

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
5/16/11 – 5/30/11**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy contacted a group of anglers fishing on Gene's Pond in Dickinson County. A check of the daily catch on one of the boats found a bass that was well under the 14" minimum. Further checks in the group revealed an expired boat registration and fishing license violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon observed an angler fishing from an access site along the Menominee River. As CO Bacon approached the subject, he threw his fishing pole into the water and started to walk away. CO Bacon retrieved the fishing pole from the shallow water and took enforcement action for fishing without a license.

CO Brian Bacon contacted an angler fishing on Lake Antoine. The subject stated that he was helping his daughter fish. CO Bacon asked the subject where his daughter was as the subject was fishing far down the shoreline from the rest of the group. The subject admitted to fishing without a license and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund stopped the operator of an ORV near Caspian. The subject stated that he did not have a driver's license with him. CO Wicklund obtained verbal identification from the subject and returned to his patrol truck to run a LEIN check on the subject. As the dispatch traffic returned with two valid misdemeanor warrants and a suspended driver's license, the ORV operator started the ORV and sped off. He was located a short time later at the local hospital receiving treatment for injuries sustained from a crash after he fled from the CO. The subject was later lodged on the misdemeanor warrants and further charges are pending.

CO Mark Leadman observed two subjects fishing on Harlow Lake. When he contacted them he discovered that they were camping in a prohibited area, possessed a short northern pike, had no fishing licenses and hadn't posted the required campground registration card. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Pete Wright received several complaints of people keeping short walleye on the Dead River Basin. While working on the Dead River over the holiday, the third group they checked had a short walleye on board. Additionally, one of the anglers did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Eberly responded to a radio call about a trespass in progress. He responded to find a stolen truck stuck in the mud, trespassing on private property. He found the two juvenile subjects and pieced the crime together. Several charges are being pursued through Juvenile court.

CO David Miller and Sgt. Steven Burton checked a subject from Wisconsin fishing on Perch Lake. As the subject's boat was approached, a fish was thrown from the boat. After checking the angler, the fish was observed floating behind the boat. A check of the fish showed a small pike with its neck cut in a blatant attempt to kill the fish. The subject stated he routinely kills short northern pike as it ruins his walleye fishing. He was ticketed for not having a personal flotation device (PFD) and advised not to kill short pike again.

CO Dennis Gast caught five family members on a closed section of the Sturgeon River this weekend. Two of the five didn't have fishing licenses. Tickets were issued for the licenses and warnings given to the five for fishing the closed section.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon contacted two subjects in a boat. Each person in the boat had a fishing pole next to him. When asked about fishing licenses, one subject stated "I'm not fishing". Since CO Fitzgibbon had not seen him fishing, he did not take further action but did ask about PFDs. They only had one PFD onboard. A ticket was written for failure to have proper PFDs on the boat. After a short discussion about truthfulness, the one who denied fishing confessed to having been fishing.

COs Reid Roeske and John Wenzel assisted a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper with two 19 year olds who had driven a truck into a ditch, then had broken into a camp. The trooper tested the subjects for alcohol and found both to be over the legal limit to drive.

CO John Wenzel ticketed one subject for failure to provide PFDs. The two people in the boat had none, but said they must have blown out of the boat on their way to the lake. They stated they found they were missing before they launched the boat but decided to go without them.

CO Kevin Postma located a four wheel drive pickup truck stuck on state land behind a locked gate. Investigation revealed that the subjects cut the lock, opened the gate and then closed the gate behind them so no one would know of their illegal off road, mud bog adventure on state land. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jeff Panich stopped a watercraft on Brevort Lake for expired registration. Investigation revealed that the subject had an outstanding state wide warrant for his arrest. The subject was issued a ticket for unregistered watercraft and lodged in the Mackinac County jail on the outstanding warrant.

CO Jeff Panich encountered several anglers, one of whom claimed she forgot her fishing license. When the CO checked the license system, it showed there was no license purchased by the subject. The lady then stated she just bought the license so it may not be in the system. The CO agreed to give her the benefit of the doubt and that

he would check on it in a few days. After several days the CO confirmed she never bought a license and issued a ticket for fish without a license.

CO Kyle Publiski located a subject who had operated an SUV off road in a closed area. Upon contact, the CO found that the subject had set up a camp and littered over the site. Further investigation revealed the subject had several unattended fishing lines on the beach. When asked, the subject admitted he has left the fishing lines in the water for several days unattended. When asked for a fishing license, the subject admitted he never bought one. The subject was made to clean up the litter, leave the area and was educated on the ORV regulations. A ticket was issued for the fishing violations.

CO Derek Miller responded to a complaint of a full size jeep operating in a wetland that had become stuck and was broken down. The subject had operated off road for many miles through the wetland. A ticket was issued for the illegal operation off road in a wetland.

CO Mike Hammill was conducting a marine patrol when he observed several subjects on a boat who became extremely nervous when they spotted the CO. The subjects tried to pull up their fishing lines and immediately leave the area. The CO waved and asked how the fishing was. They responded that they didn't have any luck; however, the CO located three short walleye hidden in their boat. The subjects were issued tickets for the short walleye.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert and Sgt. Mike Borkovich caught up with and ticketed two subjects operating large, mudder-style Jeeps at the Lakeland Elementary School in Elk Rapids. The two had been turving in a landscaped wetland area in an attempt to create a mud pit next to the school tennis court.

CO Andrea Albert lodged a subject in jail over the Memorial Day weekend after he was caught fishing without a license. A records check revealed that a statewide arrest warrant for a pending felony narcotics violation was on file; and failing to secure a fishing license appeared to be a very costly and bad decision on his part.

CO Andrea Erratt encountered large numbers of ORV operators in many locations across the area over the holiday weekend. Several tickets were issued for a variety of violations including speeding, careless operation, failing to register ORV, operating in a closed area, riding double and failing to wear a helmet. CO Erratt also assisted at the scene of a serious ORV accident which involved other ORV violations, including reckless operation of an ORV.

CO Richard Stowe assisted the Presque Isle County deputies with a drowning on Grand Lake. The 50 year old victim had gone fishing by himself in a canoe at 6:00 a.m. The canoe was seen drifting an hour later, still afloat and with two PFDs and fishing gear still inside. There was a considerable wind on the lake that morning, and the victim

apparently fell out of the canoe, and then was unable to catch back up to it. The body was recovered later in the morning.

CO Richard Stowe responded to a complaint of a possible unexploded ordinance in a lake, not from a public access site. CO Stowe located the PVC pipe underwater and through investigation determined it was a seismic marker that had been left in the lake by mistake. The device was removed.

CO Mark DePew was parked on the side of a county road when a vehicle drove past him at a high rate of speed. It took a while to catch up to the vehicle and even longer for the operator to stop. After the vehicle was stopped the operator was arrested for fleeing and eluding, operating while intoxicated, and possession of narcotics.

Prior to the bass opener CO Mark Depew watched two anglers catch and keep numerous largemouth bass. CO DePew waited until they came back to the boat launch and asked how fishing had been. The anglers reported the "Rock bass" were really biting; CO DePew showed them what they had caught were not Rock bass and they were ticketed for keeping bass during the closed season.

CO Nick Torsky received a report of a lost camper who got into an argument with his friends the night before, and left to go back to his truck when he became lost. CO Torsky organized a search party and the camper was found approximately two hours later. The camper stated he was sure he was going to die and was preparing to eat a salamander and drink scummy pond water in order to survive the wilderness.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe, with the assistance of DNR Wildlife Division personnel and local authorities, spent approximately 16 hours trying to contain a large black bear that had wandered into downtown Traverse City. The bear was eventually tranquilized and removed from the area without incident. The bear was later released in a remote area of another county unharmed.

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint of an unregistered camp with subjects cutting live trees on state land. CO Kehoe contacted and identified the subjects as they left the area. When he checked the vacant camp, CO Kehoe discovered the campers had left litter on the site, had failed to extinguish their campfire properly as it was still burning, and had cut several live trees to construct a bathroom area. CO Kehoe then responded to the subject's residence where enforcement action was taken on the state land violations.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski conducted a marine patrol on the Big Manistee River targeting marine safety equipment. The COs had numerous contacts and issued several tickets to canoe and kayak enthusiasts for not having PFDs with them. One subject was very adamant that he did not have or need a PFD and never would. Just after making that statement the kayaker accidentally flipped his kayak

throwing him into 51 degree water where he began gasping for air. The kayaker was unable to get back into his kayak and had to be rescued by the COs. Officers Converse and Koscinski were able to pull the subject into their patrol boat and took him to shore where they treated him for the onset of hypothermia. Once the subject was warmed up and out of danger, he was issued a ticket for not having a PFD.

CO Steve Converse contacted a large group of anglers along the Manistee River. A license check revealed that several of the subjects only possessed a restricted fishing license. The subjects had been successful in their fishing and along with the many suckers on the stringer were several trout. Tickets were issued to those possessing trout without an all species fishing license.

CO Steve Converse was working a night patrol along the Manistee River when he encountered two subjects fishing. As CO Converse approached, one of the subjects cut his line by burning it with his lit cigarette. CO Converse found that the subjects were using unbaited treble hooks that were over the legal size limit and rigged up to be inline with weight suspended below the hook. The two subjects were ticketed for the illegal fishing gear. The subject who attempted to discard his illegal rig also received a littering ticket.

Acting Sgt. Angela Greenway received a complaint at 5:45 a.m. concerning a sow black bear and her three cubs up a tree in a residential area. When the CO arrived at the bear's location she found a professional photographer set up taking pictures along with several onlookers standing just feet from the base of the treed bear. Sgt. Greenway was able to get everyone safely away from the bear's location and after several minutes of keeping the commotion away, the sow bear came down the tree. The sow coaxed her three cubs down and the bears retreated safely into the woods.

CO Brian Brosky located the owner of an ice shanty that was left out on Pere Marquette Lake and allowed to go into the lake after ice out. The owner was ticketed and ordered to remove the marine safety hazard. During the ice shanty investigation, CO Brosky observed a subject fishing from the shore who quickly dropped his fishing pole upon seeing the CO. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Brian Brosky worked a busy weekend patrol in the dune area at Silver Lake State Park. CO Brosky observed a subject operating an ORV in a careless manner, cutting off other drivers and failing to yield in other situations. During the stop of the ORV operator, CO Brosky detected the odor of burnt marijuana, prompting him to investigate further. The subject was arrested for the possession of a baggie of suspected marijuana.

CO Troy Mueller stopped a group of 15 ORV operators over the Memorial Day weekend with multiple violations including no ORV license, no helmets, riding double and operating in a closed area. CO Mueller provided the group a lesson on ORV laws, including trail maps, locations to purchase ORV licenses and verbal warnings on riding double and no helmets. The next day, CO Mueller contacted the same group still riding

double, in closed areas, without ORV licenses and operating without helmets. Multiple tickets were issued to address the ORV violations.

Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Brian Lebel conducted surveillance on two subjects fishing under a bridge on the Muskegon River. The subjects were observed catching and keeping several northern pike. The subjects were contacted as they returned to their vehicle and found to be in possession of six northern pike. In addition to being over their daily limit, all of the pike were under the size limit. Tickets were issued to address the fish violation.

CO Brian Lebel was contacted by the Mecosta County Sheriff Department late at night and requested to respond to a one vehicle accident they were investigating. The vehicle's operator had fled the scene and upon searching the vehicle the Deputies discovered a dead spotted fawn in a plastic bag. CO Lebel arrived on the scene and noted that the fawn had been field dressed. The subject was located at his residence and admitted to driving the vehicle and hitting the fawn earlier in the evening. He also admitted to field dressing the fawn and stated he planned on eating it. Enforcement action was taken by both agencies.

CO Brian Lebel was patrolling the Muskegon River and contacted a subject fishing. When CO Lebel asked if the subject had caught any fish, the subject replied, "only one smally". The subject quickly followed up stating that it had gotten off. CO Lebel inspected the live well and discovered the "smally" was actually an undersized walleye. A ticket was issued for the possession of the undersized walleye.

CO Mike Wells was checking fishing activity on Fremont Lake and checked two anglers after watching them catch several fish. CO Wells inquired how many fish the two anglers had in their live well and was informed they had 40 fish. CO Wells inspected the live well and discovered 66 crappies. CO Wells believed the subjects would have kept fishing if he had contacted them. Tickets were issued for the overlimit with all of the fish being seized.

COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells worked assigned patrols on the Silver Lake Sand Dunes over the Memorial Day weekend. Both COs encountered multiple violations including policing several personal injury accidents. CO Wells stopped an ORV that was not displaying an ORV license. The operator turned out to be the owner of an ORV rental business that was providing unlicensed ORVs to his customers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren observed three subjects walking downtown Hart carrying fishing poles and buckets. CO VanGelderren contacted the subjects who claimed they only had rock bass. Upon inspecting their catch, CO VanGelderren found several undersized smallmouth bass. Tickets were issued to address the fish violations.

DISTRICT 5

CO Brian Engelhard was patrolling on Hubbard Lake when he observed dark smoke coming from the southeast part of the lake. After pulling the boat out of the water, he located the source of the smoke on a secluded wooded property. CO Engelhard contacted two men who were burning dressers, a substantial amount of scrap lumber, paper and plastic. The subjects admitted using a trailer to haul the waste to the property and that they knew it was illegal to burn the materials. They decided it was more economical to burn the items rather than pay to have them disposed of lawfully. CO Engelhard issued a ticket to one of the brothers for open burning of solid waste.

CO Steve Lockwood was patrolling the House Lake State Forest Campground when he heard a loud party. The members of the party were minors; one of whom was intoxicated and disorderly. The subject resisted arrest and was lodged in the county jail for minor in possession of alcohol and resisting/obstructing an officer. One week later, CO Lockwood responded to a fight in progress in the campground. He found that several of the same minors had been involved in a fight prior to his arrival. The subjects were evicted from the campground.

CO Joel Lundberg contacted an angler who had kept a bass prior to the season opening. CO Lockwood had arrested the same subject on a prior occasion for taking a deer out of season. CO Lundberg also ticketed another subject for fishing without a license. He had also ticketed him two years prior for fishing without a license.

DISTRICT 6

CO Jason A. Smith was working with student intern Paul Fox when they came upon an illegal camp in the Deford State Game Area (SGA). No camping permits were posted, firewood had been cut and they were camping outside of the legal dates. A ticket was issued for camping outside of the allowed period.

COs Holly Pennoni, Chad Foerster and student intern Will Brickel responded to a complaint of a man who fell overboard at the mouth of the Saginaw River. A Good Samaritan was able to immediately assist and pull the individual out of the water unharmed.

While on marine patrol a few miles offshore on Saginaw Bay, CO Nick Atkin contacted two adults and three children who were fishing in a 13 ft. aluminum boat. CO Atkin observed that there were no PFDs for the adults aboard the small vessel. The operator told CO Atkin that he didn't think they needed life jackets for such a small boat. Tickets were issued for the marine safety violation.

While on marine patrol on Lake Huron, CO Seth Rhodea and intern Paul Fox contacted a boat trolling with eight lines and only two people on board. CO Rhodea asked the anglers if they knew how many lines they were allowed and they replied three each. Both anglers were ticketed for fishing with too many lines.

While on patrol in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea and intern Paul Fox overheard several complaints of illegal ORV activity in their area. Shortly after, they conducted a traffic stop of five ORVs operating on the roadway. Four of the five ORV operators were operating without ORV licenses and were ticketed.

While checking anglers along the Pinnebog River, CO Robert Hobkirk contacted one subject walking to his vehicle. The angler claimed to have caught five rock bass. The fish were actually five smallmouth bass. When CO Hobkirk advised the subject that the fish were smallmouth bass, the man stated that if the fish had been rock bass they would have been record fish. He was issued a ticket for possessing bass during the catch and release season.

CO Dan Lee is investigating an accident involving two PWCs where two young operators were each carrying a passenger on the Saginaw River doing donuts, wave jumping, etc. During the antics, both operators turned the same way and a crash occurred. Both of the passengers sustained injuries to their feet and ankles, and one also suffered injuries to her back. The operators failed to report the accident and enforcement action will be taken.

COs Jeremy Payne and Quincy Gowenlock were patrolling Littlefield Lake when they attempted to stop a subject on a PWC. When the COs approached, they waved the operator over. The operator looked at the COs and then took off at a high rate of speed. The COs gave chase and eventually apprehended the subject. The operator did not have a safety certificate and the registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell was watching two anglers on Crystal Lake who were fishing from a boat. The CO was watching with binoculars from a long distance. When the CO contacted the two, only one was fishing. The CO asked both for their fishing licenses. The one subject told the CO that he was not fishing and did not have to provide a fishing license. The CO then asked for his driver's license and wrote out a ticket for fishing with no license. The subject asked how he could write him a ticket for fishing with no license.

DISTRICT 7

COs Michael McGee and Ken Cerny, in separate incidents, contacted ORV operators operating on the public roadways with small children being carried as passengers. In both instances, no helmets were being worn and the ORVs were not designed to carry passengers.

CO Mike Mshar responded to a trespass complaint and contacted the landowner who was in Florida, who stated nobody had permission to hunt her property. A turkey hunting blind and decoy were confiscated. Surveillance was conducted and contact was made with a subject who claimed to have permission. Contact was made again with the landowner who then recalled giving the subject permission. The blind and decoys were returned.

CO Mike Mshar reported more illegal ORV activity in the Allegan SGA. One subject who lives two miles from state land was ticketed for the violation after it was pointed out to him that he drove right by a posted sign indicating it was illegal to operate where he was riding.

While checking anglers fishing along the Kalamazoo River near the Allegan Dam, two subjects were contacted. One of the subjects seemed very nervous and CO Mike Mshar informed him that if he had any illegal substances that he should turn them over. The subject produced a glass vial with marijuana in it. The second subject was also unable to produce a fishing license.

While conducting a marine patrol on a local inland lake, Sgt. Jeff Rabbers contacted three subjects fishing for bluegills. The subjects appeared to have quite a few in their bucket. When asked how many they had, one of the subjects stated about 50. They were asked if they knew what the limit was for each person and one of the subjects indicated that the limit was 25 per angler. Sgt. Rabbers reminded them to make sure they stopped fishing once their limit was reached. Approximately two hours later Sgt. Rabbers contacted the group again as they were leaving the lake to count their fish. They were 22 fish over their limit.

CO Chris Holmes investigated a complaint that a female subject along with her husband was attempting to register an untagged river otter. Contact was made with the subject who stated she had caught it accidentally while trapping beaver with her husband. Her husband had previously registered an otter and stated that he wanted to have both mounted for display at a taxidermy studio. The subject had bought her license less than 24 hours before trapping the otter and did not seem to know anything about trapping. The subject was ticketed for failing to tag the otter and the animal was confiscated.

DISTRICT 8

CO Todd Thorn contacted a subject fishing on the Grand River who stated that he did not feel that he needed a fishing license to fish in the river. The subject had four outstanding arrest warrants and was driving a vehicle with a suspended license. CO Thorn explained to the subject that he did need a fishing license to fish in the Grand River. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn investigated a complaint of a pickup truck stuck in a wetland in the local game area. The vehicle was abandoned because it was so mired in mud that it could not be driven. CO Thorn's investigation identified the driver who had operated the vehicle in the wetland. A confession of the illegal activity was obtained and a tow truck was called to remove the vehicle. Enforcement action was also taken.

CO Pete Purdy responded to a personal injury vehicle accident where the subject at fault attempted to flee the scene. CO Purdy was able to secure the subject who was attempting to flee and provided first aid to the operator of the other vehicle. The operator who caused the accident was driving on a suspended license, had an improper

license plate on his vehicle, and was wanted on multiple arrest warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy witnessed a subject recklessly pass a vehicle on the right gravel shoulder of the road narrowly missing the vehicle it was illegally passing. CO Purdy contacted the operator of the vehicle who was driving on a restricted license. The subject stated that he was on his way to driving school to take classes to have his license fully reinstated, and that he was late. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith assisted in the recovery of an 87 year old drowning victim over the holiday weekend. Investigation continues into the cause of the accident.

CO Rick Villerot assisted at the scene of a boat fire over the holiday weekend. None of the occupants of the vessel were injured in the fire, but the boat was a complete loss. CO Villerot assisted in getting the occupants and damaged vessel safely to shore.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Papineau had two court cases from earlier this year. One was for snagging fish and the other was for possessing pike out of season. Both subjects were found guilty and between the two cases, over \$1100 in fines, costs, and reimbursement to the state were handed out.

CO Todd Szyska contacted a subject fishing near the Hall Road Access Site. She had an undersized largemouth bass in her bucket. When questioned by the CO, the angler stated another angler dumped his fish into her bucket and left. She stated she never looked in the bucket after he left. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich worked the walleye anglers over the weekend. He watched one group who were fishing with too many lines catch their limit and keep fishing. The CO watched them for several more minutes. When contacted the anglers tried to deny fishing after they caught their limit. The CO explained their activity to them when he was watching them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba had court on a subject that he ticketed for hunting waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun. The subject just wanted to tell the CO that he was not hunting, despite the fact that he was in full camo with a shotgun and goose calls wrapped around his neck. The subject paid his fines.

CO Jon Sklba patrolled the Fermi power plant water discharge and located a group of six anglers. He waited until all six subjects made casts with their poles and contacted them to check licenses. Upon contacting the subjects, three denied fishing advising that they were only helping. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted another group of anglers coming into Rose Harbor Marina via a rented boat. Despite an honest effort on the water the group of two only brought in

one fish. When asked for a license, neither subject had a fishing license. CO Sklba inspected their catch and discovered a lonely 11 inch largemouth bass. The CO addressed the issues with the pair and ticketed them for possess fish without a license.

While checking anglers at Belleville Lake CO Mike Drexler observed one angler quickly trying to remove a small walleye from a stringer as the CO approached. CO Drexler told the angler it was too late and found the subject to be in possession of an undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler and Sgt. Tom Wanless conducted a marine patrol on Memorial Day on the Holloway Reservoir. The near 90 degree temperatures brought out many boaters over the afternoon. The COs made multiple contacts and issued two tickets for fishing without licenses. The pair observed a subject take off from shore on a PWC at a high rate of speed and within 15 feet of an extremely busy swim area. The operator went out into the lake, drove around and came back in at a high rate of speed, again pushing a large wake of water into the swim area and swimmers. The COs contacted the subject and found that the operator had never taken a boater safety class as required. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and intern Mark Bolak encountered a husband and wife in possession of two bass which were undersized and out of season on Lake St. Clair. The wife claimed to be fishing off of the husband's license because she thought spouses were free. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel checked a vessel at the Clinton River Cutoff Access Site. The subject and his son were in possession of three smallmouth bass, each weighing three pounds, and out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel checked an angler with his five year old son at the spillway fishing pier. The angler did not have a fishing license and had a warrant through the district court. The issuing department stated to advise and release if no funds were available. Enforcement action was taken on the fishing violations.

While patrolling Lake St. Clair, COs Mike Drexler and Todd Szyska had just finished checking one vessel in a cluster of others when a boat took off. Officers had watched both subjects fishing and stopped them to check their licenses. The anglers stated they had caught over 40 bass, catch and release only. When asked to check the anglers' fishing licenses one of the subjects stated he had forgotten it at home and had purchased it. A quick license check revealed the subject had not purchased the 2011 fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake St. Clair, COs Todd Szyska and Mike Drexler stopped to check a vessel whose passengers were fishing. While conducting a safety inspection of the vessel, it was discovered the vessel had no life jackets on board, no fire extinguisher, and no registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska responded to a complaint of subjects keeping largemouth bass out of season at Metro Beach. Officer Szyska found an angler on the pier with a bucket of nine largemouth bass. The angler stated he was not fishing at all and that the bass were given to him from another subject on the fishing pier. The subject did not have a fishing license and was in possession of bass out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich acted on a complaint from a private landowner of a suspicious vehicle parked on his property. Officer Borkovich arrived on scene and found two subjects in camouflage. The subjects were in the process of turkey hunting. Officer Borkovich had the landowner present and the subjects stated that they had permission from the landowner. The only problem was that the landowner did not give permission to the subjects and did not know who they were. Enforcement action was taken.

While CO Mark Ennett was checking shore anglers at the Swan Creek Access Site, a fishing license check led to a subject being detained for a pair of warrants. Both warrants were for failing to appear on charges from Livonia and Berkley. The subject was able to post a \$500 bond on one warrant, and was advised and released on the other.

CO Jon Sklba patrolled the Huron River and contacted a subject with 24 white bass. CO Sklba advised the subject that the Huron River was inland waters and that the possession limit for white bass was 10. The subject was also in possession of a short pike. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted an angler who was surrounded by fish offal, both in the water and on land. The CO checked the subject's fishing license and fish, and in doing so discovered that the subject had been cleaning his fish after catching them. CO Sklba assumed he had been cleaning the fish in an attempt to lessen the weight, as he was well over his limit for channel catfish. The subject was advised on the laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon was driving in the City of Hamtramck when he heard a female screaming. The CO observed a woman being chased by a pit bull dog. CO Rabon activated the siren on the patrol vehicle and managed to get between the female subject and the pit bull. Upon CO Rabon stopping the patrol vehicle, the dog stopped the pursuit and ran into a yard of a nearby house. Hamtramck Police responded to the scene and handled the investigation.

CO Brandon Kieft was checking vessels at a local boating access site when he observed two younger males on PWCs. He watched as the two individuals operated along the shoreline without any lifejackets until they noticed him on shore and quickly fled the area. CO Kieft documented the numbers on the side of one of the PWCs before its quick departure, and was able to locate the two PWCs on the other side of the lake. Checks of the vessels revealed that none of the safety equipment on board was in

working order and one of the operators was unable to provide a boating safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively assisted the MSP with an accident in Oakland County involving a single ORV. CO Shively and the trooper responded to a female who had taken her son's ORV for a ride down the driveway without a helmet and had attempted to turn around in the roadway; but instead accelerated into a four foot high 90 degree bank along the road sending the ORV up and over the berm and ejecting the female onto the roadway. Emergency medical services (EMS) arrived on scene and transported the female to the hospital for back injuries. While loading the female into the ambulance, a strong odor of intoxicants was detected on the female and a subsequent Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) was administered. A blood draw was done at the hospital and a warrant will be sought for operating while intoxicated.

CO Ben Shively responded to a complaint of a subject shooting and killing a goose with a pellet gun. CO Shively contacted the complainant who stated that they had photos of the subject shooting the goose from his backyard. CO Shively contacted the suspect who denied shooting a goose and even owning a pellet gun. CO Shively met with the complainant who produced photos of the suspect sitting at the picnic table in the backyard with a pellet gun and of the dead goose lying in the neighbors' yard. CO Shively re-interviewed the suspect who again denied the allegations until shown the photos and then confessed to shooting the goose. The subject was ticketed for taking waterfowl during the closed season and reimbursement will be sought for the goose.

DISTRICT 21

Det. Bill Ford reports that on 5/18/11 a resident of Saginaw County in a plea agreement with the Kalamazoo County prosecutor was sentenced to fines and costs of \$275.00.

The suspect was stopped by ECO Ford in Kalamazoo on 3/3/11 for transporting tires without a manifest, not displaying business information on his vehicle and having an expired scrap tire hauler's license. He was originally charged with 3 misdemeanor counts but two counts were dismissed by the prosecutor.

Det. Ford reports that a resident of New Buffalo was arrested on a 3 count misdemeanor warrant for placing concrete in White Creek near Lake Michigan to expand access to his property. This case originated in 2008 and the suspect was recently arrested by the Berrien County Sheriffs Department on a felony fraud charge.

The New Buffalo man has been arraigned and is currently lodged on a \$25,000.00 cash bond and is undergoing a forensic exam to determine his ability to aid in his defense in the felony case. No trial date has been set in this case.