey out of season and two non game birds, one sandhill crane and one turkey vulture.

CO Dan Bigger investigated a complaint of a subject shooting at geese off a nest behind a residence. When CO Bigger interviewed the subject, he stated he was simply shooting in the direction of the geese to scare them away and was not shooting at the geese. During CO Bigger's investigation, a dead goose was located near the nest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Peter Purdy and Todd Thorn investigated a suspicious vehicle parked near a gas utility line. The investigation showed that the driver was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant, had an expired driver's license and fraudulent license plates on the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeff Walker and Todd Thorn have received numerous complaints at the Dansville shooting range about rounds leaving the range and subjects not following the range rules. The COs found three different groups of people that were in violation of the range rules, with one subject wanted on an outstanding warrant. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Shane Webster contacted two subjects fishing on the Portage River near Jackson. The subjects suddenly were in a hurry to leave when the CO approached. When CO Webster asked the subjects for their fishing licenses they responded that they didn't think they needed a license to fish at that location. Enforcement action was taken.

With the assistance of CO Damon Owens, CO Shane Webster and Sgt. Troy Bahlau were able to track down two subjects who were illegally dumping dead fish on private property without permission. The COs interviewed the two subjects and received a full confession about the illegal activity. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy conducted a patrol targeting illegal ORV activity in the Brighton Recreation Area. The COs contacted numerous subjects who were operating ORVs in a closed area, operating ORVs without the proper safety equipment, flee and elude a law enforcement officer, and operating without proper registrations. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Pete Purdy assisted local deputies with a search for a wanted fugitive at a known drug house. The subject was not located at the time of the search; however a tip was received later that day the fugitive had returned to the residence. Even though the

fugitive stated he would not be taken peacefully by law enforcement, he was arrested without incident by CO Purdy and the deputies.

In separate instances, COs Todd Thorn, Pete Purdy, and Dan Walzak contacted subjects fishing without licenses who claimed tribal status so they felt they didn't need state fishing licenses. The COs reminded the subjects that there is no ceded territory in the area they were fishing therefore state licenses were needed. Enforcement action was taken.

A joint group fishing patrol was conducted on the Huron River which included COs from Districts 8 and 9. Numerous violations were investigated, including fishing without licenses, taking fish out of season, possession of illegal drugs, and outstanding arrest warrants on numerous subjects. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a complaint that a subject had shot a Canada goose out of season and was on foot carrying it back to his residence. CO Thorn contacted the subject who stated he shot the goose because his girlfriend had never had a wild goose dinner. CO Thorn seized the goose and the firearm used to illegally kill the goose. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

COs Mark Papineau and Brandon Kieft were checking anglers and contacted a subject loading fishing equipment in his vehicle near Holloway Reservoir. While talking with the subject, it was determined that he did not purchase a fishing license. In addition, COs Papineau and Kieft learned that the subject had multiple felony warrants for his arrest out of the City of Flint. The subject had also served 10 years in prison for a previous homicide. The subject was lodged in the Genesee County Jail on the outstanding warrants for using body armor by a violent felon and assaulting police.

While patrolling the Flint River, CO Mark Papineau observed several anglers fishing near Atwood Stadium. Upon arrival, CO Papineau observed a male subject place an object in a trash bag and secure it near his vehicle. When the male and a female began to pack up, CO Papineau made contact and located two walleye hidden in a bag near the vehicle. Both subjects also had multiple outstanding arrest warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler received a complaint of a subject who had four raccoons in captivity. When the CO arrived, the subject contacted her boyfriend and her son who assisted the CO in catching three of the raccoons. The raccoons were not caged and were free to come and go through a hole in the wall of the basement. The hole was covered up and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher had court in Genesee County for a civil infraction he issued while working the Lobdell chili cook-off. The subject did not appear; however, his father did, due to being issued a ticket from CO Ken Kovach during the same incident. The father

wanted to pay both tickets. The magistrate explained that the defendant requested the court hearing and needed to be present; a bench warrant was issued for failing to appear and the defendant was found guilty by default.

COs Al Schwiderson, Ben Lasher, Mark Papineau, Kris Kiel, and Todd Szyska, along with PCO Mike Drexler and Sgt. Tom Wanless conducted a group patrol on the Flint River in the Genesee County area. Sgt. Wanless and CO Schwiderson contacted one group by boat, and when one of the subjects saw the boat he took off running. The COs got information on the subject and searched the area. CO Schwiderson found two garbage bags with fresh walleye fillets in them. Both of the adult males in the group had warrants for their arrest, including a felony warrant on the subject who fled. CO Lasher responded and searched the area and found the subject hiding in some nearby brush. The subject was turned over to local authorities and transported to the county jail. COs Papineau and Szyska also contacted a subject with warrants who was transported to the MSP post in Flint. While patrolling by boat, CO Schwiderson and Sgt. Wanless passed a golf course and observed a subject expose his backside to the COs. The COs contacted the subject who did not realize the occupants on the boat were officers. The COs issued six tickets for fishing violations, including the possession of walleye out of season; they issued one ticket for littering and five warrant arrests.

COs Dan Walzak and Jon Sklba responded to a call of a man with a gun at Point Mouillee, then shots fired and a man down complaint at the same location. When the COs arrived on scene with MSP troopers, it was determined to be a suicide. The MSP is handling the case.

COs Danny Walzak, Jon Sklba, Mark Ennett, Ben Shively, and Lacelle Rabon, along with COs Jason Smith, Pete Purdy, Kyle Bader, and Brad Brewer from District 8, conducted a group patrol Saturday on the Huron River in Washtenaw and Wayne Counties. CO Shively worked as a spotter and informed the group of illegal activities occurring. Several tickets were issued for various fishing violations including taking walleye during the closed season. One subject that COs Ennett and Sklba contacted had seven warrants out of the 34th District Court. The subject was turned over to the local police agency.

CO Brandon Kieft finalized a court case involving an illegally taken deer from the 2010 hunting season. The case involved taking a deer with a firearm during the archery season, taking a deer without a hunting license, and baiting. The subject was charged \$1000 restitution for the deer, \$200 fines and costs, and 57 hours of community service. His firearm was also forfeited and his hunting license revoked for three years.

CO Ben Shively observed a truck and boat trailer parked along the closed section of the Huron River. CO Shively searched upstream and located two subjects fishing from a small boat. CO Shively was able to get within 10 feet of the subjects in the trees and overheard them talking about targeting trout, and also observed the subjects passing marijuana between them. Just as CO Shively was about to make contact, he observed a dirt bike on the road operating at a high rate of speed with the operator not wearing

his helmet and headed toward state land. Weighing his options and distance from the truck, CO Shively contacted the anglers first. As CO Shively announced his presence to the anglers and advised them not to pitch the marijuana, the subject in the front of the boat threw the joint into the water. CO Shively had the subjects come to shore and located a sandwich bag with traces of marijuana in the rear of the boat. CO Shively obtained fishing licenses and identification from the anglers and advised them he would meet them back at their truck. CO Shively returned to his patrol truck and ticketed both subjects for fishing in a closed trout stream and one of the subjects for littering. As CO Shively met the subjects at their vehicle, he observed the operator of the dirt bike pushing the bike back down the road. CO Shively obtained the subject's name verbally and upon checking, found that his operator's license was suspended. The subject was ticketed for operating an ORV on a roadway, and warned for the operating while license suspended and operating without a helmet.

While working a closed section of the Huron River in the early hours of the morning, CO Ben Shively observed three subjects fishing in the closed section of the river at the dam and using lures other than artificial flies. CO Shively was able to conceal himself 10 feet from the subjects and watch as one subject in waders used his fishing pole to corral a rainbow trout to a subject along shore, who then used a net to take the fish from the river. CO Shively contacted the subjects who had no explanation for what they were doing, except that they thought it was opening night of trout season. CO Shively quickly pointed out the signs at the dam and in the fishing guide stating that the trout opener is the last Saturday in April. CO Shively located two other trout caught by one of the subjects. All three were ticketed for fishing in a closed trout stream and one subject was also ticketed for taking trout by illegal method – netting. All fish were able to be returned to the river.

Sgt. Tom Wanless was patrolling the Flint River when he observed a subject fishing with restricted tackle (an artificial lure) during the walleye closure. The CO contacted the subject just as the subject was landing a small walleye. The subject was surprised to see the CO and did not have a fishing license. The subject was also fishing with four poles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation relating to a dumped deer carcass on a dead end road in Clayton Township. The deer was tracked to the shooter in Lake City, who gave the deer to a friend in Saginaw County. That friend gave the deer to a third person. Unfortunately, the deer was allowed to hang too long in the third subject's garage and the meat spoiled. The carcass was then placed in a trash bag and dumped. The third subject was ticketed for littering.

CO John Borkovich received a RAP complaint that a subject took four eggs from a Canada goose nest and destroyed them. When the CO arrived, he observed the subject destroying the nest. The subject complained to CO Borkovich about the amount of goose feces in his yard and was only trying to eliminate future problems. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich observed an ORV operating at a high rate of speed on a county road. The CO was able to pace the ATV in excess of 60 mph before he stopped it. The subject was transporting a three year old on the ATV which was only designed for the operator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a RAP complaint of people snagging fish in a small creek that runs into Lake Erie in a residential area. He arrived after the alleged snaggers had left, but did encounter another angler in the same area. The subject was fishing without a license. The subject stated that he purchases them every year but forgot to get a new one. A Retail Sales System check revealed; however, he had not purchased a license in three years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling the "hot hole" when he contacted a group of anglers. CO Sklba counted eight fishing poles in the water with only two subjects fishing. CO Sklba asked about fish they had caught and asked for fishing licenses. The subjects produced fish, but no fishing licenses. CO Sklba examined the mixed bag of fish and determined that the group had mutilated fish (fillets), undersized channel catfish, and bass (both out of season and undersized). CO Sklba was also able to determine that one of the subjects had been fishing with five of the fishing poles while the other used the remaining three. CO Sklba had the group gather up their gear and walk back to his patrol truck where enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted three anglers fishing along the shore of Lake Orion. Two of the individuals had multiple outstanding warrants in LEIN and no valid fishing licenses. The five outstanding warrants were confirmed, but no agency would pick up the individuals. CO Kieft issued tickets to the anglers for fishing without valid licenses.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of a subject keeping a trout during the closed season on the Huron River in Proud Lake Recreation Area. The subject had left the area but the complainant had given good information on a vehicle and suspect description and a plate number. CO Shively was able to contact the subject at his residence where CO Shively seized two rainbow trout and one brown trout from the subject's freezer. The subject was ticketed for possession of trout during the closed season.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling in Oakland County when he observed two subjects operating dirt bikes in an inactive gravel pit. CO Shively was eventually able to stop the individuals who were not wearing helmets and trespassing. A check through the Secretary of State (SOS) showed that one of the subject's driver's licenses was suspended. CO Shively ticketed both subjects for ORV trespass and one of the subjects for operating an ORV while license suspended.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling a dirt road when he was met head-on by a subject operating an ORV without a helmet and on the roadway. CO Shively contacted the subject who advised he was having a lawn mower delivered and wanted to meet the driver on the road to show him where his house was located. When CO Shively asked

about the tracks leading out of the subject's driveway throughout the winter and into closed areas the subject had no response. A check through SOS showed that the subject's driver's license was suspended. The subject was ticketed for operating an ORV while license suspended and advised to keep his ORV off the roads.