

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

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen checked a popular type 3 trout stream. An angler he was checking said that he had caught a 12" brook trout. CO Lasanen advised the angler the minimum size limit for brook trout on this stream is 15". Upon further measurement of the brook trout it was only 11". Law enforcement action was taken for possession of an undersized brook trout.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen was checking boats coming off Lake Gogebic just after dark. CO Lasanen noticed one boat had an expired boat registration displayed. CO Lasanen questioned the boater about his expired registration and he advised he did not get around to updating his registration yet this year. Law enforcement action was taken for operating an unregistered watercraft.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen checked two anglers fishing off of the Bergland Bay fishing dock. Both anglers advised the officer that they were both 16 years old. CO Lasanen asked them for their ID and explained they looked older than 16 and that a lot of 21 years old kids try to claim they are 16 to avoid a ticket. After gathering information from one angler, CO Lasanen asked the second angler for his information. The angler gave his information but had a hard time remembering his birthday. After struggling to come up with a correct birthday that would make him sixteen, he stated that he lied and was actually 21. He stated he hoped CO Lasanen would believe him and be on his way. Law enforcement action was taken for fishing with no license.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes was checking a group of anglers along an ORV trail when two four wheelers approached his location at a very high rate of speed. One of the operators of an ORV was carrying his helmet under his left arm as he continued down the trail, fishtailing back and forth. CO Mapes was able to stop the ORVs and law enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV without a helmet.

Conservation Officers Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen were traveling north on US-45 just south of Bruce Crossing when they witnessed a vehicle exit a driveway in front of them and accelerate to a very high speed in a short amount of time. As they approached an intersection, the driver of the vehicle put his turn signal on but missed his turn. CO Mapes conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver. After performing standard field sobriety tests and refusing to submit to a preliminary breath test, the driver was placed under arrest for OUIL. Charges have also been filed for refusing a preliminary breath test upon request of a peace officer.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes was patrolling the ORV trail along the Ontonagon River when three young kids came running up to him. The kids recognized CO Mapes from hunter safety and ORV safety classes that he helped teach at the local school. The young anglers were proud to show off a 14" walleye they had just caught in the

river. CO Mapes educated the young anglers on the legal size of walleye and how to measure the fish they catch.

CO Matt Eberly made contact with two young teenage girls who were covered in mud and being feasted on by bugs. The girls stated they had their grandfathers' golf cart and had gotten stuck on a side trail, they had called their grandfather but they did not know where they were. CO Eberly provided the girls some bug spray, found the golf cart and was able to get it unstuck before grandpa showed up. The golf cart and girls were turned over to grandpa, receiving many thanks for his assistance.

Conservation Officer Matt Eberly assisted the Houghton County Sheriff's Office over the weekend with the report of several cows running down Sturgeon River Road. CO Eberly herded the cows toward an abandoned farm, the owners were located and the cows were returned to their pasture.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes and Sergeant Grant Emery patrolled Lake Gogebic on Memorial Day. Many violations were addressed while patrolling the busy lake. Violations included failure to display fishing license, failure to disclose possessing a concealed pistol when approached by a peace officer, faulty personal floatation devices and registration violations.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted LED staff on Belle Isle, providing security for the Grand Prix car race. CO Mapes had the opportunity to speak with Governor Rick Snyder. Governor Snyder thought it was cool that CO Mapes had traveled down from Ontonagon County to help out with the event.

Conservation Officer Doug Hermanson assisted Wildlife Division in collecting organ specimens for laboratory examination from an 800 pound bull moose that was struck by a motor vehicle on US41 near Parent Lake. The vehicle and trailer sustained minor damage but the injuries sustained by the moose required it to be euthanized.

COs Jared Ferguson and CO Brian Bacon worked ORVs on the Memorial Day weekend. The two COs targeted areas of concern in northern Dickinson County. Warnings and citations were given for no helmet, operating on a state roadway, riding double and operating against the flow of traffic

CO Jared Ferguson worked the annual Grand Prix 500 in Detroit with several other officers from other districts. Over 100,000 people attended and with the efforts of Michigan conservation officers and Michigan state troopers the event went smoothly with no major incidents reported.

CO Shannon Kritz and CO Brian Bacon were on marine patrol when they observed a personal watercraft operator driving without a life jacket. Contact was made with the operator and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz received a complaint that a subject was burning illegal materials behind his house the night prior. CO Kritz responded to the address and was able to

locate the fire still burning. When asked about burning carpets and other illegal materials, he stated his neighbors drop off their garbage in his pit and he burns the plastic bags without checking what is in them. CO Kritz located clothing, carpet, plastics and many other illegal materials burning in the pit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Bacon, Adam LeClerc, Jared Ferguson, Shannon Kritz and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a group ORV patrol during the Memorial Day weekend in Dickinson County. Rainy conditions slowed the ORV activity, but three subjects were cited for various ORV violations.

COs Brian Bacon and Shannon Kritz were on patrol when they observed two ORVs enter a signed closed area. Each ORV had three passengers and had failed to purchase ORV stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz conducted an ORV patrol with the Iron County Sheriff's Department ORV patrol. While on patrol they contacted a group of ORV operators that did not have ORV stickers. The leader of the group stated he had bought the stickers for the four ORVs but had failed to put them on. A check of the RSS system found the subject had only purchased one set of stickers. When presented with this information, the subject changed his story to having only purchased one set of stickers that he had put on his side by side. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was conducting an ORV patrol in Menominee County when he observed multiple ORVs traveling on a county road. CO DeLonge observed one operator not wearing a helmet and that two ORVs in the group were not displaying ORV licenses. CO DeLonge conducted a traffic stop on the group and informed the operators of their violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling on his ORV on a trail system in Menominee County over the holiday weekend and observed several ORVs during the patrol. After a long day observing compliant ORV activity, CO DeLonge observed one last group of ORVs with one operator not wearing a helmet. CO DeLonge stopped the ORV and addressed the violation with the operator and received the response, "I thought wearing a helmet on an ORV trail in Michigan was optional." CO DeLonge corrected the operator and pointed out several equipment violations on the ORV as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman instructed a marine safety course at the Bay Cliff Health Camp for BOW (Becoming an Outdoors Woman) participants over the weekend. Bay Cliff Health Camp is located in Big Bay, Michigan.

DISTRICT 2

COs Jon Busken and John Wenzel were on routine patrol on South Manistique Lake when they observed a boat being operated without MC numbers. Contact was made

with the operator who was also found to not have enough lifejackets for all the occupants aboard. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and John Wenzel were on routine patrol in Curtis when they spotted an ORV being operated with a passenger when not designed as such. Contact with the operator revealed that he was not wearing an approved crash helmet. A LEIN check showed that the operator's driver's license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling Milakokia Lake and began approaching a boat in the shallows. Upon seeing the CO, the operator started the boat and began to motor away. The CO noted that the boat had an expired registration. Contact was made with the occupants who were found to have been drinking. All were under 21. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken made contact with four occupants in a boat on Millecoquins Lake. Two of the occupants immediately provided their fishing licenses. The other occupants looked through their wallets for a few moments and then confessed that they did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was on ORV overtime patrol when he observed a side by side swerving when heading towards him. The operator then threw a beer can from the vehicle in front of the CO. Contact was made with the driver who admitted to having 6-7 beers that day and he was too drunk to be driving. Sobrieties and a PBT were administered. The PBT registered .132. The operator was arrested and transported to the Mackinac County Jail.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson were on ORV overtime patrol near the mouth of the Two Hearted River in Northern Luce County when they observed ORV tracks riding past a no trespassing sign and onto a state beach. Contact was made with the operators as they returned from trespassing on the private property and riding in a closed area of state land. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson were on ORV patrol in Northern Luce County when they observed a side by side being driven by an operator without a seatbelt. Contact was made with the operator and a LEIN check revealed he did not have a valid driver's license. An open container of alcohol was also found in the side by side. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was patrolling with Sgt. Michael Hammill on the St. Mary's River system. As Sgt. Hammill approached one particular fisherman, CO Watson observed

the fisherman reeling in one of his fishing poles. CO Watson counted the fisherman's lines that were in the water and noted that the fisherman was using too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Watson and Sgt. Hammill were patrolling a local river when they passed a small boat with two fishermen in it. The boat had no visible registration numbers. CO Watson and Sgt. Hammill turned around and caught up with the boat which quickly noticed the patrol boat approaching and came to a stop. Contact was made. The operator of the boat claimed that the boat belonged to his friend and he knew it wasn't registered, and he was gambling by taking it out on the river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Watson and Sgt. Hammill responded to a complaint of a stranded pontoon boat in a very mucky and shallow portion of a local lake, far from shore. The pontoon's outboard motor had stopped working and the young family had drifted into an area of the lake where they then became stuck. Sgt. Hammill and CO Watson responded with a shallow water boat and a Mud Buddy surface drive motor and safely towed the stranded boaters back to the shoreline.

CO Watson responded to the Tahquamenon Falls State Park regarding a complaint of an ORV stuck in a closed section of snowmobile trail. CO Watson made contact with the two ORV riders. The male driver did not possess a driver's license and claimed the female driver was operating the ORV. CO Watson issued the female a citation for operating an ORV in a closed area and destroying a wetland. The following day, CO Watson observed the two subjects parked at an ice cream parlor. CO Watson watched as the two subjects began driving away, with the male driving the truck and trailer. CO Watson conducted a traffic stop and addressed the male subject behind the wheel. The subject was lodged in the county jail on his fourth count of driving with a suspended/revoked license.

COs Brett Gustafson and Jon Busken assisted Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, in the Straits of Mackinac. Secretary Johnson and a staff member utilized Secretary Johnson's sea kayak to traverse the Straits and arrived safely on Mackinac Island.

CO Brett Gustafson participated in a hunter safety field day event in Moran. The event was the culmination of the Straits Area Sportsman's Club spring class with 26 students being certified.

CO John Wenzel and Sgt. Mike Hammill were on patrol when they checked a group of fishermen who said they had a basket with pan fish in it. After checking the fish basket, the COs noticed a short bass among the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel was on marine patrol when he came across a vessel that had run out of gas on a local river. CO Wenzel went to the boat launch and retrieved the extra gas can from the operator's truck and delivered it to the stranded vessel.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Chris Lynch patrolled Little Bay de Noc on Memorial Day. The walleye bite and weather was good that day and several anglers and boaters were out. Three tickets were issued for possessing fish with no license, undersize walleye, and an expired boat registration.

While on routine patrol, CO Robert Freeborn noticed an ORV traveling down a state highway in the distance. As CO Freeborn drove closer to the ORV, he noticed there was a passenger riding on the back. After contact with the ORV, it was determined they had a mini bike hidden in the woods along the highway that was out of gas. Upon inspection of the mini bike it was determined it did not have the proper registration. A citation was issued for operating an ORV on a highway.

While working marine patrol, COs Calvin Smith and Robert Freeborn contacted an individual fishing in a secluded bay. The fisherman had not purchased a license and had insufficient lifejackets on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking several trophy trout lakes COs Zitnik and Christopher Lynch came across two individuals walking down a remote road swatting the heavily populated mosquitos. About a mile up the road CO Zitnik observed fresh tire tracks going down a two track across from a trophy trout lake. They followed the tracks to two kayaks with brook trout in them and a parked vehicle. The COs ran the plate of the 1994 Suzuki Sidekick that came back on a 1995 Chevy pickup. The COs made contact with the two individuals on the road who stated it was their belongings and they were walking because their battery died. Enforcement action was taken for illegal use of a registration plate, possession of marijuana and use of non-artificial lure on prohibited waters (trout waters).

CO Calvin Smith collected two deceased bald eagles in separate locations in Alger County. Both eagles were deceased for a while. The CO used a metal detector to attempt to locate any birdshot, none was found. The birds were collected to be turned over to the eagle repository for use in Native American ceremonies.

CO Calvin Smith patrolled many lakes in Alger County, on one lake the CO made contact with three individuals fishing. One of the individuals advised that he had failed to purchase a fishing license. The same individual had received a citation for the same offense only a year and half ago. Law enforcement action was taken.

While on routine patrol, CO Calvin Smith had to take evasive action with his patrol truck when an ORV came around a blind corner nearly sideways and stopped just short of a collision. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was checking boaters coming into the launch at an access site. CO Lynch noticed one boat had no MC numbers or registration decals on it. CO Lynch made contact with the boater and discovered the boater did not have a PFD for himself either. The boater stated he never got around to registering his boat. CO Lynch ran the suspect for warrants and discovered there was a warrant out for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig encountered many ORVs enjoying the trails on the holiday. Enforcement action was taken and warnings were given for violations such as not wearing helmets, riding double, and not having ORVs properly licensed.

DISTRICT 3

Conservation Officer Andrea Albert made a traffic stop on an ORV operating illegally on the US 131 right of way on the designated snowmobile trail. Further investigation found the operator under the influence of alcohol. The operator had a blood alcohol level of .13. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Antrim County Jail for operating an ORV while intoxicated and ticketed for operating on the highway right of way.

CO Albert contacted a kayaker on Lake Michigan that was a quarter mile off shore in 51 degree water without a life preserver. The kayaker had a river kayak that would make it very difficult if not impossible for him to get back into it if he flipped. A ticket was issued for the violation and CO Albert made sure the kayaker made it safely back to shore.

COs Albert and Steve Speigl worked several areas of state land where there has been ongoing illegal ORV activity on the Antrim County snowmobile trails; the illegal ORV operation is damaging the snowmobile trails. Several tickets were issued for operation in a closed area on state land.

CO Albert addressed numerous violations where ORVs were operating illegally on the snowmobile trails that run along the right of way of the state highways in Antrim County. Tickets were issued for the illegal operation.

CO Andrea Erratt attended a 6th grade girls' campout talking to the young girls about the job of a conservation officer. There were 38 youngsters in attendance

While on marine patrol on Lake Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt encountered two vessels that were not registered. Tickets were issued.

CO Erratt participated in an ORV patrol during the Memorial Day holiday weekend addressing problem areas in Charlevoix County. Seven tickets were issued to individuals operating ORVs in closed areas. In all cases the operators had driven past signs stating the area was closed to ORVs. In addition several warnings were given for related ORV violations.

While on patrol CO Erratt observed a vehicle veer off the roadway behind her and then back onto the roadway coming to a stop. CO Erratt turned around and activated her emergency lights at which point a can of beer was thrown from the vehicle. Contact was made with the driver and the occupants of the vehicle. The driver was arrested for operating while his driver's license was suspended, reckless driving, open intoxicant in a motor vehicle, and issued a citation for refusing a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT). The vehicle was towed with a broken axle and a blown tire resulting from the driver's actions.

CO Erratt came upon two subjects mushroom hunting on private property. The subjects claimed they did not see any "no trespassing" signs. CO Erratt pointed out several signs that the subjects had walked and driven past. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Baldwin talked to a group of 75 sixth grade boys at a camp out in the East Jordan area. CO Baldwin talked about the role of a conservation officer.

While working an ORV patrol during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, CO Duane Budreau encountered numerous ORVs. One was stopped operating in a closed hill climb area. When asked if the driver had seen the "No ORVs" sign that he had driven past, he stated he had. Enforcement action was taken.

While working in conjunction with area conservation officers conducting an ORV patrol in Charlevoix County over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, Sgt. Mike Feagan encountered numerous ORV offenses. Sgt. Feagan issued three tickets for operating ORVs in a closed area, all of which had driven past "No ORVs" signs. In addition one ticket was issued for operate an ORV without a helmet, and two tickets for unlicensed ORVs, as well as ten verbal warnings for various ORV violations.

While patrolling the Pigeon River Country State Forest, CO Tim Rosochacki stopped a 4-wheeler operating at high-speed and carelessly on a county road and issued a ticket for careless operation.

CO DePew stopped a vehicle near the Pigeon River Country State Forest where the operator was not wearing a safety belt. Found in the vehicle were open intoxicants and an uncased firearm. In addition, the contact lead to the recovery of a 6x6 bull elk (antlers and head). The investigation continues and charges are pending.

CO Rosochacki gave a presentation to a group of Boy Scouts while on sturgeon patrol on the Black River. The Scouts were volunteering as sturgeon guards for the weekend.

CO DePew handled two fawn complaints where the well-meaning but misinformed subjects took the “abandoned” fawns’ home. Both were immediately returned to the wild to the place from which they were taken.

CO DePew responded to a car-elk accident where the elk went through the vehicle’s windshield and minor injuries to the occupants occurred.

CO DePew and Probationary Conservation Officer (PCO) Kyle Cherry checked a suspicious vehicle from Kansas at a public access site. Running the registration showed it to be a stolen plate. Contact was made with the occupants and they were found to be in possession of marijuana and to have suspended driver’s licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Bellville was on patrol near Hillman when he saw ORV tracks doing multiple donuts in the road and fishtailing for many miles. CO Bellville continued to follow the tracks until he contacted two riders who were not wearing helmets and were on unlicensed ORVs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bellville and CO Bill Webster were on the shore of East Twin Lake in Montmorency County at night when they observed a pontoon boat being operated carelessly and nearly crashed into a dock. The operator was issued a citation for operating without navigation lights and warned for the careless operation.

CO Jon Sklba contacted two fishermen on Grand Lake who were in possession of a 13 inch walleye. They said they didn’t know if they could keep it but were going to check later to see if it was legal and if it was not they were going to let it go. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling on the Tomahawk Creek Flooding when he contacted a motor boat displaying an expired registration. A check showed the boat had been registered but the driver forgot to put on the registration. The driver also forgot to bring along life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster was on patrol when a car drove through a stop sign and stopped in the middle of an intersection. CO Webster conducted a traffic stop and the driver stated his brake pads were shot and was having difficulty stopping. CO Webster issued him a citation for failing to stop at the stop sign.

CO Webster was patrolling the narrows off of Long Lake in Alpena County when he contacted a boat which had an expired registration. When he made contact with the occupants of the vessel he discovered they did not have enough life jackets and were fishing without licenses. The driver stated he had just got the motor working and they decided to test out the motor and do some fishing. The driver was issued a citation for failing to provide enough life jackets and gave warnings for the other violations.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint of jet skis being operated at a high rate of speed which caused numerous canoes and kayaks to be swamped by the wake near the duck park in the City of Alpena, which is an area that prohibits high speed boating. CO Webster responded to the area and waited for the jet skis to return and issued citations for high speed boating.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin was patrolling in Wexford County when he noticed an ORV with no current ORV sticker on it. A stop was initiated and the driver appeared to be intoxicated. The driver was operating on a suspended license and it was confirmed that he was intoxicated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney was enroute to a complaint in Grand Traverse County when he observed a side-by-side ORV on the county road. As the CO passed the ORV, he noticed in his rear view mirror the ORV was displaying an improper ORV license. CO Kinney turned around and was in the process of making a stop on the ORV when the driver pulled over on the side of the road. CO Kinney made contact with the ORV and its occupants. The driver stated he knew he was going to get pulled over when he passed the DNR truck. He thought he would just pull over, because he knew he wasn't displaying a valid ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Leelanau County, CO Patrick McManus and CO Rebecca Hopkins responded to a multiple car vehicle accident with injuries. The COs were first on scene, triaged the three patients and provided necessary medical care until fire and EMS arrived. CO McManus and CO Hopkins also used their patrol truck to shut down the road completely so they could not only safely provide the necessary care, but also preserve the accident scene for further investigation to incoming sheriff units.

Immediately after clearing a vehicle accident, CO Patrick McManus and CO Rebecca Hopkins were called by Leelanau County Central Dispatch regarding a lost camper on state land. After arriving on scene, the COs interviewed several other campers in the area, located the lost subject's car in the woods nearby, and were able to narrow down a rough location of the individual. After finding the lost camper, the COs checked for any medical problems and sent them on their way.

While on ORV patrol in the Jack Pine Road area of Grand Traverse County, CO Rich Stowe encountered a group of four wheelers traveling on a portion of the snowmobile trail. After speaking with the group, it was determined they had traveled on snowmobile trails from the adjacent county several miles away. Legal places to travel were explained to the group and enforcement action was taken.

While on stationary patrol in the North Broomhead Road area of Grand Traverse County, CO Rich Stowe encountered a group of vehicles climbing a large hill on the powerline off of the service road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Stowe responded to suspicious situation complaint of possible intoxicated subjects disturbing campers at a state forest campground in southeast Grand Traverse

County. Upon arrival at the campground, the caller pointed out the campsite of the problem subjects. After investigating the matter with the assistance of Deputies from the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department, enforcement action was taken on the unregistered camper at the site, a warrant arrest was made by the deputies, and several subjects were asked to leave the campground for the night.

While on patrol on Sand Lakes Road in Grand Traverse County, CO Rich Stowe and CO Sean Kehoe encountered an ORV traveling on the snowmobile trail. After explaining to the driver that several complaints had been made of ORV traffic on the snowmobile trail, enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, CO Justin Vanderlinde and Sgt. Robert Torres worked an illegal hill climb area for ORVs. The hill climb is a result of ORVs operating on a Benzie County road under their ORV ordinance, but then going off the legal county road onto state-owned lands and climbing a hill. Erosion is a big issue at this particular site. After only sitting on the hill for approximately 20 minutes, four ORVs attempted to climb the hill. Three made it to the top and one got stuck about halfway up. The COs made contact with all the ORV operators and enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Sgt. Robert Torres observed a side-by-side Polaris Razor being operated illegally on a state forest two-track in Benzie County. COs observed four occupants in the ORV. Upon contact, it was discovered that the ORV was not properly registered and three of the four occupants were intoxicated and possessed open cans of beer. The operator was sober. Enforcement action was taken.

A dedicated ORV patrol in Lake County was conducted resulting in 82 tickets being issued for illegal operation in prohibited areas over the holiday weekend. Several subjects were also arrested for suspended operation and outstanding warrants.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Steve Converse were working an ORV patrol in Lake County when they found a Chevy Silverado stuck in a wetland. The roadway and wetland were torn up and the truck had come to rest in the middle of the wetland. The COs towed vehicle and issued a wetland violation citation as well as a trespass citation for operating on a utility right-of-way.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Carla Soper were working ORV patrol in Lake County when they encountered a motor vehicle that had cut across county and federal land then driven across a creek. The COs stopped the driver and his occupant and found both to be in possession of open intoxicants. A LEIN check revealed that the passenger also had a warrant for failure to pay child support out of Lake County. Enforcement action was taken and the individual with the warrant was lodged in the Lake County jail.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Carla Soper were checking for illegal ORV activity on a powerline in Lake County when they encountered an individual in a Jeep operating in an illegal area, creating erosive conditions, and utility trespass. As they pulled the vehicle

over, three additional ORVs coming from the opposite direction were also stopped for the same violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was checking the Whiskey Creek area in Mason County when he saw four ORVs operating on a closed roadway. CO Brosky ran the operators in LEIN and found one was suspended and one had an outstanding warrant. Enforcement action was taken and the subject with the warrant was lodged in the Mason County Jail.

CO Sam Koscinski and CO Steve Converse were checking vessels on the Big Manistee River when they encountered three individuals in a rowboat. The COs noticed there were no PFDs onboard and decided to stop to have a discussion with them. The owner of the boat advised both COs that at one point they were accompanying several kayakers and said that their party had split up. He then advised that there wasn't enough for everybody, and he gave the lifejackets to the kayakers because he felt they "needed them more." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski and CO Steve Converse were checking vessels on the Big Manistee River when they encountered two male subjects and two female subjects fishing without licenses. As they neared the vessel, they also discovered that occupants were smoking marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was on patrol when he observed a vehicle partially in the roadway that appeared to be having engine problems. As CO Converse was pulling up, the engine compartment suddenly caught fire. After helping put the fire out, CO Converse discovered that the driver was very intoxicated, had open intoxicants in the vehicle, was driving on a suspended license, had expired plates, and no insurance on the vehicle. The last proof of insurance had expired in 2013. The subject was also on probation and one of the terms was not to violate any criminal law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky were patrolling in Lake County for illegal ORV activity when they observed a subject walking away from a swamp covered in mud. They made contact with the subject and discovered that he was illegally operating in a wetland with his ORV and was stuck. Four other ORVs were located in a closed area nearby who were friends of the subject stuck. Citations were issued for operating ORVs in a closed area.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling for illegal ORV activity when he observed several ORVs operating in a wetland on a utility right-of-way. CO Killingbeck discovered that two of the ORVs were stuck in the swamp. CO Killingbeck made contact with the operators who admitted they knew it was illegal to be where they were but said it had looked like so much fun they just couldn't resist the temptation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling for illegal ORV activity when he observed three ORVs racing side-by-side on the roadway at a high rate of speed. CO Killingbeck began pursuing the ORVs and about two miles later finally caught up with them. The three

operators admitted to driving carelessly and CO Killingbeck also discovered that two of the ORVs were not titled. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed four ORVs operating at a high rate of speed and in the center of the roadway. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORVs and discovered that two juveniles in the group were operating without ORV safety certificates. While talking with the father of the juveniles who was also the leader of the group, CO Killingbeck could smell the distinct odor of marijuana. The operator admitted to being in possession of marijuana. CO Killingbeck also discovered that none of the ORVs were titled with Secretary of State. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling for illegal ORV activity when he observed two ORVs operating on a utility right-of-way. CO Killingbeck stopped the operators and one subject said that it was his first time riding this area so he was not familiar with the regulations. CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he had ever attempted to learn the regulations and the subject said he had not. CO Killingbeck discovered the subject's dirt bike was not titled, had no spark arrestor, and that the driver was operating on a suspended license. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking subjects fishing on a lake when he discovered one angler was in possession of an undersize bass. CO Killingbeck explained the importance of knowing regulations when fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Sam Koscinski were patrolling for ORV activity when they observed a vehicle with an expired registration displayed driving on the roadway. The vehicle was stopped and the subject told the COs that he was using the vehicle as a ORV. The COs asked if the vehicle was titled as an ORV and the subject said it was not. The COs explained that a SUV is not an ORV. The subject soon admitted he knew it was illegal, but was trying to get away with not having to pay for insurance and plates. The license plate had been expired for several months and the subject said it had been a long time since he had insurance on the vehicle. Arrangements were made for the vehicle to be towed away and citations were issued for operating a vehicle with expired plates and no insurance.

While patrolling Bass Lake in Mason County, CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski observed two subjects fishing. Upon making contact with the anglers, the two were asked for their fishing licenses, which both stated were at home. A quick check through the license system revealed that neither angler had purchased a fishing license since early 2015. To further compound the two anglers' problems, it was also determined that the two anglers had no life jackets aboard their boat and were in possession of several fish without their fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While working marine patrol on Hamlin Lake on Memorial Day, CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski issued several citations for failing to register vessels. In several of the contacts the operators of the unregistered vessels were surprised to see law enforcement working on a holiday weekend.

While checking fishermen on Hamlin Lake, CO Kyle Publiski observed three subjects fishing in a canoe. CO Publiski observed the fishermen with binoculars for several minutes to see if they were catching any fish. Satisfied that all three subjects were fishing, CO Publiski approached the canoe. Seeing the CO approach, one of the anglers took his fishing rod and slid it over to his buddy sitting in the middle of the canoe. CO Publiski asked all three subjects for their fishing licenses, the subject that slid his rod over to his buddy started to tell the CO that he wasn't fishing. CO Publiski stopped the subject halfway through his lie and explained to him that he had watched him fishing for several minutes, and also watched him slide the rod over to his buddy sitting in the middle of the canoe. After hearing that, the subject came clean about actually fishing. A license check of the subject determined his last fishing license purchase was in 2012; also that subject had no lifejacket on board his canoe. Enforcement action was taken.

Working illegal ORV operation in Mason County, CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski sat at the intersection of an illegal ORV trail made through federal forest land and a forest service road closed to ORV use. Sitting only a few minutes, three ORVs came down the closed forest service road and turned onto the illegal ORV trail. The two COs stopped the operators and addressed the illegal operation of the ORVs on closed roads and illegal trails. It was also determined that the three operators also failed to register and title their ORVs. Enforcement action was taken on the illegal ORV operation and failing to register.

Working the Memorial Day holiday weekend in Mason County, CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski issued several ORV citations for failing to register, operating in closed areas and failing to wear helmets. The COs noted that a couple of the citations issued for operating in closed area were issued to subjects that the COs had already warned earlier in the season.

Sgt. Michael Bomay, CO Troy Mueller, CO Brian Lebel and CO Angela Greenway conducted a group patrol in Osceola County on state land for ORV violations. The COs issued multiple citations and provided warnings for riding in closed area, fail to license ORV, riding without helmets, riding double on a machine not designed for such use, and allowing minors to operate without adult supervision.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County was on patrol over the holiday weekend in an area that has proven to have problems with illegal ORV operation in the past. During his patrol of the area he located two ORVs illegally operating. It was discovered that one ORV was not licensed. A citation was issued for the unlicensed ORV and warnings were given for the closed area violations.

DISTRICT 5

While patrolling, COs Mark Papineau and Josh Wright were dispatched to a car/deer accident in which a pregnant doe was struck and killed. Once on scene, the COs were able to save one of the two fawns and transfer custody to a wildlife rehabilitator. Unfortunately, the doe and another fawn were killed in the accident. The driver of the vehicle suffered no injuries and a report was taken for the traffic crash.

While assisting in an investigation regarding an illegal turkey case, CO Mark Papineau learned of a deer that was possibly taken without a license during the 2015 deer season. After further inquiries, CO Papineau was able to locate a photograph taken after dark in mid-October of the suspect posing with a 7 point buck. An inquiry into hunting license purchases revealed that the subject had purchased a deer license during daylight hours the day after the photograph was reportedly taken. After an additional inquiry was made, a second photograph was located of a 10 point buck, also taken after dark during November. A second license inquiry revealed that the suspect's wife had also purchased a deer license after hunting hours had ended on the same day. Interviews were conducted and both suspects confessed to shooting the deer without licenses. Warrants are being sought.

Conservation Officer Steve Lockwood was contacted by a subject prior to the opening day of bass season. The subject inquired about the dates for the upcoming bass season. CO Lockwood advised the subject of the dates for bass season. The subject then explained to CO Lockwood that there were several subjects fishing near the CC Bridge in Roscommon County that had 5 bass in a tote. CO Lockwood responded to the area and made contact with the subjects. The smallmouth bass were located within a grey tote. The bass were seized and enforcement action taken.

CO Steve Lockwood attended the annual 3rd Grade Conservation Tour in Gladwin County. Numerous 3rd grade classes were in attendance and went to several different stations positioned within the Gladwin City Park. One station they visited included CO Lockwood as well as FRD fire personnel. The 3rd graders received a fur kit demonstration as well as information about forest fires.

CO Nick Atkin was patrolling state land in Arenac County for ORV violations when he located a camp site that was not displaying the required camp registration. CO Atkin made contact with the occupant of the camp and also determined the subject was a minor in possession of alcohol as well as in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers Chris Bowen, Chuck Mcpherson, and Ben Mcateer gave a presentation to the Houghton Lake School system. Over 1100 students were educated on the marine safety laws.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz assisted the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department with a two car hit-and-run accident that resulted in several mailboxes being destroyed. The two parties involved were unlicensed drivers from the same family, with one being a recent parolee. Contact was made with both parties and it was found that the recent parolee took away the witnesses cell phones and threatened them with bodily harm if anything was said. CO Liestenfeltz along with a Missaukee County Deputy contacted the parolee, at which time a struggle ensued ending with the felon being lodged in the Missaukee County Jail. Charges are pending for resisting and obstructing an officer, assaulting an officer, and disabling a communication device from 911 response.

COs Craig Neal and Matt Liestenfeltz stopped an ORV on a county road that was struggling to turn around. The operator was only 13 years old and had not yet completed an ORV safety course. There were five other younger kids riding with her on the side-by-side. The COs took her back to her camp where they spoke to her father.

CO John Huspen assisted the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and Grayling City Police Department with a subject who was reported to be overdosing. The officers on scene hooked up an AED and gave CPR until EMTs arrived. The subject was transported to an area hospital after being given narcan.

Sgt. Jeremy Payne & CO Ben McAteer attended the Roscommon Kirtland Warbler Festival. Individuals ranging from 6 years old to 70 years old had the opportunity to learn about safe firearm handling and hunter safety before entering the shooting simulator to do some target shooting.

CO Mike Hearn conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle pulling a trailered boat without a proper trailer plate. Upon contact with the driver, CO Hearn observed signs of intoxication. A field sobriety examination was conducted to determine alcohol impairment. Subsequently, the driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated. He was lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

At the request of the local fire department, CO Mike Hearn responded to a structure fire in Excelsior Township. Upon arrival, the officer was informed by the fire chief that the fire had started as a result of an illegal burn. Upon investigation, CO Hearn determined that the renters of the property were burning illegal material next to an old shed. The fire spread and eventually caught the shed on fire. Because the renters were tearing the shed apart, they decided to allow it to burn. The case will be turned over to the prosecutor for review.

While patrolling a gravel pit in Garfield Township with CO Matt Liestenfeltz, CO Mike Hearn stopped a vehicle for illegal ORV operation. CO Hearn could smell the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver denied possession, stating he had smoked earlier in the day, and that he was a medical marijuana card holder. The driver produced an expired medical marijuana card. A subsequent search produced a tin can of marijuana. Charges are being sought through the county prosecutor.

COs Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz responded to the Grayling Hospital for an ORV injury accident that occurred in Kalkaska County. An investigation determined that the driver was operating a 3 wheeler on a private property trail while unlawfully transporting a passenger. Neither of the occupants were wearing helmets. While negotiating downhill at a high rate of speed, the driver lost control and struck a tree with the side of the ORV. Both occupants hit their legs on the tree and were ejected from the ORV, suffering broken bones in their legs, ankle, and feet as a result of the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

Conservation Officer Brian Olsen stopped a suspicious vehicle coming out of state land in Ogemaw County. CO Olsen contacted the occupants and noticed a faint smell of

marijuana coming from the vehicle. After questioning the subjects, a bag of marijuana and a marijuana pipe were produced. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers Bobbi Lively, Warren Macneill, Casey Pullum, and Brian Olsen responded to a lost mushroom hunter in the Maltby Hills of Ogemaw County. After an hour long search, the man was found. He had walked six miles from the woods into the town of Lupton.

Conservation Officer Brian Olsen responded to an ORV complaint in Mills Township. CO Olsen located six underage subjects operating on the roadway without helmets and exceeding capacity on the ORVs. CO Olsen contacted their parents and enforcement action was taken. The next day, CO Olsen patrolled through the same neighborhood and stopped one of the same children for the same offense he had observed the day before. Enforcement action was taken again.

Conservation Officer Casey Pullum received a complaint of a subject killing a turkey within the safety zone of a neighboring residence in Oscoda County. CO Pullum made contact with the complainant and gathered evidence at the scene. While interviewing the subject, he confessed to shooting the turkey near his front door. The distance was only about 50 yards from the neighbor's residence. Further investigation showed that the man had four prior violations with the DNR. Charges are being sought through the Oscoda County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 6

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson responded to a rollover injury accident as he was the closest law enforcement unit to the scene of the accident. CO Robinson assisted EMS personnel and gathered information from bystanders until other units arrived.

While on patrol CO Dan Robinson was requested by a county fire department to respond to a fire that had gotten out of control. CO Robinson arrived and found a subject who was burning a pile of debris and had left the fire unattended. Due to the dry conditions, the fire jumped to nearby vegetation and burned some large pine trees. The fire was extinguished before it made it to a neighboring house. A citation was issued for burning without a permit and a warning was given for allowing the fire to escape.

CO Dan Robinson was contacted by Isabella County dispatch about suspicious fishing activity at one of the county parks. The complainant stated that one subject was fishing and another was coming to pick up his fish and take them out of the park the day prior and now he was back. The complainant stated that he saw a largemouth bass taken out of the park prior to the bass season. CO Robinson observed the area and did not immediately see the suspect's vehicle but did see a subject sitting on a cooler and looked like he was waiting for someone. CO Robinson observed the subject for a while and the subject went back to fishing. After some time, CO Robinson made contact with the subject, checked his license and his containers but did not see the cooler he was sitting on earlier. After further checking, CO Robinson found the large cooler tucked back in the bushes and upon opening it found a very large softshell turtle that was taken

during the closed season. CO Robinson informed the subject he could not possess the turtle. In reference to the other fish taken, CO Robinson followed up at the residence where the suspect's vehicle was registered but no evidence was located. A citation was issued to the individual for possession of the turtle out of season.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson was contacted by sheriff's deputies who were looking for a subject who had fled the scene of a crime. The subject had disappeared into trails that wove through a large section of property inaccessible to traditional vehicles. CO Robinson was in the area with his ORV and worked with the deputies to attempt to locate the subject. The subject was not located during the search and the Isabella County Sheriff's Office is continuing the investigation.

While on patrol COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson heard over the radio that a suicidal subject had fled and had taken off towards the woods. The COs were in the area and located the subject walking along the road not far from where the original complaint occurred. The COs notified the deputies of their location and waited with the subject until they arrived. The case was turned over to the Isabella County Sheriff's Department.

COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson were working ORV patrol on state land in Isabella County when they saw fresh tracks from multiple 4-wheelers and dirt bikes that had been operating illegally on the forest road. The COs caught up to the subjects who had stopped in front of a large water hole. Citations were issued to all six of the riders for operating ORVs in a closed area on public land.

COs Jill Berry, Mike Hass, Dan Robinson, Quincy Gowenlock, Will Brickel, Joel Lundberg, Jay Person and Sgt. Tony Soave set up a group patrol over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The conservation officers targeted known problem areas for illegal ORV complaints. The conservation officers issued eleven citations, including illegal ORV operation and possession of controlled substances. The COs were able to cover a large area and be effective in several different tracts of state land.

CO Joel Lundberg located an empty car parked on state land and followed another set of tire tracks from that location into a nearby two-track trail. CO Lundberg then located another vehicle with two passengers inside. CO Lundberg investigated to make sure everyone was okay and noticed the driver was not wearing any clothing. In addition, the driver had a lit marijuana cigarette in his hand. CO Lundberg then noticed a female passenger try to hide an open beer bottle down between the seats. The male was very uncooperative and the investigation revealed the driver had three valid warrants out of the local court. The driver was lodged in the county jail and enforcement action was taken with the passenger for possession of controlled substances and improper conduct on state land.

CO Robert Hobkirk was patrolling to Caseville to pick up a boat for a marine patrol when Huron County Central Dispatch broadcast a BOL for a vehicle involved in a hit and run accident. CO Hobkirk observed the vehicle driving erratically north of Caseville. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and fresh damage was observed on the passenger side.

The driver also appeared to be under the influence of controlled substances. CO Hobkirk held the subject until a deputy from the sheriff department arrived. The driver was ultimately arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs as well as the hit and run accident.

While on patrol during the bass opener, CO Kyle Bucholtz received a complaint of subjects keeping undersized bass. CO Bucholtz responded to the area and located two subjects who were in possession of undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz received a complaint of a careless ORV operator. CO Bucholtz responded to the area and stopped two juveniles on a single ORV. The juveniles were without supervision and were riding an ORV without a registration attached. CO Bucholtz contacted the juvenile driver's parent. Enforcement action was taken against the parent for the safety violation.

COs Bob Hobkirk and Kyle Bucholtz recently patrolled Saginaw Bay by boat. CO Hobkirk and Bucholtz contacted two kayakers fishing without licenses and a third boat fishing with too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith found a couple of fishermen who were both possessing an over limit of pan fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith located a subject who was keeping a largemouth bass he had caught in a cooler. This was several days prior to the opening day of bass season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith located a couple of youngsters who had taken the time to trailer their dirt bikes to the State Game Area, park in front of a guard rail with a "no motorized vehicle" sign, then drive around both to do some trail riding. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith issued an ORV citation to a subject who was located about seven miles from where he began his ride, but claimed he was just making sure the machine was running okay before he took it up north. He did not have an ORV sticker on the machine. CO Smith took enforcement action.

COs Seth Rhodea and Mark Siemen patrolled on Lake Huron over the Memorial Day weekend. During the patrol, they made contact with numerous anglers that were trolling with too many lines. Citations were issued to address the violations.

CO Seth Rhodea and Sgt. Scott Brown were patrolling on Memorial Day when they contacted a boat fishing near harbor beach. A quick line count found the anglers to be fishing with too many lines. A citation was issued.

CO Seth Rhodea made contact with numerous ORV operators over the holiday weekend. Many warnings were given and several tickets were issued for failing to license ORVs and failing to wear helmets.

CO Mark Siemen and CO Seth Rhodea worked marine patrol together on Lake Huron between the Port Sanilac and Lexington Harbors. Multiple anglers and boaters were checked, with multiple warnings given and citations being issued for fishing with more than three lines per angler.

CO Mark Siemen stayed busy during the holiday weekend in Sanilac County with ORV patrol. Multiple contacts were made with riders and multiple warnings were given and citations issued for not having the machines licensed and for not wearing helmets.

While on marine patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell witnessed multiple marine and fishing violations. Violations included, fishing without a license, operating unregistered watercrafts, and failing to provide life jackets in a boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell received a complaint of a subject posting pictures of fawns in their house on Facebook. CO Russell tracked down the subject but could not make contact. The next morning CO Will Brickel joined CO Russell and they attempted to make contact with the subject again. After hours of chasing down leads, the COs tracked down the fawns and the suspect. The subject had taken four fawns out of the wild and had given them to close family friends. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Ken Lowell were on ORV patrol in the Langston State Game Area when they noticed a side-by-side driving down a two-track. The COs stopped the side-by-side and found numerous violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Will Brickel was on marine patrol with CO Joel Lundberg on Wixom Lake and witnessed multiple violations, including operating an unregistered watercraft, failing to provide life jackets and fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

While performing a marine patrol over the Memorial Day weekend, CO Justin Ulberg encountered multiple violations ranging from possession of an undersized walleye, subjects fishing without licenses, expired registration on watercraft, and no PFDs on vessels. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Justin Ulberg observed anglers fishing on the Thornapple River. One of the subjects left the river and sat in a vehicle in the parking lot for a lengthy amount of time. CO Ulberg contacted the subject and discovered the subject to be in possession of marijuana. The second subject was checked and he was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers along the Rouge River in Kent County, CO Richard Cardenas and CO Justin Ulberg were able to observe two anglers from a short distance away. While the subjects fished, they made jokes about being checked by the DNR and then would make comments that they worked for the DNR when other anglers walked passed. CO Cardenas and CO Ulberg eventually contacted the subjects. One of the subjects did not have a fishing license and denied fishing. After the COs informed the

subject that he was being observed for quite a while, he then admitted to fishing. It was also discovered that the subject had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violation and the subject was lodged at the Kent County jail.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers fishing at Lyons Dam. During his checks, CO Beavers made contact with a subject who had a bucket full of fish. While checking the fish, CO Beavers found a largemouth bass among the blue gills. CO Beavers informed the subject that the season for largemouth bass was currently closed and that the fish was undersized. The subject was cited for keeping largemouth bass during the closed season.

CO Jeremy Beavers and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers observed a subject operating an ORV along the roadway without a helmet. The subject was also transporting a small child on the ORV who was not wearing a helmet. Upon contact, the subject stated he was looking at his crops that were freshly planted in one of his fields. CO Beavers explained that he is not allowed to transport people on the ORV because it was not designed for passengers and that helmets are needed. Further investigation revealed that the ORV was not registered. The subject was cited for operating an ORV without a helmet.

CO Greg Patten responded to a shoplifting call that came in over the radio for Roosevelt Park Police Department. The suspect's vehicle came back to an address a block from CO Patten's location. The Norton Police Department arrived and as the officers waited for Roosevelt Park officers the suspect came out of his house. The suspect admitted to taking groceries. The Norton Police Department was questioning the suspect when he tried to leave. CO Patten assisted the Norton Police Department with an arrest after the suspect tried to pull away and leave. The subject was lodged for retail fraud.

While patrolling Holland State Park, in response to high school graduation season, CO David Rodgers arrested one minor for possession of alcohol in the state park and gave several warnings for non-registered vehicles.

CO David Rodgers worked a night shift on the Grand River in Grand Rapids, conducting surveillance. During his surveillance he observed nine fishermen in the area. CO Rodgers started making contact with the fishermen and noticed a fisherman that had packed up his fishing gear. Unaware of the officer's presence, the fisherman came over to shake hands and say goodbye to some of his buddies. That is when he noticed the officer and immediately did an about face to leave. CO Rodgers stopped him and asked to see his fishing license. The subject stated he left his identification and fishing license at home, but swore he had one. A records check with dispatch indicated that the subject did not have a fishing license and he had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken and the subject was turned over to Grand Rapids Police Department to lodge him in the county jail.

CO David Rodgers responded to a complaint of a local taxidermist who was in possession of a Sand Hill Crane that was reported to have been taken illegally. CO Rodgers conducted an inspection of the taxidermy. CO Rodgers saw the Sand Hill Crane mount on his wall. After talking about waterfowl hunting, the subject told CO

Rodgers how he shot the Sand Hill Crane in Texas on a guided hunt. Upon a more lengthy conversation he admitted to shooting the Sand Hill Crane in Barry County last fall while crow hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking the area of the Flat River mouth, CO Cary Foster observed a subject fishing from shore. Upon making contact, the subject advised CO Foster he had caught 3 fish. He stated he had 2 catfish and one fish he did not know the species of. CO Foster checked the stringer and observed the mystery fish was a Smallmouth Bass. Due to the possession season for bass not opening until the next day, enforcement action was taken.

On Memorial Day, CO Cary Foster and CO Ken Lowell conducted marine patrols on various lakes in Montcalm County. Several violations were observed, including no life jackets, expired registrations, fishing without licenses, and improper display of registration numbers. Several citations were issued, along with several verbal warnings.

CO Chris Simpson made contact with a subject on the Muskegon Channel who quickly set his fishing rod down and began walking away as the CO approached. A records check revealed the subject did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tyler Cole observed a subject stop on a county road and pick up a snapping turtle and place it in a bag. The subject then drove to his house, holding the bag outside of the truck window. CO Cole made contact with the subject and after a number of excuses about the situation, the subject admitted to taking the turtle. The subject was cited for possession of a snapping turtle during the closed season.

CO Matt Page responded to a complaint of a subject possibly selling turtles at a flea market. CO Page responded and discovered that the subject had a number of map turtles and that he was in possession of an over limit of turtles. The subject was cited and also warned about selling turtles taken from the wild.

CO Matt Page and Sgt. Zach Doss observed an ORV being driven on a public road. Upon stopping the ORV, they discovered that the ORV was occupied by four individuals, two adults, two kids and the family dog. The ORV was designed to be operated by one individual. The subjects were not wearing helmets and did not have eye protection. The subject was cited for operating on a public road and was warned for numerous violations.

CO Brad Brewer received a report all poaching complaint of subjects keeping undersize bass on a St. Joseph County lake. CO Brewer responded and discovered six undersize bass that had been kept by two subjects. Both subjects were cited for keeping the undersize bass.

CO Jeff Robinette was contacted by Edwardsburg Police Department, who was responding to a report of a subject that had driven into Eagle Lake in Cass County.

Upon arriving, CO Robinette spoke with the driver who stated he liked to take pictures of his Jeep in various locations and had driven into the lake on purpose, so he could take a picture. CO Robinette explained that it is illegal to operate in a lake and cited the subject for the violation.

CO Andy Bauer and CO Steve Mooney conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan and located a boat in 400 feet of water. The boat occupants were fishing with too many lines and two fishermen were cited for the violations.

CO Andy Bauer was called to assist Warren Dunes State Park Rangers with a subject who had accidentally started a fire in the dune grass in the park. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the subject had carelessly started the fire with a cigarette. The subject was cited for the fire violation and was also arrested by park personnel for possession of marijuana.

CO Matt Page and Sgt. Zach Doss were on marine patrol and checked a boat occupied by two adults and three children. During the contact, it was discovered that the boat operator had failed to provide two of the children with PFDs and he was cited for the violation.

Conservation Officers from Barry, Kalamazoo, and Calhoun Counties assisted local agencies with the search for a drowning victim on Gull Lake. The victim was ultimately recovered.

CO Bob Crisp worked a joint patrol with Barry County Marine Deputies on Gun Lake in Barry County. Numerous contacts were made and one PFD citation was issued.

CO Paul Higashi was working southern Kalamazoo Co. when he encountered two subjects fishing and a third person tying up his fishing equipment. The three subjects had not purchased fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes was asked to respond to the Fort Custer Recreation Area for an intoxicated person being loud and obnoxious on the beach. CO Holmes arrested the subject for acting in a disorderly manner.

CO Chris Holmes checked multiple people fishing and boating with high compliance on Kalamazoo County lakes. Although the compliance of most people was good, there were 13 citations issued for various marine and fisheries violations over the holiday weekend.

While CO Chris Holmes was driving through the City of Kalamazoo, he observed a "hand to hand" drug transaction. CO Holmes stopped the vehicle involved and found that the two juveniles inside were in possession of marijuana. The person selling the drugs was not apprehended. The juveniles were turned over to their parents at the scene.

CO Chuck Towns was checking Echo Point shooting range when he contacted a person shooting in violation of range rules. During the contact, it was discovered that the person had a warrant for an animal cruelty charge. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

On Sunday, May 22, 2016, CO Daniel Prince assisted at a field day /hunter's safety class at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. CO Prince talked with 52 students and parents about hunting regulations, gun safety and hunting ethics.

On Saturday, June 4, 2016 COs Daniel Prince and Pete Purdy worked at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton, at the 16th annual Livingston County Kid's Day Outdoor Fair. COs Prince and Purdy talked with over 400 kids and parents about hunting regulations, gun safety, hunting ethics and the duties of a Michigan conservation officer.

CO Pete Purdy made contact with an angler who didn't have his fishing license with him. His 2016 fishing license was confirmed, however, the subject had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. CO Purdy arrested and lodged the subject in the Livingston County Jail for his warrants.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and CO Pete Purdy made contact with the occupants on a vessel displaying an expired registration. The vessel owner neglected to put the new registration on. It was discovered that there was only one PFD between the three occupants and no fire extinguisher. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and CO Pete Purdy were flagged down by a Woodland Lake resident concerned about vessels in violation of the one hundred foot rule. CO Purdy dropped off Sgt. Bigger on the shore to watch and wait. Within a few minutes a PWC came within one hundred feet of the subject's shoreline. The PWC operator was stopped and issued a citation.

CO Pete Purdy received a complaint of a subject on Craigslist offering to buy bull frogs for \$20 each. The subject's address was found from previous social media postings. CO Purdy made contact with the subject who advised nobody had responded to his ad. However, he confessed to taking five bull frogs and one eastern box turtle from the wild for his koi pond. Enforcement action was taken and the frogs and turtle were released in a local lake.

CO Pete Purdy made contact with an angler who advised he left his fishing license back at his camp site. When CO Purdy asked for the angler's name he confessed that he didn't purchase a 2016 fishing license. The angler also had three misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. CO Purdy arrested and lodged the subject in the Livingston County Jail for his warrants. He was also cited for fishing without a license.

CO Mike Drexler conducted a fish patrol with Ypsilanti police officers along the Huron River. While checking anglers the officers detected the odor of burning marijuana

coming from two females sitting on a public fishing/boating dock. Officers were able to sneak up within five feet of the suspects before announcing themselves. Both of the suspects were found to be in possession of marijuana and were taken into custody.

CO Brandon Hartleben was working the Huron River for fishing activity when he contacted a man fishing below the dam off of Old Dixboro Road. After negotiating through a language barrier, CO Hartleben was able to determine that the subject did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben and CO Andrew Monnich had just cleared a marine patrol on Devils Lake in Lenawee County and were heading to Wamplers Lake to check the launch when they received a call from Lenawee Central Dispatch of a possible drowning at Vineyard Lake just west of their location. CO Hartleben and CO Monnich immediately responded to the area to assist. Once on scene, CO Hartleben and CO Monnich met with Columbia Township Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies and learned a five year old autistic boy had gone in the water and attempted to swim to a pontoon boat that was out on the lake, but he had gone under before making it to the boat. CO Hartleben and CO Monnich boarded the Jackson County marine patrol vessel that was on scene and joined the search. Eventually a dive team that was on scene was able to recover the body of the boy right near where he was last seen before going under.

CO Brandon Hartleben attended an informal hearing for a speeding ticket he wrote back in March. Upon arriving at court, the subject who was operating the motor vehicle approached CO Hartleben and attempted to talk his way out of the ticket one last time – it did not work. The subject then waived his right to the hearing and paid the ticket.

CO Andrew Monnich was investigating a complaint of heavy equipment being stored at a DNR boat launch without a permit. CO Monnich located the equipment and determined it belonged to a sea wall construction company. CO Monnich located where the company was doing work, and while talking to the owner about his equipment at the boat launch, he noticed that two of the vessels being used to tow a barge and material across the lake had no registrations on them. Enforcement action was taken for failure to register watercrafts.

CO Andrew Monnich was assisting local agencies at an accident scene by shutting down a lane of traffic. While providing the assist, CO Monnich observed two ORVs drive around the accident with both riders not wearing helmets. CO Monnich initiated a stop on the ORVs and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich and Sgt. Dan Bigger were patrolling on a busy road when they encountered an ORV heading toward them in the oncoming lane. The operator was stopped and stated he was just coming back from a buddy's house a few miles down the road. CO Monnich asked the rider why he didn't have a helmet, ORV license and was operating on a county road. The operator stated he had made a bad decision. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich and Sgt. Dan Bigger spent a day patrolling Devils Lake during the holiday weekend. Many contacts were made and enforcement actions were taken on a number of safety violations. Included were two kayaks that were in the middle of the lake in high traffic and waves. The individuals had no PFDs. Enforcement action taken.

CO Andrew Monnich and Sgt. Bigger were launching a patrol boat and noticed three kayaks being pulled into the public launch by a lady who was swimming. The individuals stated the wind was too strong and they were being blown off shore and couldn't paddle back and that's why the lady was dragging them back. No life jackets were present in any of the kayaks. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich received a call of an individual trying to run over a family of swans with a jet ski during the busy holiday weekend. CO Monnich responded to the area and located over a dozen angry witnesses that all enjoy watching the swans. Once CO Monnich had a suspect he went to question the owner of the home where the jet skis were docked. Neither the homeowner nor the handful of people who were at the residence were willing to give any information about what had taken place. While gathering information, CO Monnich noticed an individual matching the suspect trying to dock at the residence on a jet ski. Once the individual noticed CO Monnich flagging him down, he took off and never returned. A day later CO Monnich and CO Brandon Hartleben were on marine patrol and came across the same individual. After questioning the individual the COs were able to obtain a confession. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Andrew Monnich spoke at a Detroit Area Steelheaders event in Troy, MI about the hiring process for the DNR and about his experience as a conservation officer.

CO Andrew Monnich spoke to the Lenawee Explorer's program which is for youths interested in becoming law enforcement officers. CO Monnich spoke about the hiring process and the daily tasks of a conservation officer.

While checking anglers on a local lake CO Jason McCullough located a nice sized largemouth bass in a bucket in the middle of the boat. CO McCullough asked if there were any other fish. The angler stated there were additional blue gills and perch in the basket hanging over the edge of the boat. Upon further examination, CO McCullough found an additional short largemouth bass mixed in with the rest of the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough was watching several anglers along a local river. One angler caught a largemouth bass that appeared to be short. The angler who caught the fish was taking a picture of the fish and was going to release it back into the water when one of the other anglers walked up and said they would keep the fish and take it home. CO McCullough watched as the angler put the short largemouth bass on a stringer and continued to fish for several minutes. The angler with the short fish returned to his vehicle and put the short largemouth bass in a cooler. CO McCullough contacted the angler as they were packing up their fishing gear and asked if they had any fish. The angler stated they did not have any fish. CO McCullough asked about the largemouth

bass in the cooler. The angler responded with a blank stare and stated they weren't really going to keep the fish even though it had been put on ice in the cooler. After confirming CO McCullough's suspicion that the largemouth bass was not of legal size a citation was issued.

CO Jason McCullough contacted two anglers fishing on a local lake. CO McCullough asked how the fishing was going. One angler stated they had just kept one bluegill. As CO McCullough started to look at the bluegill the angler tried to cover up an out of season bass in a plastic bag. The angler stated he knew bass had to be a certain length but he didn't have a tape measure. CO McCullough explained in addition to length there was also a bass season and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough contacted two people fishing. The fishermen stated they had been fishing on this lake since they were small kids. A further check of their catch revealed two out of season bass, one of which was eight inches. CO McCullough also noted one of the fishermen did not have a license and the vessel was missing various safety equipment. Citations were issued.

CO Chris Reynolds noticed a kayaker from across the lake with no visible PFD and a young child aboard. When contact was made, the subject immediately knew what the issue was. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a vessel with an expired registration. When contact was made, the subject argued that his registration was good through 2016. The boater was advised that the registration expired in March of 2016 and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds checked a boat with two anglers fishing. Contact was made and the subjects told the CO about all the fish they had caught and kept. The CO asked to check the caught fish finding two bass that were less than 14 inches. The subject stated he thought they only had to be 12 inches. The CO measured the fish and both bass were less than 12 inches. The fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a kayak going through a busy area of the lake with no PFD. When contact was made, the subject said he was just crossing the lake and did not need a PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds noticed a group of anglers fishing from shore in a secluded area of the lake. When contact was made one angler began arguing with the CO stating he was on private property and therefore did not need a license. The subject was advised it is a public lake and verbal warnings were given for other violations observed. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

CO Chris Reynolds observed an angler at an access site hurrying to get his boat on his trailer. When the CO made contact the fisherman seemed nervous as the CO went to check the fish basket which appeared to have numerous fish in it. As the CO untied the basket, the angler said, "I got a limit." The CO dumped the basket and the angler was

clearly over his limit of panfish. The angler stated, "I was going to let the over limit go as I counted them into the cooler." Enforcement action taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on patrol, noticed a group of kayaks paddle into a shallow bay as soon as they noticed the CO, as if to hide. The CO carefully navigated the bay and made contact. The kayakers said they got nervous because they had forgotten their PFDs and were hoping he would leave the area so they could get back to their home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed an angler fishing for quite some time, watching the angler catch and release several fish. As the CO got closer the angler noticed the CO and immediately packed up and tried to leave the area. A stop was conducted on the water and the angler immediately stated he was just trying out his kids' fishing poles and he always purchases a fishing license, but had forgotten this year. The CO advised the angler he was watched for several minutes before contact was made. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Mendez, Sgt. Joe Kellam, and CO Matthew Neterer conducted marine patrols on the Grand River and Lake Lansing on Saturday and Sunday. They cited subjects for PFD violations, water skiing without an observer, unregistered vessels, and fishing without a license.

COs Josh Jackson and Isaac Tyson were on marine patrol talking with several anglers. Upon entering a small channel, they observed one angler fishing from shore. Upon contact the individual advised the COs that his fishing license "might be expired." Investigation proved that the angler had not purchased a current fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Jackson made contact with two individuals in a John Deere Gator riding down a dirt road. It was evident that the Gator was used for farm use but CO Jackson also noticed neither driver, nor rider, was wearing a seatbelt. CO Jackson educated them on laws regarding ORVs as farm use and warned them about wearing their seatbelts.

COs Joshua Jackson and Isaac Tyson were on marine safety patrol when they encountered 1 vessel with 4 anglers. They observed each person on board casting and reeling their own fishing equipment. Upon contact, only 2 of the individuals were able to provide a valid fishing license. The boat operator was given a verbal warning for not having proper flotation devices on board and two individuals were cited for fishing without a license.

While on patrol COs Isaac Tyson and Joshua Jackson located a boat with an expired registration. Contact was made and the suspect said that he knew the registration was expired. CO Tyson was considering giving the suspect a verbal warning when he remembered that he had given the same suspect a warning for the expired registration about a month earlier. CO Tyson issued him a citation.

COs Rich Nickols and Larn Strawn were patrolling along the Maple River and checked an access site. There was a motor home parked at the site with camp set up and a smoldering campfire. Additionally, there were two lines left in the water unattended. The COs waited about a half hour for someone to show up. When a truck finally arrived, the driver stated he was just out looking for some wood. The driver admitted the lines were his. In addition to the unattended lines, the driver had no fishing license, had a suspended driver's license, and was camping in a state game area during the closed camping season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rich Nickols and Larn Strawn encountered two adults and a juvenile fishing from a boat on Round Lake. When asked for fishing licenses, the adults said they thought it was free fishing weekend. It was not. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster and Chris Maher were on marine patrol in Jackson County when they witnessed a shore fisherman reel up a small bluegill. Upon making contact with the subject he stated he wasn't fishing, just trying to catch bait for the other people fishing. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Shane Webster performed an ORV patrol on the Lakelands Trail in Jackson County, where several citizens were contacted utilizing the trail and many requests were received to continue to enhance it for the public. During the patrol one older gentleman was contacted after leaving the trail on his side-by-side ORV and entering onto a public roadway. CO Webster explained to the elderly gentleman that the trail was closed to motorized traffic and that Jackson County roadways were also off limits.

While patrolling Lake Ovid in Victor Township of Clinton County CO Larn Strawn observed a fiberglass speed boat operating at greater than slow no wake speed around the lake in violation of the lake's no wake regulations. CO Strawn contacted the operator for the violation and discovered the operator did not have life preservers on board for himself or his two passengers. The operator was issued a citation for the marine safety violations.

While out checking for fishing activity in the Lansing area, CO Matthew Neterer observed a young angler fishing from a rowboat on Jones Lake. CO Neterer met the subject as he was returning to his dock to check for a fishing license and marine safety equipment. The angler was still a juvenile and did not need a license but he also did not have a PFD on the boat. As CO Neterer was talking to the subject he noticed two unattended fishing lines on the end of the dock. CO Neterer pulled the lines in and discovered that one of the lines had hooked a carp. The subject stated that those lines belonged to his father who was inside. CO Neterer made contact with the father who admitted that he had set the lines but that he didn't need a fishing license because it was a private lake. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a call for backup on a domestic violence incident where the male subject involved stated to the 911 dispatcher that he was going to get a gun and take his own life. As CO Neterer arrived on scene he saw the officer standing over the male subject with his Taser deployed. CO Neterer was able to get the man

handcuffed and secure the scene for medical personnel. It was later determined that the man had a fake gun and charged the officer because he wanted the officer to shoot him.

CO Chris Maher was working with Sgt. Troy Bahlau on the Michigan Center Chain of Lakes when they were notified of a possible drowning of a 5 year old boy on Vineyard Lake. CO Maher and Sgt. Bahlau responded to the scene to assist numerous other agencies in locating missing individual. After several hours of searching for the young boy, the victim was recovered by the county dive team and transported to the hospital by ambulance at which time he was declared deceased.

COs Jason King and Matthew Neterer were conducting a marine patrol on Lake Lansing in Ingham County when they witnessed a subject on a PWC pulling a child on a tube without an observer. After making contact with the subject the COs also discovered that the child was not wearing a proper approved PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason King received a complaint from Station 20 about a subject possibly catching squirrels with a live trap in Shiawassee County. CO King made contact with the subject at his property and discovered a live trap in his front yard. CO King explained the rules and regulations regarded trapping wildlife and enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick was patrolling Hopkins Lake in Shiawassee County when he noticed an individual on the east shore packing up his fishing gear. CO Slick observed him take his gear to the vehicle then return with a spool of line and what appeared to be a frog as bait. CO Slick drove to where the angler was on the dock and made contact. CO Slick asked for the individual's fishing license. The angler stated he left it at home. CO Slick then asked for his ID and told the angler that it just needed to be verified. The angler handed CO Slick his ID then admitted that he didn't purchase a license because he didn't have the time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick checked Byron Mill Pond in Shiawassee County for anglers. When CO Slick arrived there was a group of three anglers fishing near the dam on the south end. CO Slick made contact with the group and asked for their fishing licenses. Two members of the group produced a valid fishing license, but the third did not. CO Slick asked why the angler had not purchased his license. The angler stated he rarely fishes and thought it he would be ok. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Justin Muehlhauser checked an angler returning to his vehicle at the Mt. Morris Rd. Bridge on the Holloway Reservoir. The man stated that he did catch a fish but he wasn't quite sure what it was. When CO Muehlhauser checked the catch, it was discovered that the man was in possession of a smallmouth bass. CO Muehlhauser informed the man that the season did not open until Saturday. The man claimed that he had no idea. He said that usually he just fishes for catfish, he didn't catch any that day so he was just happy to catch something. Upon closer examination it was also discovered that the bass was undersized. CO Muehlhauser provided the man with a 2016-2017 fishing guide and pointed out the season dates and size limits for smallmouth. Enforcement action was taken.

While observing anglers at the Holloway Dam, CO Justin Muehlhauser observed an angler reach into his tackle box and pull out a hand rolled tobacco paper cigarette believed to contain marijuana. The angler sat in plain view with other anglers and children present at the dam. CO Muehlhauser decided to make contact with the subject. As soon as the angler saw the CO, he hid the cigarette cupped in his hand. CO Muehlhauser explained to the angler that there was no reason to hide it because he had already seen it. The man replied, "Seen what, the blunt?" CO Muehlhauser instructed the man to hand it to him. The CO was able to confirm his suspicion about the marijuana. The substance was submitted for analysis and the case is pending prosecution in the Genesee County Court.

COs Matt Zultak and Justin Muehlhauser conducted a marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir during the Memorial Day weekend where several boaters were contacted. CO Muehlhauser noticed a boat towing a wakeboarder with no spotter present. Upon stopping the vessel the boaters stated that they didn't think they needed a spotter. The subject told the COs that he thought that only applied to a PWC. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser conducted ORV patrols for Memorial Day weekend. While working in Atlas Township. CO Muehlhauser stopped multiple ORVs operating on the roadway. In one instance, a juvenile was operating on the road and was not under the supervision of a parent or guardian. CO Muehlhauser met with the child's father and explained the ORV laws as they related to juveniles. Enforcement action was taken on the father for allowing operation of an ORV with no supervision. When CO Muehlhauser cleared the residence, he observed a small mini bike being operated on the road way with two occupants, neither was wearing a helmet. CO Muehlhauser stopped the ORV and noticed that the ORV permit was expired. Again, CO Muehlhauser explained the ORV laws and enforcement action was taken.

COs Jacob Griffin and Justin Muehlhauser were on marine patrol at Pontiac Lake when they spotted an older boat with no registration operating on the lake. When the COs stopped the vessel to ask the operator about his registration, they conducted a routine boat inspection. During their routine boat inspection the COs discovered that the subject did not have the proper floatation devices onboard and the boat was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jacob Griffin and Justin Muehlhauser were conducting a marine patrol on Cass Lake when they observed a personal watercraft operating at a close distance to other vessels. Upon stopping the personal watercraft, the COs noticed that the vessel was not registered. While checking the registration the COs educated the operator on the laws pertaining to the use of personal watercrafts. Once the registration was verified valid the COs explained to the subject that the personal watercraft must display a registration. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker noticed a vehicle speeding down Central Avenue that failed to stop at the intersection at Vista Avenue. CO Becker conducted a

traffic stop on the vehicle. The subject worked on the island and was late for work. The subject did not have any vehicle registration, proof of insurance, or even a driver's license in her vehicle. CO Becker explained the safety concerns with not obeying traffic regulations in a busy park. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake Oakland, COs Jason Becker and Jacob Griffin noticed a pontoon accelerate rapidly away from shore amongst several people swimming in the water nearby. CO Becker attempted to signal to the operator to slow down and the operator ignored CO Becker. CO Becker stopped the boat in the middle of the lake and asked the operator where they were heading in such a hurry. The operator stated that she was late to meet a friend. CO Becker explained the safety concerns with operating the boat at more than no wake speed within 100 feet from shore and with swimmers in the water nearby. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when a vehicle passed him at a speed greater than 60 MPH on a road with a 40MPH speed limit. CO Griffin stopped the vehicle. The subject admitted to driving at a high rate of speed. CO Griffin informed the subject of the posted speed limit for that particular road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted an off road vehicle operating on a public roadway. As CO Griffin proceeded to pull the subject over he noticed that there was no registration of any kind on the ORV. CO Griffin informed the subject of the laws pertaining to registering an ORV and operating on a public roadway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted one subject operating an ORV on a public roadway with a small child. CO Griffin pulled the subject over and discovered that the subject did not have the ORV registered. The subject was informed that he cannot be riding double on an ORV designed for one person and that he cannot be operating his ORV on a public roadway. The operator also failed to wear a helmet and safety glasses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett continues patrols of Monroe County state lands. During an evening patrol at the Muddy Creek sections of State Game Area; two ORVs rolled into the small parking lot that was occupied only by CO Ennett. The operators, one adult and one minor, were using the 4-wheelers because "they just wanted to go fishing" on Muddy Creek. They admitted to having driven for several miles along various roads, both on unlicensed machines, and the adult without a helmet. The situation was exacerbated due to the presence of a local landowner who was immediately behind the pair. He claimed they had run alongside his property as well, and was going to follow them to their destination for an unknown purpose. CO Ennett assured the man that the situation was under control, and his presence was not required. CO Ennett cited the adult for operating an ORV on the road, and gave warnings for the other violations. The juvenile was remanded into his custody.

CO Mark Ennett was conducting a marine patrol in Bolles Harbor. An angler was observed at the Hoffman Access Site using four fishing poles into the channel. As CO Ennett was making

initial contact from the boat, the angler was reeling in two of his lines and placing them on the ground near a bench. It only took a minute for CO Ennett to tie the patrol boat off on the pier and speak with the angler on shore. He said "he was just leaving anyhow", and was not aware of the law pertaining to how many lines he could use. CO Ennett explained the law, and issued a citation for using too many lines. He had only one fish, a large sheepshead. CO Ennett allowed him to keep the fish.

While conducting an ORV patrol, CO James Zellinger contacted two separate ORVs operating on the roadway. It was determined that each ORV was in the act of farming. One of the ORVs was instructed to purchase a slow moving vehicle sign before operating on the roadway again.

COs James Zellinger, Dan Walzak, and Raymond Gardner were dispatched to an alleged rattlesnake a home owner had trapped under a bucket in his driveway, by Monroe County dispatch. Upon arrival at the residence, it was determined that the "rattlesnake" was actually an Eastern Hognose snake. The snake was relocated to a location away from neighborhoods.

CO Raymond Gardner met with CO Danny Walzak at Delray Park in regards to a report all poaching complaint for a boat coming into the boat launch area and selling fish to people on land. COs Gardner and Walzak were unable to locate a boat matching the description given.

COs Raymond Gardner and Danny Walzak responded to a report all poaching complaint at Delray Park of people catching their limit of white bass, taking them to their vehicles and going back to fish for more. While checking anglers, CO Gardner found four individuals fishing without the proper fishing license and 1 of the 4 individuals had multiple warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Raymond Gardner and Danny Walzak performed an after-hours patrol of the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. During their patrol the COs found numerous people in the parking lots and dikes throughout the game area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was sitting surveillance on a group of anglers and spotted one angler take fish to his vehicle multiple times. When the vehicle exited, CO Schaumburger stopped the vehicle and located 69 white bass in the angler's vehicle, along with 2 other occupants. Of the 3 occupants, none could speak English and only 1 had a fishing license. CO Schaumburger improvised and used a translation application on his phone in order to issue a citation and explain to the angler what exactly was going on. Enforcement action was taken on the over limit of fish.

COs David Schaumburger, Raymond Gardner and Dan Walzak, while on a group marine patrol, spotted two anglers fishing for walleye. The COs asked for licenses from the two, and one pulled out a 2015 fishing license and stated, "I must have left the current one at home." CO Schaumburger checked to see if the angler had purchased one, and found that he had not. Enforcement action was taken, and before the COs

departed, the angler asked if he could go buy a license instead of receiving a citation. The COs informed him that it was too late for that.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol when he contacted several anglers loading their boat onto the trailer. CO Silorey stopped to speak with the anglers and ask if they had any success. One angler happily stated that they both had caught their limit of 50 bluegills each. CO Silorey told the angler to bring the fish down off the boat so he could get a look at them. Each anglers was grossly over there limit for pan fish. Enforcement action was taken on both anglers.

CO Ben Lasher made numerous contacts in the Port Huron Game Area over the holiday weekend for illegal camping. While walking into one such camp, a female walked over to a camp table and back over to her tent. It was obvious she was hiding something in her hand. CO Lasher ordered her to stop and she dropped the item behind her in an attempt to conceal it. CO Lasher walked over and found a paper bag with a green leafy substance (suspected marijuana) inside. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher stopped numerous subjects riding ORVs on the county roads of St. Clair County. Many operators stated they believed the roads were open to ORVs which CO Lasher informed them they were not. Enforcement action was taken on operating in the roadway, no helmet, no ORV sticker, riding double and driving ORVs while license was suspended.

COs Ben Lasher and Kris Kiel patrolled Lake St. Clair and made numerous contacts for marine and fishing violations. After checking some boats, the COs observed a shore angler pull in what looked like a largemouth or smallmouth bass. The COs watched as the angler put the fish in a plastic bag and hide it in the rocks along the shore. CO Lasher went ashore and checked the angler. The bag was hidden away from the other legal fish the angler was keeping in a bucket. Enforcement action was taken for taking a smallmouth bass during the closed season, possession of short bass, and using live gobies for bait.

While on an ORV patrol, COs Matthew Zultak and Kris Kiel observed an ORV being operated in the roadway. Upon further inspection, the ORV did not possess an ORV sticker. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the ORV. When the driver was contacted, he was not wearing a seat belt. The subject also had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach observed a four-wheeler being operated on the roadway in northern St. Clair County. The subjects were also riding double, not wearing helmets, and failed to license the ORV. CO Kovach educated the subjects on all of the violations and enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

COs Jill Berry and Josh Jackson were on patrol on Belle Isle when they stopped a vehicle going the wrong way. The COs made contact with the driver and it was

discovered that the driver did not have a driver's license. A citation was given for DWLS and for operating the wrong way on a one-way street.

CO Greg Patten assisted CO Chris Simpson with a woman who reportedly brandished a TASER on Belle Isle Park. No TASER was located but the subject did have outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Belle Isle Park, CO Greg Patten responded to the report of a subject on the MacArthur Bridge near the mainland who was threatening to jump. CO Mark Sieman and CO Chris Simpson also responded. Upon arrival, the conservation officers found a subject standing outside of the rail over the water. The subject repeatedly said that he was going to jump in to the river. The subject had been holding a red nose in his hand, which was from the event, "Red Nose Day". The subject dropped the nose. In an attempt to get closer to the subject to try to have a better rapport, CO Patten asked if he could give the nose back to him. The subject stated that he wanted the nose and that CO Patten could approach. When CO Patten returned the nose to the subject, he said that he wanted to shake his hand. CO Patten shook hands with the subject and tried to pull the subject in toward himself, so he could keep him from jumping off the bridge. The subject then kicked out and pushed away from CO Patten. CO Patten was unable to hold on long enough to keep the subject from falling, before the other officers could assist. When the subject hit the water, he swam to the Detroit side of the river. While at the scene, the Detroit Police Department dive team arrived and handcuffed the subject when he reached shore. Detroit EMS took the subject in for a mental evaluation.

CO Chris Simpson made contact with a subject at Belle Isle Park who had an outstanding arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler and Matt Neterer were working a morning Belle Isle shift and checking anglers in the city. As CO Drexler approached a group of anglers, CO Neterer was watching with binoculars as one angler dumped his fish in the river and began packing up. CO Neterer radioed CO Drexler who immediately made contact with the angler. A computer check revealed the subject was wanted in Alabama for a felony warrant with full extradition anywhere in the country. Alabama responded that they would extradite and the COs lodged the subject at the Wayne County Jail.

COs Andrew Monnich and Brad Brewer were checking fishermen along the Detroit River when they contacted a pair of fisherman who couldn't produce a current fishing license but both stated they had bought them this year. CO Monnich ran the angler's information through the retail sales system and found out the anglers hadn't purchased licenses this year. CO Brewer checked the cooler where he located a few white bass and a nice smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken for no fishing license and keeping a bass out of season.

While patrolling Belle Isle Park CO Larn Strawn was contacted by a Grand Prix security official and was informed the race security detail received a report of a suspicious man carrying a rifle on the island. CO Strawn contacted Conservation Officer Gerard Goulette and briefed him about the situation. The pair doubled up in one patrol vehicle

and canvassed the entire island. They were unable to locate the reported subject and they received no other sightings or tips.

CO Mark Ennett was part of a four officer assignment at the "Slow Roll" cycling event that took place within the City of Detroit this week. Pre-event estimates of 2,000-4,000 cyclists were allowed to ride through the City onto Belle Isle and the Grand Prix race course, and then back off the island. The closure of all incoming and outgoing vehicular traffic was important to the safety of the riders. There were no reported incidents.

CO Erratt spent three days working the Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle in southeast Michigan conducting foot patrols, traffic control and ORV patrols on the island.

CO John Wenzel assisted with patrols on Belle Isle during the Grand Prix races. Many comments were received from the spectators of the event about what a good job the COs are doing on the island.

CO Rich Stowe, CO Mike Wells and CO Ben Shively traveled to Belle Isle and worked the inland waters of the island as part of the Detroit Grand Prix detail, as well as assisting in crowd control and perimeter security for the event.

CO Sam Schluckbier participated in working the Belle Isle Grand Prix races. CO Schluckbier was assigned to patrol the inland ponds/lakes with the assistance of Detroit and Michigan State Police Underwater Recovery Teams. No significant incidents occurred during the weekend race events. Multiple contacts were made with attendees to the race.