

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

CO Jason Niemi worked a joint patrol on the Menominee River with a warden from Wisconsin. The officers patrolled over 15 miles of the river and contacted many boaters. Five tickets were issued for a variety of marine violations and six verbal warnings were issued.

CO Brian Bacon stopped an ORV operator who had his two young children on the ORV. The operator was educated on the safety concerns of riding with the two passengers and returned the short distance back to his cottage.

CO Brian Bacon was flagged down by a passing motorist near Foster City. The motorist was irate that they had been passed by a group of ORV operators on M-95. As CO Bacon left the contact he observed another group of ORVs traveling at a high rate of speed down the centerline of M-95. CO Bacon caught up to the operators and enforcement action was taken. All were part of a small ORV rally in the area.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jeff Panich observed two different watercraft in the Straits of Mackinac in which the occupants were fishing with too many lines. Upon making contact, one of the subjects reeled in his extra line and continually tried to lie about having too many lines out. The other was unable to pull up all his lines in time, as he was fishing with three too many. Both subjects were issued tickets for fishing with too many lines.

COs Derek Miller and Mike Hammill were first on scene to a 911 call of a man with a gun who was threatening to kill people. The COs contacted the subject's spouse and determined his location, which led to him being apprehended by Michigan State Police (MSP) moments later.

COs Kyle Publiski and Jeff Panich encountered a subject salmon fishing with too many lines. As the COs pulled up to the boat, the subject became nervous and began to pull in the three extra lines. In doing so he began to completely tangle all of his gear. He told the officers he just dropped off his wife and that the three extra lines were hers. Because he was trolling in the middle of Lake Huron he quickly realized how crazy his story was. He took his ticket without further complaint.

CO Derek Miller obtained a warrant for a subject who ran from him on an ORV. The warrant was for failing to stop for a peace officer, careless operation of an ORV and failing to wear a helmet. CO Mike Hammill teamed up with CO Miller and executed the arrest warrant. The subject was apprehended and lodged in the Luce County Jail.

CO Kyle Publiski assisted in the search for a missing person on Drummond Island and found the subject and his five year old son. The subject explained that when his truck became stuck they went out on foot for help and lost their way. The CO then located the subject's truck and assisted in pulling them out of the mud.

CO Michael Evink contacted two subjects who were operating ORVs in a closed area along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The area was closed, not only due to it being shoreline, but it is also a piping plover nesting area. The previous week a young plover had been killed by an ORV operating in the same area. Tickets were issued.

DISTRICT 3

COs Steve Speigl and Mike Hearn received a complaint of an intoxicated man who was groping and assaulting several women during the annual sand bar party held on Torch Lake during the 4th of July weekend. The COs were able to locate the man among the thousands of people and observe his actions. The subject was arrested and will be charged with assault and battery, disorderly conduct and resisting and obstructing an officer.

COs Andrea Albert and Steve Speigl, along with Sgt. Mike Borkovich, conducted a joint patrol with the MSP and sheriffs' department deputies at the annual Torch Lake Sand Bar Event. Several hundred people were arrested, ticketed or warned for a variety of activities including alcohol related violations, no personal flotation devices (PFDs), unregistered boats, careless operation, possession and use of illegal drugs, assault and battery, disorderly conduct and criminal sexual conduct. The event, which has grown annually and lasted three days, has resident lakeshore owners concerned about the ever-increasing rowdy behavior.

Charlevoix County CO Andrea Erratt caught up with the owners of several large vessels who had failed to register their yachts after documentation. The vessels are still required to be registered as Michigan watercraft, at which point a 6% sales tax is required and often is in the tens of thousands of dollars of lost revenue to the State of Michigan.

CO Andrea Erratt contacted occupants of an overloaded boat on Deer Lake in Charlevoix County. One subject was bow-riding while the boat was at high speed, five children under age six were not wearing life jackets as required by law, and three of the 15 people on board did not have PFDs. The operator of the vessel was ticketed for inadequate PFDs and warned for the other violations.

CO Carl VanderWall received a complaint of a subject who had just shot and killed two foxes near a busy golf course in Harbor Springs. After a brief interview with the individual, a ticket was issued for taking a fox during the closed season, followed by a warning not to discharge a weapon near the village limits

COs Michael Feagan, Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Greg Drogowski led a search for a runner on the Wildwood State Forest Pathway who was four hours overdue. The runner had

become split from her companions and had taken a side trail leading deeper into the woods. She eventually came out to a main road and to a residence. The homeowner drove her back to the trailhead.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski contacted a subject fishing without a license. The angler advised he had only fished once or twice this year, and wasn't keeping the fish anyway. He was asked if he bought fishing licenses in the past few years and he assured he did. A computer check of the license system revealed he hadn't purchased a fishing license since at least 1996. A ticket was issued.

CO Mark Depew was working a local lake when he observed a PWC traveling at a high rate of speed near the shore. The PWC operator launched the jet ski on the shore before coming to a stop. CO Depew had many witnesses to the careless operation and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Depew had a busy weekend for ORV operators in southern Otsego County and two of the operators he made contact with were 13 and 14 years old. When asked where their parents were, they advised him they were by themselves. CO Depew escorted the juveniles back to the grandparents' home where enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Joe Molnar were working a lake in Alpena when they observed two PWCs following a pontoon boat very closely and at a high rate of speed. Before the COs were able to stop the vessels, one of the PWC operators went along side the pontoon boat and splashed water over the occupants on board. A stop was made and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 4

While on a marine patrol, COs Brian Brosky and Carla Soper checked a vessel whose occupants were fishing 15 miles offshore in Lake Michigan. While approaching, one occupant of the vessel was observed hurriedly pulling in fishing lines. The subject's attempts at clearing extra lines was not fast enough as the fishing boat was still trolling three lines too many. The subjects stated fishing was slow and they deployed the illegal lines to increase their chances at getting some fish on. A ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines.

While working the dune area at Silver Lake State Park, COs Brian Brosky and Troy VanGelderren policed two accidents. The first one involved a rental dune buggy and a four wheeler that had collided in midair, the other accident was a single vehicle accident involving a female who was thrown from her four wheeler. Both accidents resulted in serious injuries.

CO Carla Soper responded to a recreational trespass complaint at Tippy Dam on the Big Manistee River. Two subjects had taken their boat into an area to fish that was posted by Consumers Energy prohibiting entry. Upon arriving, CO Soper called the

subjects to shore where she observed the boat lacked any PFDs along with the trespassing issue. The subjects stated they knew they couldn't stand on the facility's walls, but figured going under a cable that stretched across the river to operate their boat into the spill water wasn't a big deal. Enforcement action was taken.

Acting Sgt. Angela Greenway and CO Carla Soper observed an ORV pull up behind their patrol vehicle and then quickly speed away. The COs became suspicious and followed the ORV tracks which led them to a state wildlife opening where the operator had been operating illegally. When the COs activated their emergency lights, the operator proceeded to flee. With the assistance of local deputies, the subject was located and lodged for failing to stop as well as operating in a closed area.

CO Steve Converse was operating on a county road with a boat in tow when a vehicle almost hit him head on. CO Converse was forced off the roadway and was able to turn around on the vehicle and get it stopped. Upon approaching the driver, it was apparent that he was extremely intoxicated. CO Converse asked him why he was driving and his response was that he was the "most sober" one in his family and he was delegated to get a pizza from town. The driver was arrested and his breath tests revealed that he was over two times the legal limit.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Brian Lebel were contacted by central dispatch of a subject in the emergency room claiming to have been bitten by a rattlesnake four times. The medical staff requested a CO to identify the snake since the patient caught the snake and brought it with him to the emergency room. A quick interview with the subject revealed that he was "messing with" the snake when he was bitten multiple times. The snake in question was identified as a non-venomous milk snake that was later released unharmed.

CO Mike Wells received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of subjects setting lines out overnight and leaving them unattended from a dock. CO Wells checked the area early in the morning and observed four fishing lines in the water. Two hours later, two individuals approached the rods and reeled one line in and kept the catfish that was attached. CO Wells contacted the individuals and discovered that the subject who reeled in the catfish had no fishing license. Tickets were issued for unattended lines and fish without a license.

CO Troy VanGelderren was leaving Silver Lake Sand Dunes when he heard a loud crash. CO VanGelderren turned back into the park and observed a dune buggy that had rolled over in the parking lot. A quick interview revealed that the driver of the dune buggy was upset because he was refused entry into the dunes due to equipment violations. The driver had put his buggy in reverse and accelerated quickly and turned the wheel in an attempt to turn around. The buggy flipped over onto its roof. The driver was ticketed for exhibition driving.

DISTRICT 5

COs John Huspen and Chris Bowen found two subjects cutting standing timber on state land. One subject had an expired wood cutting permit and the second had no permit.

COs Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz continue to investigate a boating accident that took place on Torch Lake in which one boat sideswiped a second boat. The occupants of the boat that was hit had to jump from the boat for their safety before the collision. When all parties made it to shore, the driver of the boat causing the collision fled the scene in a vehicle, leaving the passengers of his boat behind.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz investigated an ORV accident on a roadway where the operator, driving without a helmet, hit and killed a deer. The operator suffered injuries.

While working marine patrol on Torch Lake over the 4th of July holiday weekend, COs Mike Hearn and Jon Warner arrested three persons involved in a fight on the sandbar. CO Hearn also reported tickets were issued for alcohol violations, litter, disorderly person, and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

CO Jason McCullough stopped a careless driver in the House Lake State Forest Campground (SFC) at 1:30 a.m. The driver was intoxicated and had a previous arrest for a similar violation. He was also uncooperative and refused to take a breath test. The subject was lodged and a search warrant was obtained for a blood alcohol test.

CO Jason McCullough responded to a domestic violence complaint in the Mud Lake SFC. A male subject, who was intoxicated and under the influence of illegal prescription drugs, had assaulted his wife. He was arrested by local deputies for domestic violence and possession of illegal prescription drugs. The subject had also failed to pay for his campsite.

CO Steve Lockwood arrested two separate drunken boaters over the holiday weekend. The first subject was operating a personal watercraft (PWC) on Secord Lake; the second subject was operating a boat on Wixom Lake. Both were lodged in the county jail.

CO Joel Lundberg investigated a complaint of a subject burning tires. CO Lundberg could see the evidence, and the subject was in the process of burning tractor tires when he arrived. The subject admitted to having burned several hundred tires in an effort to retrieve the steel belting to recycle as scrap steel for cash. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Olsen assisted the MSP in searching for a subject involved in a fatal ORV hit and run accident. A dune buggy had hit an ATV, killing the operator of the ATV. The operator of the dune buggy then fled the scene and was not located until the following day. He admitted to having been intoxicated at the time of the accident and then led the officers to where he had hidden his dune buggy.

CO Rebecca Hopkins investigated a complaint of subjects leaving floating jugs with a hook and line attached in an effort to catch turtles and then returning at a later date to retrieve them. CO Hopkins caught up with the subjects, who were also in possession of undersized snapping turtles during the closed season.

DISTRICT 6

CO Holly Pennoni assisted the MSP locating a vehicle involved in a hit and run accident where a woman hit a child who was riding a bicycle. CO Pennoni was able to locate the woman who admitted to hitting a bicyclist but the victim could not be located. MSP is attempting to locate the victim.

CO Holly Pennoni worked a Saginaw River marine patrol with CO Dan Lee for the Ojibway Island fireworks. CO Pennoni ticketed a boater who soaked her with river water by accelerating away with the prop half out of the water, after giving him a verbal warning for no navigational lights. Several other verbal warnings were issued for marine violations as well.

While patrolling back into the Port Austin Harbor, CO Scott Brown observed a PWC operating within 20-30 feet of a group of swimmers at a greater than slow, no-wake speed. The operator then ran the PWC to shore within the harbor also at a greater than slow, no-wake speed. When contacted, the operator said he had been having a bad day on the water, mostly because he had not been able to find his safety lanyard and had been out all day without one. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joshua Wright and Chad Foerster were patrolling the Saginaw River when they observed a vessel they had contacted two weeks prior. During the first contact, they had given the driver a warning for violating the slow, no-wake zone and improper display of a dealer registration. On the second contact, the owner still had not changed the registration and was missing some navigation lights. The owner was informed about the reasons for the stop and issued a ticket for the registration violation.

While on his way to work a marine patrol, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a golf cart operating on M-25 against the flow of traffic. Additional violations included no ORV license, no helmet/eye protection and possessing open intoxicants by the passenger. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a marine patrol during the Port Sanilac fireworks, COs Jason Smith and Bob Hobkirk contacted occupants of a 14 foot vessel that displayed an expired registration. There were no life jackets available for the three persons on board, and a ticket was issued to the operator for failing to provide PFDs. Also, once the fireworks were over and the COs were coming into the harbor, they contacted a kayaker. The subject did not have a PFD or light available. The kayaker was ticketed for no PFD.

CO Nick Atkin was patrolling a large tract of state land late at night when he encountered a vehicle driving around without headlights on. The vehicle was stopped

and the driver was found to be operating while intoxicated with his twelve year old son and other family members and friends in the vehicle. The operator was arrested and charged with operating while impaired in a motor vehicle with child endangerment.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling the Saginaw River when he came across a group of anglers fishing for catfish. Further investigation revealed a 10 inch smallmouth bass in a bag containing numerous catfish. The angler who admitted to catching the bass attempted to convince the CO that the bass was not a smallmouth bass, but a white bass. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Foerster, Jay Person and Joshua Wright worked the Saginaw River for the annual Bay City fireworks display. Hundreds of boats turned out to watch the display with few problems. The COs responded to one call of a subject swimming in the Saginaw River who was attempting to climb onto boats of those he didn't know. Contact was made with the highly intoxicated subject and he was advised to stop his activity and stay out of the water for his safety.

CO Ken Lowell checked an angler fishing on a lake in Montcalm County. When asked how he was doing the angler advised he had one 19 inch pike in the live well his young nephew had caught earlier in the day. The angler advised he knew it was too short, but he wanted to take some pictures with his nephew holding it, and forgot to put it back in the water. A ticket for possessing a short pike was issued.

CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a complaint of a subject in possession of a captive whitetail fawn. The CO contacted the subject and then realized the subject was the same person who was told by the CO, MSP and Wildlife Division personnel that she was not allowed to possess a fawn. When questioned about it she came up with several different stories as to why she had the fawn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock received a complaint of two anglers keeping short bass at Reed County Park. The CO responded and located two juveniles with a stringer of seven short bass, the largest being 12 inches. The juveniles said they didn't know there was a size limit for bass. The CO went over the laws while the two revived the bass. All were released back into the pond and verbal warnings were issued to the youngsters.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were on the Saginaw River working marine patrol when they observed a male and female subject sitting on the bank. As they got closer they observed about 30 beer cans, several empty bottles of whiskey and other garbage all around them. The COs spoke with the intoxicated couple who advised they had nothing to drink and none of the cans or garbage was theirs. Further investigation revealed four warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeremy Payne, Larn Strawn and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly worked a group patrol on the Chippewa River targeting marine violations and litter. The COs watched one large group of tubers who stopped along the shore and stood along the bank and started drinking beer and liquor. After about 30 minutes several marijuana pipes and joints

were passed around the group. All 16 subjects in the group were smoking marijuana. After contact was made it was determined that four of the subjects had medical marijuana cards. When the COs asked them if they thought it was legal to share their marijuana, the four advised they would never do that. The COs then explained how they had watched them for the last hour. Enforcement action was taken, along with one being transported to jail on a warrant.

DISTRICT 7

CO Cary Foster was called to the Portland Dam for subjects trespassing at the dam after being warned by the power company employees. CO Foster ticketed two subjects for trespass at that location when he arrived.

COs Dave Rodgers and Cary Foster contacted two subjects fishing without licenses. Computer checks revealed one subject was wanted on four felony and two misdemeanor warrants out of Muskegon County and the second individual was wanted on two misdemeanor warrants. Both subjects were ticketed for fishing violations and lodged on the arrest warrants.

CO Dave Rodgers was on patrol in the Grand River using a PWC when he encountered two persons fishing in a boat. One subject had two rods and a tackle box but insisted he was not fishing when asked for a license by CO Rodgers. CO Rodgers cleared the check and concealed his PWC along the river, and returned on foot to observe the anglers. As he watched and listened, the two subjects laughed and joked about being checked and denying fishing when asked. CO Rodgers watched carefully as each person continued to fish and land a smallmouth bass. The CO returned a short time later on his PWC and issued a ticket for fishing without a license as he advised the anglers of their conversation.

CO Steve Orange was conducting marine patrols and was traveling to Wabasis Lake as Kent County dispatch was sending units to the access site on a report of a domestic assault involving a knife. CO Orange stopped a vehicle that was leaving the access site and located a male victim with a knife wound to his hand. CO Orange then took the female subject into custody and turned both individuals over to local deputies as they arrived.

CO Steve Orange, while patrolling Silver Lake State Park, assisted with two injury accidents and in locating a subject who was riding a ORV that had been reported stolen in 1997. The operator of the stolen ORV was also arrested on four outstanding warrants.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson were assigned to Grand Haven State Park on the 4th of July. The COs were called to assist at five fights, two medical emergencies and three lost children calls during their patrol. Numerous tickets were issued for park violations.

CO Greg Patten and Sgt. John Jurcich responded to a reported drowning of a scuba diver in Lake Michigan near the White Lake Channel. The COs arrived at the scene to meet with fellow divers who were just beginning a dive on a wreck in 72 feet of water when their companion disappeared. The officers provided assistance to the sheriff's department who recovered the victim the following morning.

DISTRICT 8

While patrolling the Grand River, CO Rich Nickols checked two subjects fishing in a small motorboat very close to a log jam. The subject's vessel was not registered and they had no PFDs on board. The subjects were aware that two weeks prior a subject had drowned in the river but still decided to leave the PFDs at home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens contacted a subject fishing on a remote lake who was in possession of two turtles and six panfish, but no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince assisted local deputies in the apprehension of two armed robbery suspects. The suspects robbed a local party store and fled on foot into a wooded area. The suspects were located by a MSP canine unit and were taken into custody without incident.

CO Shane Webster reports that a subject was found guilty of several violations from last deer season. Some of the charges included hunting over bait after the legal hunting hours had closed and possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. The subject's firearms were also condemned by the court.

CO Al Mendez contacted two subjects fishing on the Grand River when he discovered one of the subjects was fishing without a license and the other was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

While off duty in his personal vehicle, CO Jason J. Smith observed what appeared to be an intoxicated driver. CO Smith contacted the local police department who stopped the erratic driver. The subject was too intoxicated to perform any field sobriety tests. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens was the first to arrive on the scene of a single vehicle rollover accident. The elderly driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a cemetery. CO Owens secured the scene and provided first aid until the medical units arrived.

CO Shane Webster observed a fatal boating accident where a vessel that was being operated in a reckless manner ejected all of the occupants into the water. CO Webster and a concerned citizen were able to stop the speeding unmanned vessel and tow it to shore. CO Webster's investigation revealed that the passengers of the vessel all got safely to shore but the operator was not found. With assistance from CO Damon Owens and the sheriff department deputies and their dive team, a search for the

operator of the vessel was conducted. The deceased subject was located during the second day of the search.

While on marine patrol, CO Dan Prince observed an older stand-up style PWC being operated by a juvenile in the middle of a lake. As CO Prince approached the vessel, an older man (later determined to be the juvenile's father) got onboard the vessel with the juvenile and they sped away from the CO's boat. CO Prince caught up with the pair and found that the vessel had not been registered since 1997, the juvenile was not old enough to operate a PWC, and the PWC was designed for only one person. Enforcement action was taken.

On separate occasions, CO Dan Bigger contacted two subjects who were fishing without licenses. One subject stated he didn't buy a license because he didn't think COs would be working on a holiday weekend. The other subject didn't buy a fishing license because he was fishing on a lake where he owned property and didn't think he needed a license on "his lake". Enforcement action was taken in both instances.

CO Dan Bigger worked one of the many fireworks shows on the local lakes. Several contacts were made and numerous violations were encountered including one operator who was operating his vessel after the fireworks show without navigation lights. The operator stated he didn't think he needed lights as he could see just fine by using the other boats' illumination. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Thorn and Peter Purdy worked a marine patrol on the 4th of July and encountered numerous violations including fail to provide PFDs, fail to provide fire extinguishers, fail to provide registration papers, fail to display proper boat numbers, fail to register vessel, and violation of the slow, no-wake rules. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

While working a marine patrol, CO Todd Thorn contacted a vessel with two occupants. The operator of the vessel appeared to be highly intoxicated while the underage passenger was also intoxicated and in violation of her parole. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

Sgt. Arthur Green worked the Detroit fireworks detail with CO Dan Walzak. After the show, Sgt. Green spotted two people swimming in the Detroit River. CO Walzak maneuvered the boat toward the swimmers who didn't notice they were being pulled away from their boat by the current. The COs pulled one swimmer out of the water as MSP and Detroit Police boats pulled the second one out. The swimmers and their boat were taken in to Milliken State Park where a boarding and inspection of their vessel was conducted.

CO Michael Drexler and Sgt. Arthur Green conducted a marine patrol on Belleville Lake and issued tickets for exceeding slow, no-wake zones, towing a person behind PWC without an observer, and for a child under six not wearing a PFD.

CO Jon Sklba contacted an angler at Pointe Mouillee SGA with four fishing poles near her. CO Sklba checked the angler's license which she provided, then inquired about the four poles in the water. The angler replied that two of the poles belonged to her boyfriend who left to go to the store. CO Sklba later contacted the angler returning from the store and advised him on the laws pertaining to leaving an unattended fishing line. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted occupants of a vessel returning to the launch site after a day on the water. He noted that the registration decal on the vessel expired March 31, 2011, and asked the operator/owner about the boat's registration. The boat owner was unable to produce a valid registration and enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon was on patrol along with intern Mark Bolak checking anglers on Belleville Lake. While issuing one subject a ticket for fishing without a license, another subject approached the patrol vehicle to show the COs his bass. The smallmouth bass were not 14 inches as required, and the subject told the COs that he measured the bass with his hand, which is seven inches, then doubled the length of his hand. CO Rabon then measured the fish with a tape measure to show the subject the length of the two smallmouth bass. Both were undersized. CO Rabon ran a RSS check on the subject and found he was wanted on a DNR warrant. Enforcement action was taken. On the same date and location, CO Rabon and Mark Bolak checked an angler who had no license to fish and was in possession of two undersized smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a small lake in Oakland County, CO Brandon Kieft observed a pontoon boat with improper registration numbers and that it hadn't been registered for the last 10 years. There were nine people on the vessel and only one PFD aboard the boat. The owner was issued tickets for operating an unregistered watercraft and failure to provide adequate PFDs.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling White Lake in Oakland County and was just clearing two row boats that were together when one of the occupants stated a PWC had sprayed them with water just a short time ago. CO Shively advised he would stay in the area and keep an eye on their boats. Less than two minutes later, the PWC returned and waved at the people in the row boats and began doing circles around them, causing a large wake and crashing the boats into each other. CO Shively stopped the 16 year old PWC operator, who had no excuse for his actions. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Tom Wanless conducted a marine patrol on Lake Fenton and contacted occupants of a vessel with an expired registration. The occupants of the 12 ft. boat had been fishing, and although they had a nice stringer of panfish, they had no PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler and Sgt. Tom Wanless were on marine patrol on Holloway Reservoir when they contacted a subject fishing from a kayak. The subject stated he had a lifetime fishing license that his grandfather purchased for him when he was born. The subject had no identification on him and provided a name that could not be found through the Secretary of State's system, nor was the name found in the DNR's database. After more questioning, the subject admitted to providing a false name because he did not want to be in more trouble with the police. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was first on scene of a home invasion. The subject had fled just prior to the CO arriving and was later located a mile down the road. Two deputies and CO Kovach took the extremely intoxicated subject into custody.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a trespassing complaint on Smith Lake in Grand Blanc Township. The CO contacted three subjects on a boat with an expired registration. The subjects stated they thought the lake was a "private" lake and that they did not need fishing licenses and other laws did not apply. CO Papineau quickly corrected the subjects and provided them the proper laws. One subject did not have a fishing license, there were no PFDs on board, and the owner failed to transfer ownership of the vessel when he purchased it seven years ago. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a late night patrol, CO John Borkovich checked several anglers who reported that the walleye were thick in the St. Clair River. The CO contacted a subject in a vessel who appeared to be evasive. CO Borkovich inspected the boat after some questioning and found the subject was in possession of 14 walleye. During a check of another vessel, the CO found a subject was two walleye over his limit. In both cases enforcement action was taken.

While working with MSP and U.S. Border Patrol on a multi-jurisdictional marine patrol, CO Dan Walzak stopped a vessel running at high speed well after dark without navigation lights. The owner of the vessel claimed that the lights were working earlier and that the wiring must have shorted out. The officers made note of the subject's white mast light with wires hanging out of it and continued with the contact. When CO Walzak asked the subject to produce life preservers for himself and his three passengers, the boater attempted a number of times to open a storage compartment that had a missing pull handle before finally using a tool to pry the compartment open. CO Walzak explained to the boater that in such a condition the safety equipment would not be considered readily accessible and asked the subject to produce a Type IV life preserver. Opening up another storage compartment that held a battery, the boater attempted to pull the boat cushion out of the compartment several times with increasing force. When the subject finally succeeded in producing the life preserver, he had to pull on it with such force that he tore the outer covering of the cushion. Again, not readily accessible. To finish, the boater produced a fire extinguisher for the vessel; however, the extinguisher could not be checked for a charge because it lacked a gauge and a couple of other critical parts. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Michael Drexler and Lacelle Rabon conducted a marine patrol of the Detroit River on the July 4th holiday. As the COs approached a boat with two anglers, one of the anglers threw his fishing pole down when he saw them. The COs asked to see both anglers' fishing licenses. The angler who threw his pole down stated that he was not fishing. After the COs explained that they had been watching him, a ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

While patrolling the Detroit River on the July 4th Holiday, COs Michael Drexler and Lacelle Rabon observed two PWCs violating a slow, no-wake law in the downtown Detroit area. After stopping the PWCs, the COs also observed that one vessel was not displaying registration numbers. When the COs checked the PWC's registration they learned that the owner failed to transfer the registrations when he purchased the vessel two years earlier. Among the growing list of violations, neither subject had taken boater safety and one subject was wanted on numerous outstanding warrants for his arrest. Each operator received a ticket for the initial slow, no-wake violation and the subject who had the warrants was advised and released when the local jurisdictions would not pick up.

DISTRICT 21

Detective Tim Shuker reports that an upper peninsula corporation plead no contest to a charge of wetland fill without a Permit. The plea was entered in the 97th District Court. As a condition of the plea, the corporation paid a fine of \$2,500.00, the maximum allowed under the statute and the charges were then dismissed without prejudice. Furthermore, the corporation has completely restored the site. Detective Shuker was assisted in this case by DEQ staff Lindsey Ringuette, WRD, Scott Swenor, ERMD as well as Cary Gustafson and John Gustafson, both of WRD.

Lt. Vence Woods reports that a resident of Superior, Wisconsin appeared in 53rd Circuit Court of Cheboygan and entered into a plea agreement that was offered by the Cheboygan County prosecutor. The defendant plead no contest to all four original charges, one of which is a felony. The conditions of the plea are: Delay in sentencing, the sunken vessel must be removed, all three vessels must be moved and legally moored, the anchors on the bottomland must be removed and restitution is still to be determined. If the defendant meets the conditions within six months, the charges will be dropped. If he fails to comply with all of the conditions he will be sentenced on all four counts. The charges were violations of: 1) Water Resources Protection; 2) Great Lakes altering water/land without approval; 3 & 4) watercraft pollution.

The case began when the defendant purchased two old tug boats from the Detroit area and brought them to Duncan Bay in Cheboygan County in July 2010. He moored the two tug boats along with an old car ferry in Duncan Bay. Two days after mooring the vessels, one tug sunk and remains there today. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) removed the liquids from the sunken vessel and ordered the others moved from the area. Several days later the other tug discharged oil into the Cheboygan River via its bilge. Both vessels were moved in high winds, and in October the tug boat

released a substantial amount of oil via its bilge into Lake Huron that resulted in a large scale clean up by the USCG. The case was investigated by Lt. Vence Woods, CO Matthew Thuenick, and USCG Special Agent Jeff Petty.

DISTRICT 25

CFS Larry DeSloover investigated and identified the owner of two lost trap nets in Saginaw Bay. The fisher has since removed the nets from the bay.

CFS DeSloover received a complaint of a floating gill net off Grindstone City full of rotted fish. The net was towed to shore and inspected for any identification. CFS DeSloover was unable to identify the fisher but suspects the net may have broke loose from a Canadian fisher and drifted into Michigan waters.

CFS DeSloover conducted three marine safety patrols during the Bay City Fireworks with multiple law enforcement agencies over the July 4th weekend. 2nd Lt. Huff assisted on one of the patrols.

CFS Craig Milkowski and 2nd Lt. Steve Huff provided a marine safety patrol in the straits area for July 4th fireworks. On water activity was extremely light and a total of three verbal warning were given for not displaying navigation lights.

Commercial Fish Unit members continue to inspect wholesale fish dealers statewide to meet the units' goal to inspect all licensed wholesale fish dealers in the state.