

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
5/17/10 – 5/31/10**

DISTRICT 1

CO Grant Emery reported numerous boaters taking advantage of the abnormally warm May weather. Many marine safety checks were conducted with only one subject being ticketed for failing to provide personal flotation devices (PFDs).

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund responded to the scene of an overdue elderly trout fisherman. The subject had become disoriented and was located almost two miles from his planned meet site.

CO Dave Painter responded to the scene of an assault stemming from a canoe trip on the Brule River. One of the subjects fled the scene and was located by CO Painter and a game warden from Wisconsin on the Wisconsin side of the Brule River. The assault was turned over to the Florence County Sheriff's Department.

CO Brian Bacon contacted three anglers fishing in a small motor boat. A check of the anglers found one fishing without a license, the boat unregistered and there were also not enough PFDs for the three occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter served a warrant on a subject for a bobcat violation from last winter. The subject had registered a bobcat under a friend's name to be able to target a bigger bobcat that was in the area.

CO Brian Bacon observed two anglers fishing for bluegills on a popular lake. After watching the subjects catch numerous bluegills CO Bacon contacted the subjects. Both were fishing without licenses and were near their limit for bluegills. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marv Gerlach responded to a complaint of excessive noise being generated by speed boats operating on Shakey Lakes in Menominee County.

CO Dennis Gast responded to a report of an escaped fire which spread as a result of being unattended. He issued the responsible party a ticket for leaving the fire. Restitution of nearly \$8000 is being sought.

COs Brett Gustafson and David Miller issued one ticket for fishing extra lines during the Ontonagon Lake Trout Festival. The boat owner was also disqualified from the tournament.

CO Brett Gustafson checked one angler on Bond Falls who failed to release four undersized walleye in his catch. He was ticketed for the violation.

CO Mark Leadman arrested a subject on outstanding warrants when he encountered him fishing and camping near Gwinn. The subject was lodged in the Marquette County jail.

CO Trey Luce worked the Memorial Day holiday in Marquette County. He checked a couple of anglers on the shores of Deer Lake who hadn't bothered to buy fishing licenses. As CO Luce approached, one of the surprised anglers commented that he didn't think conservation officers worked on holidays. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dave Painter and Brian Bacon worked lakes near the Iron and Dickinson County line for marine enforcement on Memorial Day. Heavy marine activity was reported with enforcement action taken for unregistered watercraft and failing to provide the proper number of PFDs.

CO Grant Emery and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked a complaint of overlimits of bluegills being taken and found the subjects camping at the lake. On first contact the subjects stated they only had two or three bags of fillets. A search of a freezer located at the campground revealed 13 bags of filleted fish. Enforcement action was taken for possessing an overlimit of bluegills.

CO Grant Emery stopped an ORV operator driving without a helmet. Further investigation found the ORV to be unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Grant Emery worked the Cisco chain of lakes for marine enforcement and ticketed two boat operators for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Ryan Aho and Sgt. Marc Pomroy patrolled Gene's Pond in Dickinson County for marine activity on Memorial Day. One group was in possession of 37 bluegills over their limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho responded to the complaint of a subject who had set up camp at a state access site. The subject was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to a complaint of an angler being harassed by a camp owner on a local lake. The complainant stated this was the second year in a row the camp owner has harassed him for fishing near his dock. An interview with the subject revealed he was upset with anglers fishing over a fish crib he had placed in the lake near his dock. The incident is currently being reviewed by the prosecutor's office in Iron County.

CO Matthew Eberly and Sgt. Steven Burton arrested an ORV operator for operating while license suspended, unregistered ORV, and not wearing a helmet.

CO Brett Gustafson and Sgt. Steven Burton issued a ticket to an angler on Lake Superior for fishing with four lines. They also issued warnings for failing to pay at a state forest campground and failing to have the required PFDs on board.

DISTRICT 2

CO Gerald Thayer observed a couple for 45 minutes who were fishing, and when contacted, denied that's what they were doing. When the pair found out how long CO Thayer had been watching them they came clean and accepted the consequences.

CO Gerald Thayer observed a group of five young adults drinking and fishing on the Charlotte River. While contacting the group one young man slipped into the river and swam across to avoid being arrested. Several minors were in the group who were in possession of alcohol and were fishing without licenses. Later that day CO Thayer responded back to the camp where he located the subject who swam away and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hammill checked a couple on Ross Lake fishing without licenses and in possession of short bass which were also out of season.

COs Reid Roeske, John Wenzel and Sgt. Darryl Shann assisted local authorities in the recovery of a 13 year old girl who drowned near the Escanaba beach. Many agencies and organizations assisted with the incident. A member of the Delta County Sheriff's Dive Team located the drowned victim.

CO Reid Roeske assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a report of a man who had held a girl at knife point. Once the suspect was located and secured, MSP troopers contacted the reported victim, who confessed to making up the story.

CO Robert Crisp and Sgt. Darryl Shann were approaching a group of boats on Little Bay DeNoc when they observed one boat begin to move away from the area. When that boat was contacted, the COs found one subject fishing without a license and another in possession of short walleye.

DISTRICT 3

CO Kelly Ross received a complaint from an individual who had a trail camera in the woods in early April which had taken pictures of multiple individuals in possession of long guns. A follow up interview of the individuals resulted in confessions to hunting small game during the closed season.

COs Kelly Ross and Joe Molnar contacted an ORV operator who was riding in a closed area and had his nine year old daughter riding with him wearing a bicycle helmet. The operator was not wearing a helmet, the ORV did not have a license and his driver's license was also suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Torsky and Joe Molnar contacted three anglers on state land with an ORV pulling a boat trailer who were about to remove a boat from a river. The operator was not wearing a helmet, they were in a closed area and the boat trailer did not have a license plate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster conducted a night patrol on Fletchers Pond and found numerous violations including no navigation lights, no fishing licenses, and a short pike.

CO Bill Webster was on Fletchers Pond when he contacted two anglers in a boat, when asked how the fishing was they stated they had only caught a few bluegill. A check of their live well also produced a bass and a short pike. A ticket was issued.

CO Mark Depew was patrolling state land near a small inland lake when he came across a camp. CO Depew waited and when the campers returned they were in possession of a bluegill, though none of the anglers had a fishing license. Tickets were issued.

CO Mark Depew contacted a husband and wife fishing on a stream and upon checking asked to see their fishing licenses. The pair said they had forgotten to bring them but had purchased them this year. The two were unaware CO Depew had the ability to check if they had purchased a license; the check showed they had not purchased a license since 2008. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Mark Depew conducted a night patrol on Otsego Lake which resulted in after hour jet ski operation, numerous boats operating without navigation lights, operating with expired boat registration, fishing without licenses, and found a boat afloat in the middle of the lake which came loose of a dock. Tickets were issued.

CO Carl VanderWall was patrolling state land when he found three large "mudder trucks" operating their vehicles on state land off road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carl VanderWall observed an old bronco traveling at a high rate of speed down a two track. There were two passengers standing on the rear seat of the truck as they bounced down the road. The driver noticed the CO behind him and turned into a driveway. All occupants fled on foot and hid. The homeowner was contacted and identified the subjects as her son's friends. She called out to them and the driver came out of hiding. He was a teenager and was lectured on the dangers and consequences of his driving habits.

CO Andrea Albert was conducting a patrol by kayak on a small inland lake in Antrim County when she found a group of non residents who were fishing without licenses and without life jackets. They also had a stringer of undersized bass that they'd caught before season. The bass were returned to the water. The anglers were issued tickets.

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint of people who had set up a camp on posted private property on the Lake Michigan shoreline. The subjects were interviewed and warrants are being sought.

CO Duane Budreau handled a complaint of someone filling a wetland. He responded to the scene and photographed the area and then turned over the potential violation to the Environmental Division.

COs Duane Budreau and Carl VanderWall came across a stranded kayaker at Wycamp Lake. His battery was dead when he returned to his vehicle. There was poor cell phone coverage and the kayaker was grateful for a jump start from the COs as he had been swatting flies and mosquitos for about an hour.

CO Andrea Albert encountered a man in a bass fishing tournament. He was in possession of three undersized bass. A ticket was issued.

While on patrol on Bois Blanc Island, CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski found a campsite on one of the inland lakes, where three nice smallmouth bass were found in a fish basket. A campfire was left unattended and several ORV violations were present. The bass were photographed and released alive, the fire extinguished and after investigation, the responsible subjects were located elsewhere on the island. Tickets were issued for possession of the closed season bass and ORV violations.

CO Rich Stowe followed up on a referral and ticketed an individual for purchasing a fishing license while his fishing privileges were revoked.

Patrolling an ORV restoration area on state forest land, CO Michael Feagan apprehended four ORV operators inside the restoration area and ticketed them for operating in a closed area.

CO Michael Feagan checked over 100 canoers and kayakers on the Sturgeon River and issued five tickets for no personal flotation devices (PFDs).

While on ORV patrol, Sgt. Greg Drogowski observed a dirt bike rider drop a can when he observed the patrol vehicle. When the COs attempted to make contact, the subject fled. The can was an open container of alcohol. With the assistance of COs Mike Feagan, Eric Bottorff and Quincy Gowenloc, it was determined which way the subject fled and where his camp on state land was located. Waiting near the camp paid off, as the subject was apprehended walking back to camp, after hiding his dirt bike and shirt. Enforcement action was taken.

While ticketing an angler for no license, CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Quincy Gowenlock found he had a warrant out for his arrest. At the same time multiple ORVs were encountered with violations. The subject wanted on the warrant was arrested and ticketed while verbal warnings were issued to the ORV operators. The man with the warrant was then lodged in the county jail.

Responding to a complaint of an intoxicated driver, CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Quincy Gowenloc located the suspect vehicle being driven erratically and pulled it over. The driver was subsequently arrested for operating while impaired, with a blood alcohol content well over the legal limit.

DISTRICT 4

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski responded to a fatal watercraft accident that occurred at the Manistee Harbor. The COs assisted multiple agencies with the ongoing investigation.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Kocinski were first at the scene of a fatal vehicle accident involving a young driver who failed to negotiate a curve in the road in Manistee County. The COs located the victim and assisted emergency personnel at the scene.

CO Steve Converse conducted several patrols on the Manistee River over the holiday weekend resulting in numerous tickets to persons for failing to provide PFDs, fishing without licenses and one case involving a group who attempted to conceal an undersized brown trout among a container filled with suckers and rock bass.

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a wild turkey road hunting complaint. CO Kehoe was provided a vehicle description and an approximate time of the incident. After a two day investigation involving surveillance at two separate locations, CO Kehoe located and interviewed the subject, who admitted to killing a turkey within the safety zone of a residence. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Justin Vanderlinde responded to a complaint of a subject killing a Canada goose on a local lake. CO Vanderlinde interviewed the subject who admitted to shooting at the goose to keep it from leaving a mess in his yard. The subject was ticketed for the illegal killing.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Mike Evink investigated a report made by DNRE staff of a person who attempted to seal three river otter after the deadline for registration. At first the subject denied being at the field office or taking any otters. During additional interviews the subject admitted to possessing the otters and was ticketed for the registration violation.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Mike Evink conducted a patrol at Silver Lake State Park on the dunes. During the patrol, tickets were issued for possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, failing to wear seat belts, possessing alcohol in the dunes area and failing to obey stop signs. One person was lodged for driving with a suspended license.

While conducting a marine patrol on Hamlin Lake in Mason County, CO Brian Brosky and PCO Mike Evink observed two subjects riding on the transom of a ski boat pulling a wake boarder. After stopping the boat it was discovered that the registration decal was issued from the State of Michigan but the numbers were issued out of the State of California. Other violations included improper number of PFDs, no paper registration and no fire extinguisher. Tickets were issued to address the safety violations.

CO Troy Vangelderren assisted at Silver Lake State Park Sand Dunes with multiple personal injury accidents over the Memorial Day weekend.

COs Mike Bomay and Troy Mueller were on marine patrol in Mecosta County and observed an angler with four lines fishing from a pontoon boat. The COs observed the subject catch and keep a northern pike. Upon approaching the subject, he immediately reeled in one of his extra lines. When the northern pike was measured it was determined to be undersized. A ticket was issued for the undersized fish and a verbal warning was issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Jim Espinoza assisted a MSP trooper by apprehending a subject wanted for an assault that had just occurred. The subject had fled on foot and was returning to the scene of the crime when CO Espinoza spotted him and placed him in custody.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling in Lake County when she observed two subjects clothed in camouflage holding firearms. When the subjects saw the CO they attempted to flee. One subject was quickly apprehended by a nearby Lake County Sheriff's Deputy. The second subject gave himself up after he saw that his partner was apprehended. The two subjects had come up with their father to help him fill his turkey license. The subjects were ticketed for turkey hunting without a license.

COs Mike Bomay and Brian Lebel were on marine patrol in Mecosta County when they received a complaint of a float plane nearly hitting several personal watercraft (PWCs) and other vessels when landing on a local lake. The COs responded and located the pilot and the plane. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn checked a father and son fishing on the Muskegon River in Newaygo County. The pair possessed several undersized trout and had no PFDs onboard the boat. The father had an outstanding arrest warrant. CO Ginn issued a ticket for the undersized fish and took enforcement action on the warrant arrest.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of two individuals catching and keeping overlimits of trout, but was unable to locate the subjects. CO Ginn patrolled the area the next day at the same time and found two subjects who matched the previous day's complaint description. CO Ginn made contact and located multiple bags of trout with the heads and tails cut off. CO Ginn issued tickets for possession of mutilated fish and overlimit of trout.

CO Jeff Ginn assisted the MSP with a littering complaint. Among the litter was an untagged wild turkey carcass. CO Ginn and the trooper located an address in the trash. Upon arrival at the residence, CO Ginn observed an uncased firearm, turkey decoy, camouflage clothing and blood in the bed of a truck in the driveway. After a short interview, the subject admitted to not tagging the turkey and provided the CO with his unused tag from his wallet. Tickets were issued for the tagging violation and littering.

DISTRICT 5

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Jeff Panich observed several dirt bikes operating on a county road to an area of state land closed to ORV operation. The COs went to the area

and within minutes they located the same dirt bike operators running on the closed area of state land. All three operators had failed to purchase ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobbi Lively contacted subjects on a boat with no PFDs aboard. Along with the adults, there was also a toddler and a five year old child on board without PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz responded to a wildfire where the investigation revealed a subject had been burning leaves without a permit and went into his trailer leaving the fire unattended. When he came back outside, his deck was on fire and, within 20 minutes, two trailers were destroyed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz reports a second fire where a caretaker was burning a pile of illegal material at 3:00 a.m. while the landowner was asleep. A passerby noticed the huge fire and reported it. The caretaker refused to let the fire department come onto the property and MSP troopers were called to the scene. The caretaker fled on foot when police arrived because of two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Jeff Panich contacted a subject burning illegal material on a high fire danger day and no burning permits were being issued. When contacted, the subject told the COs it had rained the day before so he thought it would be okay to burn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen responded to a wildfire at a residence in jackpine country. Once on scene, CO Huspen, along with a local deputy, used fire extinguishers to fight the fire and keep it out of the jackpines until fire officers arrived on scene. The homeowner was burning tent caterpillars that would fall to the dry ground cover.

CO Chris Bowen was first on the scene of an ORV personal injury accident where the operator hit a tree. The operator was confused and disoriented in spite of the fact that there were no visible injuries and was transported to the hospital.

CO Chris Bowen received a complaint of someone taking bass out of season. When CO Bowen contacted the subject fishing from shore, the subject told the CO he did not know it was closed season for bass. He later admitted he knew but had kept the fish because they had all swallowed the hook and would die anyway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg observed a vehicle being operated carelessly in House Lake State Forest Campground (SFC). CO Lundberg pursued the subject to a residence where he was immediately taken into custody. The subject had six outstanding warrants for his arrest, was driving on a suspended license and was obviously intoxicated. The subject also refused a breath test and a warrant was obtained for a blood test. The subject was lodged on multiple charges.

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood were patrolling Wixom Lake on Memorial Day weekend and observed a motorboat operating without navigational lights after dark. When they stopped the boat and discovered the operator was intoxicated, he was arrested for drunk boating.

Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez was the first on scene of an assault with a knife complaint at a state access site. The subject was waving the knife around threatening to cut several individuals. When the subject saw Sgt. Gutierrez pull in, he attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended before he got very far. Alcohol was a factor with the individuals who had started an argument with the subject. There were no injuries and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen received a complaint of a subject who had illegally harvested a bobcat last fall. CO Olsen obtained and executed a search warrant for the subject's garage. The illegal bobcat was located and seized and charges are pending.

DISTRICT 6

CO Holly Pennoni checked an area at the Nayanquing Point State Game Area (SGA) that attracts a lot of people bow fishing for carp. Upon contacting a couple of archers, she discovered that neither had a fishing license, telling the CO they did not think they needed a fishing license for shooting carp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was assisted by a MSP K-9 unit in locating a subject believed to be attempting suicide. A bloody note was located in the subject's vehicle on state land and the search continued from there. After a lengthy search, deep into a wooded area of state land, the subject was found after he hung himself.

CO Jason Smith contacted an angler walleye fishing on Saginaw Bay. When asked to see his fishing license, the angler handed CO Smith his license; but after examining the license CO Smith found it to be an unused turkey license. The angler was issued a ticket for no fishing license and a "nice try" by CO Smith for the attempt to pass off his turkey license for a fishing license.

COs Seth Rhodea and Jason Smith were patrolling Lake Huron near Harbor Beach on Memorial Day when they stopped from a distance to watch an angler on a boat fight and land a nice lake trout. Upon contacting the angler, he was found to not have a fishing license and insisted to the COs that he was not fishing, but merely operating the boat for his friend who was the boat's owner. The boat owner also only had a restricted fishing license. Both subjects were issued tickets for their violations.

COs Seth Rhodea and Jason Smith were on marine patrol on the Memorial Day holiday when they contacted four persons on a vessel who had nine fishing lines in the water, but only two of the anglers had fishing licenses. The boat owner received a ticket for

fishing with too many lines and the other two anglers got warnings for no fishing licenses.

While getting ready to patrol on Lake Huron, CO Seth Rhodea contacted a charter boat owner who was getting ready to take a group of divers onto Lake Huron. When the CO questioned the owner about not having valid charter boat decals and a valid registration on his boat, the owner admitted to not having either a charter boat license or registration for his boat. A ticket was issued for both violations.

Two days prior to the bass opener, CO Hobkirk was getting ready to patrol a local river when an individual approached his patrol vehicle with questions. The individual asked when the bass season opened and asked what the age was where a fishing license is required. A short time later while CO Hobkirk was patrolling the river, he observed the individual who had asked the questions and his friends fishing. They were observed catching and hiding bass. When they were checked the CO located two hidden bass and one subject was without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking walleye anglers on the Port Austin break wall, CO Robert Hobkirk checked an individual who did not possess a fishing license. Initially the subject denied that he had been fishing. As the CO continued to talk with the individual, he started acting strangely. A search produced marijuana and prescription drugs in an unapproved container. The drugs were seized pending further investigation and a ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Robert Hobkirk responded to the scene of a marsh fire on the west side of Huron County. An individual who lived on Saginaw Bay was tired of looking at an old waterfowl blind and decided to burn it. After starting the fire, it got out of control and spread into the marsh. A ticket was issued for burning with no permit with restitution also charged for the fire department.

CO Robert Hobkirk was checking the Grindstone Public Access site when he found a golf cart operator who ignored large stacked rocks and signs and drove out onto a closed area of the shore of the bay. The golf cart operator was issued a ticket for operating in the closed area.

COs Nick Atkin and Brian Olsen were working a marine patrol on Saginaw Bay and checked two anglers who had filleted fish in their cooler onboard their vessel. The fish could not be measured or identified. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin were on a foot patrol when they located a cooler hidden in the woods. The COs looked inside the cooler and saw that it was full of smallmouth bass that were taken out of season. CO Hudson hid in the woods near the cooler while CO Atkin left the area in the patrol truck. After an extended amount of time, a subject tried to sneak the cooler out of the woods. CO Hudson identified himself from his hiding spot and contacted the subject. After conducting interviews with the subject

and her friends, it was discovered that none of the individuals had fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Atkin and Phil Hudson were working a case on state land involving the possible illegal taking of some Blandings turtles when a call for assistance was initiated by Bay County Central Dispatch. A subject on a motorcycle had fled from police in Bay County and was reaching speeds in excess of 140 mph on the freeway. Police officers from several agencies became involved in the chase but the subject was able to get away. COs Atkin and Hudson began searching back roads and trails and located the subject near an abandoned barn. The motorcycle had run out of gas and the operator ran out of luck. The subject was taken into custody and turned over to the MSP.

CO Nick Atkin was checking a local lake when he observed a subject on a small motorcycle riding without a helmet. A stop was initiated and the subject was found to be operating while intoxicated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell checked a good trout fishing area along Tamarack Creek and found two young anglers fishing. Further investigation and a check of the cooler produced a cooler filled with beer and five short trout. The CO was advised by the anglers that they thought the size limit was eight inches. The CO then asked why the trout were all between five and six inches. The CO advised them that an all species fishing license is required to take legal trout and reminded the 18 years olds that the drinking age in Michigan is 21. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell had a busy day on Muskellunge Lake. Just the first three contacts of the day produced a number of illegal fish. The first contact was with two anglers who had three short bass and told the CO that they sure looked like they were 14 inches. The CO advised it would be a good idea to measure the fish. The second contact was with another angler with short bass. The third contact was with two anglers who saw the CO and pulled anchor and took off in a hurry. The anglers were stopped and found to be in possession of 66 bluegills, 16 over their limit. Tickets were issued to all.

CO Jeremy Payne received a complaint of a family who had a spotted whitetail fawn in a dog crate in their backyard. The CO contacted the family and found the fawn. The fawn was very hot and panting very hard in the plastic dog crate. The CO figured that fawn would not have lasted several more hours. The fawn was taken to a rehabilitation facility and is doing fine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne was working on the Chippewa River in Mt. Pleasant when he came across a large group of subjects floating down the river in tubes. The subjects were very loud and appeared to be intoxicated. The CO watched several in the group throwing their beer cans and other garbage in the water. The CO contacted the subjects and told them to pick up their garbage. The group refused and started yelling profanities at the CO and became disorderly. Three of the subjects were arrested and lodged in the county jail on felony charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer. A \$50,000 bond was placed on each subject.

DISTRICT 7

CO Mike Mshar reported heavy illegal ORV use in the Allegan SGA. He posted additional signs and warnings on gates and barricade and ticketed two operators for illegal operation of vehicles off road within the game area.

CO Mike Mshar contacted two subjects with open intoxicants in their vehicle parked in the Allegan SGA. While interviewing the driver and passenger, CO Mshar noticed the driver continuing to place his hand in his pocket which appeared to contain an object of some type. CO Mshar asked the driver what was in his pants pocket and he replied that it was cocaine. Charges will be brought for possession of cocaine pending lab results.

CO Patrick McManus responded to a RAP complaint of a person retaining smallmouth bass while fishing at the Allegan Dam. When CO McManus arrived, the subject quickly closed the rear storage of his pick-up and produced his fishing license stating he caught nothing. After a brief interview, the subject opened the vehicle and produced a bucket with two 15" and 16" smallmouth bass that CO McManus was able to release. While CO McManus issued a ticket, the subject offered the CO all of his fishing tackle to avoid being ticketed. The incident concluded with a trip to court for taking bass during closed season.

CO Gary Raak responded to a RAP complaint of a subject who had kept five large mouth bass from a Barry County lake. During the investigation, it was determined a roommate had actually taken the fish and brought them to the residence. Once home and lacking a fillet knife, they attempted to fillet the bass using a dull knife with poor results. All five bass were placed in a dumpster. CO Raak ticketed the angler for taking bass during the closed season.

CO Gary Raak investigated a complaint of a year and a half old buck being held in captivity inside a dog kennel within a barn. CO Raak removed the animal from the property and the animal was euthanized and sent for testing while the owner was ticketed for taking the animal from the wild as a fawn.

CO Gary Raak worked a turkey baiting complaint several mornings and eventually located a subject hunting next to a corn spin feeder. CO Raak recalled ticketing this same person at the same location during deer season for baiting violations. A second ticket was issued for baiting during the spring turkey season.

CO Paul Higashi was called to I-94 after local police located a subject hunting turkeys along the highway. Further investigation found this person to be in possession of an untagged turkey that was taken while hunting on an expired license. A ticket was issued for the illegal taking of the bird.

CO Paul Higashi obtained a warrant for a subject who had illegally cut several trees from the Fulton SGA. Prosecution costs will be sought for \$3000 in lost timber.

CO Chris Holmes responded to a complaint of an intoxicated subject keeping bass on a small lake. After arriving at the scene and making observations of the activity he contacted the subject as he returned to shore where he was ticketed for possession of bass during closed season and lodged on an outstanding warrant for possession of marijuana. CO Holmes then issued 12 tickets on this same day, including four for fishing without licenses, four for trespass, one for undersized pike and a felony warrant arrest for soliciting of a minor.

CO Chris Holmes reported on a disposition of a case that involved a hawk which had been killed in a leg hold trap during a possible trespass violation. CO Holmes was able to charge two subjects for trapping without a license and taking a protected species. The subjects pled guilty in Kalamazoo County District Court and were fined for the violations, including \$1500 in restitution for the hawk.

CO Chris Holmes assisted local deputies in March after a late night call of shining and shooting. CO Holmes and the MSP worked with the deputies to identify a group of teens and young adults who were shining and attempting to take deer after an underage drinking party. CO Holmes recovered a deer and a 204 caliber rifle used by one subject to illegally take this animal. The subjects recently pled guilty and had their hunting privileges revoked for four years, loss of the firearm, nine months probation and \$1000 in restitution to be paid for the animal to the Fish and Game Protection Fund.

CO Jeff Robinette assisted MSP and other law enforcement agencies from Indiana with the removal of a drowning victim out of the St. Joseph River. The victim was last seen in a kayak several days prior on the St. Joseph River just south of the Michigan/Indiana line. The victim was located floating in Michigan waters.

The conclusion to a waterfowl baiting case worked in the fall of 2009 involving a repeat offender occurred in Van Buren County. COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney, with assistance from CO Chuck Towns and Sgt. Robert Torres, arrested five individuals for hunting over bait last fall. The subjects had shot 21 birds and were over their limit on Canada geese. The case concluded with the main subject being charged \$600 in fines and costs with restitution of \$8400 (\$400 per bird) assessed. In addition all guns used while hunting over bait were condemned.

CO Andy Bauer was contacted by DNRE personnel working at the Benton Harbor access site regarding an angler who had a snapping turtle. The subject had tied a rope around the turtle and tied it to a tree at the access site as he waited for someone he knew to respond to the location and help him. The DNRE personnel at the site told the subject that turtle season was not open and to release the turtle. When the subject did not comply they contacted CO Bauer. Upon arrival CO Bauer saw that the assistant had arrived on scene with an eight inch butcher knife and the subjects were getting ready to cut the turtle up. CO Bauer made sure that did not happen and took action for possessing the turtle out of season.

While patrolling on Dewey Lake in Cass County on the bass opener COs Jeff Robinette and Steve Mooney observed a boat with two anglers leaving an area of the lake in a hurry once they saw the COs. The COs also observed a fish basket floating from where the boat had just departed. COs collected the basket and contacted the anglers. The fish basket contained 15 undersized bass. The anglers admitted it was their fish basket.

While patrolling the St. Joseph River in Berrien County the day before the bass opener, CO Mike McGee and Sgt. Bob Torres observed an angler on shore. Upon contact the angler advised he did not have his fishing license with him. COs observed a stringer of fish and asked the angler what he'd caught. The angler advised he had some bass and rock bass but was going to release the bass when he was done fishing. COs observed three undersized bass on the stringer.

An individual that COs Zach Doss and Steve Mooney had contacted and arrested last fall in Van Buren County for an illegal deer and purchasing resident licenses when a non resident, was sentenced. In addition to fines and costs the subject has to pay \$1332 in restitution for the deer and difference in purchase price of resident/non resident licenses purchased since 2007. The subject also has his hunting privileges revoked for 2010.

While patrolling in St Joseph County the day before bass opener, CO Ken Cerny contacted a subject in possession of six undersized bass.

Patrolling Portage Lake, CO Ken Cerny and Sgt. Bob Torres observed a PWC operating approximately 50 minutes after hours. The COs also observed the PWC operator jumping pontoon boat wakes as he operated in the darkness. COs tracked down the PWC as it came to shore and found the operator did not have a boating safety certificate as required.

CO Stephen Orange worked a dedicated patrol at Silver Lake State Park. During his shift he assisted with seven personal injury accidents. Four of the accidents involved personal injuries; two of which were spinal injuries, and two were concussions. One of the people with a spinal injury may have a broken back.

CO Jeff Rabbers followed up on a complaint of illegally killed geese. He recovered two dead geese, interviewed a subject and obtained a confession.

CO Greg Patten responded to a request for assistance from the Muskegon City and Norton Shores Police. A subject fled a personal injury accident in the city of Norton Shores. The subject was spotted by a Muskegon City Detective in an unmarked vehicle and requested assistance. CO Patten was there and available and attempted to stop the vehicle, which then fled through a residential neighborhood. The vehicle eventually stopped. The driver was arrested for third offense operating while impaired, felony fleeing and eluding, leaving the scene of an accident, and habitual offender. The fleeing driver also had a suspended license.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader contacted a group of people leaving a local access site with a five gallon bucket containing twelve small marijuana plants. The owner of the bucket claimed that they were for his medical marijuana permit. The investigation continues.

Sgt. Joe Kellam and COs Rick Villerot and Brad Brewer assisted local government agencies in response to three different dams collapsing and causing flooding problems. One of the dams drained the entire lake leaving debris 20 feet high in the trees.

While on marine patrol, CO Jeff Goss heard yelling for help from a boat across the lake. CO Goss responded to the call for help and found a boat and motor on fire. The CO used his fire extinguisher to put out the fire. The boat owner stated that he tried to use his fire extinguisher but it was inoperable. CO Goss assisted the occupants of the vessel to safety.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Rich Nickols were the first on the scene of an early morning rollover accident. The driver sustained serious injuries when he was ejected from the vehicle. The COs held down the scene until the emergency ambulance personnel arrived.

COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy assisted the Huron Clinton Metro Park Police in the search for a suicidal subject that allegedly took an overdose of sleeping pills and went swimming in Kent Lake. The lake search did not produce the missing subject who was safely located hours later on dry ground.

CO Rich Nickols conducted marine and fishing patrols and contacted one subject with expired vessel registration and undersized bass. A second subject was contacted about leaving unattended lines on the pontoon boat docked in front of the residence. A third subject was contacted about the undersized pike he was trying to hide under his canoe. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

COs Damon Owens and Jonathan Warner contacted a subject fishing from a dock on an inland lake. When asked for his fishing license the subject stated that he didn't think he needed a license to fish from a dock and hadn't purchased one in ten years. The COs set the subject straight and took enforcement action.

CO Damon Owens and Jonathan Warner responded to a report of a sunken boat on an inland lake. The boat was located and found to be leaking oil and gas into the lake. The boat owners bailed the water out of the sunken vessel and the boat was removed by the COs. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Shane Webster observed a vessel operating after legal hours without navigation lights. Upon contact it was found that the navigation lights were not working properly, the fire extinguisher was not operational, there was no

throwable device on board, and there were only four wearable PFDs on board for six people. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Shane Webster observed two subjects fishing in a local river. As the COs approached, one subject quickly put down his fishing pole and tried to divert the COs attention from the fishing site. The COs located an undersized bass in a hidden fish basket, while neither subject possessed a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens and Jonathan Warner assisted District Nine COs with a group patrol targeting the illegal taking of fish. Numerous violations were encountered including the overlimit of fish where over 250 illegal fish were confiscated. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Dan Prince responded to a complaint of a subject on a small inland lake taking bass out of season. Since CO Prince did not have a patrol boat with him, the complainant lent CO Prince his paddle boat. When the subject realized CO Prince was heading toward him in the paddle boat, the subject started his trolling motor and tried to outrun CO Prince in the paddle boat. CO Prince was able to catch up to the subject with the trolling motor and observed fish and marine violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers, CO Pete Purdy observed two subjects quickly reel in their fishing lines and attempt to leave the area in a hurry. CO Purdy caught up with the subjects who didn't have fishing licenses or any other identification and gave false information about their identity. With the help of the local police agency, CO Purdy revealed their true identities. One subject was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant while the other was wanted on misdemeanor and felony warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster contacted numerous individuals who were fishing without licenses. One contact revealed three undersized, out of season bass. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

DISTRICT 9

CO Linda Scheidler swore out several warrants last week. One was for a felony from a hunting incident last fall, where a subject she observed afield with a firearm said he was only target shooting and not hunting. Unfortunately for the subject, he was a convicted felon and could not possess a firearm. Other warrants were for an illegal deer, baiting, and borrowing a hunting license.

COs Mark Ennett, Jonathon Sklba, Dan Walzak, Lacelle Rabon, Brandon Kieft, Ben Shively, Kris Kiel, and Todd Szyska participated in a group patrol for two days along the Detroit River targeting anglers taking overlimits of white bass. The patrol netted 43 arrests and 17 verbal warnings for various fishing and marine offenses. Seizures of fish were 411 white bass, three undersized walleye, one smallmouth bass out of season,

two rock bass and four white perch that were possessed without a license. Restitution sought for the illegal fish is \$2,115.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted local deputies and the FBI in an attempt to arrest a bank robbery suspect who was supposedly boating on an inland lake. The subject's friends were detained and questioned but the subject made it to shore and fled the scene. A sheriff department K-9 unit attempted to track the subject, but the track was lost and the search was cancelled for the night.

While patrolling the Holloway Reservoir during the holiday weekend, CO Linda Scheidler contacted three subjects who were fishing without licenses, three different subjects for towing persons without a spotter, one subject who deliberately violated a local watercraft control of slow, no-wake, and one subject whose boat exhaust exceeded the lawful decibel limit. Enforcement action was taken in all incidents.

While checking for marine activity on the St. Clair River, CO John Borkovich responded to a complaint from local authorities in regard to a possible drunk driver. CO Borkovich located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. Upon activation of CO Borkovich's emergency lights the subject fled toward the southern city limits of Port Huron. The subject pulled into a private drive then exited his vehicle and continued to flee on foot. CO Borkovich apprehended the subject as he was attempting to enter into the residence to avoid arrest. While attempting to subdue the subject, the subject assaulted CO Borkovich and reached for the CO's sidearm. CO Borkovich wrestled the subject to the ground and handcuffed him. The subject was then transported to the hospital for treatment of injuries to the face and head. The subject was released and lodged in the St. Clair County Jail on several felony charges.

CO John Borkovich assisted local deputies with a call of a two year old reported missing by his mother. Apparently, the woman had dropped her two year old son off by himself on the shores of Lake Huron while she returned to her vehicle. After 45 minutes, the frantic mother contacted 911 and reported her son missing. CO Borkovich searched and located the youngster, who had walked over a mile by himself along the shore in an attempt to locate a family member. The scared two year old was returned to his mother without further incident. The incident remains under investigation.

CO Al Schwiderson investigated a complaint regarding the operation of an unlicensed POC facility. Apparently the owner of the facility has been in operation for 15 years and refused to pay the newly increased required license fees. The subject was advised multiple times to renew his license or decommission and the subject refused. Enforcement action was taken for operating a POC facility without a permit.

CO Al Schwiderson investigated two separate complaints in the Lapeer SGA. One complaint was that individuals had been using an ORV to illegally enter and remove wood products from the game area. The trailer used to remove the illegal wood broke an axle and was abandoned and recovered by CO Schwiderson. The second case

involved a group of people camping on state land without a permit. The investigation continues in both cases.