

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

Conservation Officer Denny Gast made contact with three adults and five kids fishing with live bait on Lake Perrault this past weekend during free fishing. Lake Perrault is a designated artificial lures only trout lake. CO Gast was just going to educate them on the no live bait regulation on the lake until an undersize trout was discovered in their boat. Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes attended a kid's fishing derby over the weekend. CO Mapes spoke with children and their parents about the importance of using good ethics while fishing. Over a hundred kids turned out for the event that was held on the Ontonagon River.

Conservation Officer Matt Eberly contacted a boat with four occupants on Torch Lake that were having engine trouble. With the high winds they became stranded. CO Eberly assisted the boaters by helping them get back to the Hubble landing safely.

CO Shannon Kritz was patrolling remote lakes in Gogebic County when she observed two subjects fishing from kayaks. CO Kritz made contact with the subjects and found that neither angler had PFD's with them. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Denny Gast was checking Perrault Lake, a Type D trout lake which does not allow the use of live bait. CO Gast located an angler fishing with no license, using live bait and did not possess a personal floatation device on his watercraft. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was checking boats coming off Lake Gogebic just after dark. CO Lasanen made contact with a boat that had 3 anglers on board. The anglers advised they did well, and caught 8 walleye. While CO Lasanen was measuring the walleye, the anglers said they are the most straight arrow fishermen you are going to find. CO Lasanen advised the anglers of the size limit and that they were in possession of three short walleye. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and Houghton County Marine Deputy Hebner worked the Bridge-Fest fireworks on the Portage waterway over the weekend. Both CO Lasanen and Deputy Hebner made contact with numerous boaters and anglers. Law enforcement action was taken for towing a skier without an observer, unregistered watercraft and fishing without a license.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes was on patrol in Ontonagon County when he discovered a road kill eagle that had been eating a road kill snapping turtle. After some research, it was found that the eagle was banded in 1995.

DISTRICT 2

COs Michael Evink and Patrick Hartsig participated in an interagency community event in the Hiawatha National Forest. The event was designed to highlight the fishing and outdoor opportunities available in the Hiawatha National Forest. The weather was wonderful and there was a very good turnout. The COs interacted with approximately 300 outdoor enthusiasts.

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling some remote lakes in Delta County when he came across an angler fishing with a boat that had not been registered since 1990. The angler thought since he was using a trolling motor he did not need his boat registered. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Zitnik and Calvin Smith conducted a patrol on Munising Bay. Many violations were addressed while patrolling the busy body of water. Violations included unregistered watercraft, operate PWC no wake less than 200 ft. from Great Lakes Shoreline, fail to display numbers/decals, registration, Fail to notify Secretary of State of sale within 15 days, and child less than 6 years old not wearing PFD.

COs Mark Zitnik and Calvin Smith located two individuals fishing on a trophy trout lake. The COs watched the anglers for over an hour using worms as bait. The anglers had an undersized brook trout, an over limit of brook trout, and used non-artificial lures on prohibited waters (trout waters). Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch and Mike Evink conducted a POC facility inspection on a facility that had let its license expire. Through the inspection it was discovered there were no deer at the facility. Upon interviewing the facility owner he stated all 28 of his deer had escaped and he failed to notify the proper personnel. Charges are being sought through the Delta County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Chris Lynch received a complaint from the report all poaching line of shots fired and a possible poached deer and two fawns that were located near where the shots were fired. CO Chris Lynch responded to the scene and discovered a dead doe. A necropsy was performed and a .20 caliber size hole was located in the deer. Several interviews were conducted and a suspect was identified. Upon interviewing the suspect a full confession was obtained and the .22 caliber weapon used in the poaching was seized. The suspect stated he shot the deer because it was eating his flowers. Both of the doe's fawns died as a result of their mother dying. Charges are being sought through the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for taking deer during a closed season, and discharging a firearm within the safety zone.

CO Pat Hartsig was about to launch a boat on the Escanaba River when dispatch reported cattle getting loose and walking across the highway. The cows were only a

half mile down the road; CO Pat Hartsig drove his patrol truck and blocked traffic while the cows were herded off the roadway. The farmer was contacted, and he was able to secure the cows without incident.

CO John Wenzel was called to a local state forest campground by the Park Rangers for a subject who was not paying for the camping site. CO Wenzel made contact with the campers who stated that they had paid a Ranger the day before. Contact was made with the Ranger, who said they still had not paid. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle being operated with a novelty plate in place of the state issued rear facing license plate. Contact was made with the operator who claimed that he did not need to display a license plate because he was a sovereign citizen. The operator was found to have a suspended driver's license and was lodged in the Mackinac County Jail for 4th offense driving without a valid license and felony resisting and obstructing.

CO Bobby Watson was on patrol checking local lakes for fishing activity. Contact was made with two anglers who stated they had only caught a few small bluegill and had not kept any yet. Before breaking contact, CO Watson asked one of the anglers if there were any fish in the boat at all. The man replied he did not know because it was his friend's boat. CO Watson checked the live well of the boat and discovered a 13" largemouth bass. CO Watson asked for the "friends" phone number so that he could conduct a quick interview, and the man replied that he would just take the ticket. After issuing a citation for possession of a short bass, the man admitted that it was his fish.

CO Bobby Watson and Sgt. Michael Hammill participated in a Law Enforcement appreciation night along with two local Luce County deputies. The four law enforcement officers each threw the ceremonial "first pitch" at the local little league fields. The four officers then mingled with the parents and spectators and were able to watch a few innings of baseball/softball.

DISTRICT 3

While Conservation Officer Andrea Albert and Probationary Conservation Officer (PCO) Tom Oberg were loading their patrol boat at a DNR access site, officers noticed a subject's dog that was off a leash attacking another dog. The dog owner was intoxicated and said he wanted to let his dog associate with other dogs. Officers ticketed the dog owner for not having his dog on a leash. Fortunately neither dog was injured during the incident.

CO Steve Speigl and PCO Travis Dragomer were patrolling Antrim County when they noticed a car heading towards them with something amiss. When the car passed them they noticed the spare tire (between the rear wheels of the car) had been lowered and was dragging on the paved surface creating a very loud noise. The COs turned around

to stop the car and advise the driver of the mishap. When the driver pulled over, an elderly man exited the car and started yelling at the COs saying, "NOW WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?!" The COs kindly pointed out the spare tire dragging on the ground. The man, who had a hearing impairment, said he couldn't hear the tire dragging and then told the COs, "You guys are alright." The tire was secured inside the car and the man was sent on his way.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Tom Oberg responded to a citizen complaint of a pickup truck backed up by a bank that appeared as if they were going to dump a load of trash over the steep bank. COs responded to the area and found the driver of the vehicle made a U-turn in the road and ended up with her rear tires of the truck stuck over the steep bank. The driver said she was going to pick up a turtle off the road for her fish pond at home. Further investigation found the driver did not have insurance on her vehicle. The vehicle was towed out and a ticket was issued for the violation. The driver was also warned to not remove turtles from the wild.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Tom Oberg observed through binoculars several individuals fishing on a pontoon boat and a second boat attached to the pontoon on a small inland lake in Antrim County. When everyone boarded the pontoon and came to shore, COs conducted a marine safety and fish check. After asking the intoxicated and aggravated occupants who was fishing, they stated that only the kids were. The occupants quickly realized that their story was not going to add up after the COs explained to them that they were being observed for approximately half an hour and the COs pointed out who was fishing. Three of the anglers were cited for fishing without licenses.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Oberg were on patrol on Lake Michigan, east of Old Mission Harbor when they observed a boat underway. A baby and toddler were on board and neither was wearing life jackets. Upon making contact, not only were the children not wearing life jackets, it was determined that the parents did not have a Type I or II life jackets on the boat for the toddler to wear only a Type III. The parents of the children were advised that children under six need to always have a Type I or II life jacket on while the boat is underway. The driver of the boat also failed to transfer his boat registration after he bought the boat out-of-state. A ticket was issued for the life jacket violation and several warnings were issued.

Following up on a complaint of a wanted individual living on state land near Wycamp Lake in Emmet County, CO Duane Budreau located the suspect vehicle traveling on the roadway. CO Budreau initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the suspect. The vehicle being driven by the suspect had improper plates and a check revealed the suspect had a child support warrant out of Ingham County and a fail to appear warrant out of Wexford County. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged at the Emmet County Jail.

CO Duane Budreau responded to a complaint of an individual on Walloon Lake "shooting rocks" at geese to get them off his property. The suspect was contacted and enforcement action taken.

CO Matt Theunick participated in a youth fishing clinic-tournament on the Cheboygan River. CO Theunick assisted youth and answered questions from both kids and adults. Approximately 70 youth and 35 adults attended.

PCO Kyle Cherry and CO Mark DePew made a traffic stop on an erratic driver, arresting the driver for operating while intoxicated (OWI) and open intoxicants. Ironically, CO DePew had found the suspect's backpack and gear on state land last year during deer season and was unable to locate him. So, the man's property was finally returned to him, while he was in jail.

CO Nick Torsky finally caught up with an individual who had been leaving his boat at an Otsego Lake State Park campsite since early May. After contacting several prior owners, the culprit was located and contacted. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted MSP with the location of an individual in Cheboygan County who was reported suicidal. The CO located the abandoned car which ultimately lead to the location of the individual who was reported OK.

CO Tim Rosochacki investigated a personal injury accident involving an ORV operator that lost control on a washed-out portion of a two-track in Cheboygan County. It was determined the operator was operating in a careless manor. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ryan Andrews investigated an individual who left his tree stand on state land past the allowable time. The individual was contacted and he reported he had forgotten to remove the stand. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew and PCO Kyle Cherry were pulling into a rustic state campground around midnight in Otsego County when upon seeing the CO's truck, several individuals took off running on foot into the woods. The COs tracked down all the parties involved noting two of the "runners" were issued citations for MIP (minor in possession of alcohol) tickets. In addition, a third "runner" was arrested for a felony warrant out of Alpena County for larceny. The investigation determined a fourth individual over the age of 21, who was also in attendance, had purchased the alcohol. Warrants are being sought for "hosting an MIP party" from the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office for this individual.

COs Paul Fox, Eric Bottorff, and Brad Bellville conducted a group patrol around Tomahawk Flooding and surrounding lakes and campgrounds. A large party was being held at one of the campgrounds. The party was kept under control and numerous warnings and tickets were issued for marine violations and fishing without a license.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin and CO Will Kinney patrolled the canal between Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell assisting Mitchell State Park personnel with the annual cardboard boat races. Lots of good things and contacts came out of the event and overall a safe and successful race took place.

CO William Haskin was out patrolling when a call came out of an unresponsive kayaker found floating on the Manistee River in Wexford County. CO Haskin responded immediately by boat. CO Haskin located the victim and evaluated him. CO Haskin quickly performed basic first aid and then proceeded to transport the still unresponsive kayaker to an access site extraction location where first responders were standing by. Civilian personnel also played a vital role in this rescue. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Investigation continues but alcohol and drugs were a contributing factor for the kayaker ending up separated from his kayak and found floating in the river by other kayakers.

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint of a party spot on state land where trash and a couch were left behind. During the investigation CO Kehoe located homework papers in the trash with a student's name on it. CO Kehoe located and interviewed the student who admitted that he was burning his homework at the party. The student took responsibility for the trash and the couch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Colton Gelinias were on general patrol in Benzie County. While on patrol, COs came into contact with three anglers. The anglers were fishing Brundage Pond, which is located on state land in Benzie County. During a fishing check investigation the odor of marijuana was observed by the COs which emanated from the vehicle of one of the anglers. The owner of the vehicle took responsibility for the marijuana. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Colton Gelinias received a report all poaching complaint of squatters on state land. The COs located an event style tent, lawn chairs, and a fire pit on state land, along with evidence of a party. The COs took note on the time the camp was found and numerous checks were made in subsequent patrols of the camp to see if any effort had been made to remove the event tent and other items. Eventually, CO Hopkins and PCO Gelinias were able to make contact with the event coordinator and owner of the tent. The COs explained to the individual that property cannot be left on state land longer than 24 hours without a special permit. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Colton Gelinas participated with DNR Fisheries personnel in the 10th Annual Kids Fishing Day at the Maritime Academy in Traverse City. Over 800 rainbow trout were planted and those under the age of 17 were allowed to participate in the event. This event is attended by numerous kids of all ages with many local business and volunteers assisting.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO Zach Bauer were contacted by Leelanau County Central Dispatch to assist Glen Lake Fire Department with an unresponsive subject at a local beach near Sleeping Bear Dunes. Upon arrival, the COs made contact with the individual who was currently conscious, but suffering from severe heat stroke. The subject was monitored until Glen Lake Fire Department and EMS arrived on scene. The subject was turned over to incoming EMS units for further care.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk were on patrol in Benzie County when they observed a large cloud of smoke just off the road. Upon further investigation, they discovered a subject tearing down an old house and burning it in a hole. After discussing the environmental implications caused by burning illegal house materials, enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint of a dog attacking and killing a fawn in Benzie County. Upon arrival on scene, they located a dead fawn and the suspected dog in front of the home owner's residence. They had a brief conversation with the dog owner discussing the possible fines associated with their dog killing a deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk were conducting a marine patrol on Lake Michigan. They spotted three people kayaking about a quarter mile off the north tip of Leelanau County. Upon making contact with them to conduct a safety check, it was discovered that none of them had personal flotation devices (PFD). They discussed all the hazards of being on Lake Michigan without PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk were conducting a marine patrol in West Grand Traverse Bay when they observed a subject riding on the bow of a boat. The subject was dangling his feet through the railing of the boat while the boat was operating at full speed. CO Vanderlinde and PCO Woodwyk conducted a stop on the boat for the violation. Upon further investigation, several other violations were discovered, including expired flares and no audible signaling device. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Idlewild Lake with his boat when he observed a boat with an expired registration of 1999 with several subjects fishing. CO Killingbeck

contacted the occupants of the boat and the driver said that he only used the boat for fishing and did not think that he needed to register his boat since he was using an electronic motor. CO Killingbeck informed him that it did need to be registered even if it is an electronic motor. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking subjects fishing on Idlewild Lake when he observed a Pontoon boat trolling. CO Killingbeck made contact with the boat and discovered that the angler had forgotten his fishing license at home, had no PFDs on board and no fire extinguisher. The subject said that he had just purchased the boat and was blaming the company that sold it to him for not placing life jackets in the boat. The subject then admitted that he had never looked at the boat to see if there were any life jackets in it before leaving the dock. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling when he observed a vehicle with several mattresses tied down to the top. As CO Killingbeck followed the vehicle, the strap began loosening up and one of the mattresses was starting to blow in the wind. Concerned that it may come off the vehicle, CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle to inform the driver. Upon walking up to the vehicle, CO Killingbeck was greeted with the aroma of marijuana. The driver admitted to having marijuana on him. Further investigation showed that the driver had a suspended license and that there was no insurance on the vehicle. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was responding to a complaint of ORVs riding up and down a road near Irons in Lake County, when he observed an ORV coming at him with no eye protection. As CO Killingbeck prepared to turn around to stop the ORV, the operator fled from CO Killingbeck. After a short pursuit, which included the driver running through a stop sign at a high rate of speed, the driver ditched the ORV behind a house and fled on foot into the woods. After a brief search, CO Killingbeck located the driver who was 15 years old. The juvenile said the only reason he ran was because he was afraid of the police and thought he could outrun CO Killingbeck. The juvenile was turned over to his parents and charges have been requested for flee and elude and reckless driving.

CO Steve Converse reports a successful outcome in a jury trial in Lake County. The case involved a subject that had killed a 9-point buck and then purchased the tag the next day. The subject was found guilty of hunting without a license and taking a deer without a license. The judge imposed the penalty by statute, sentencing the subject to 5 days in jail, \$6,500.00 in restitution, and no hunting privileges till 2021.

CO Steve Converse was checking anglers at Tippy Dam on the north side when he observed a subject on the opposite side keep what appeared to be an undersized trout. CO Converse went to the south side of the dam to investigate. While approaching the subject who had kept the trout, CO Converse observed the same subject put another undersize trout on a different stringer downstream. Finding this interesting, CO Converse sat back to observe for a bit to try and determine how many stringers the subject had. During the observation, CO Converse observed a second subject also keeping undersize trout and utilizing two stringers. CO Converse made contact with the

two subjects and collected all four stringers. The subjects were found to be in possession of six trout each, with only one out of the 12 trout being legal size. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was patrolling an area of state land where trash piles have been showing up. CO Converse set up in a concealed location to catch up on paperwork and watch over the area. Within a half hour CO Converse observed a vehicle drive into the area and stop. CO Converse watched as the subject put on rubber gloves and then started offloading his trash. Contact was made and enforcement action taken, along with arrangements for the subject to pick up additional trash from the site.

While on marine patrol, CO Steve Converse made contact with two subjects fishing from a boat. CO Converse asked the subjects what they had in the fish basket and they proudly stated that they had a 13" largemouth bass, a crappie, and something else they weren't sure about. CO Converse examined the catch and determined that they had a 13" smallmouth bass, a bluegill and a nice rainbow trout. An education in fish ID, a fishing digest, and a ticket for the undersize bass were provided to the subjects.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a rescue call of a tuber on the Pere Marquette River. The tuber became highly intoxicated and got into an argument with his party and separated himself from them. Sometime later, the tuber was swept into a log jam and lost his tube and was clinging to the branches until two good Samaritans were able to drag him to shore and called for help. The tuber was unable to walk and now was started to experience hypothermia. CO Publiski, assisted by a Scottville Police Officer, used a boat to motor upstream in an attempt to locate the subject. In order to make it upstream to the subject, CO Publiski had to jump in the river several times to push the boat over sand bars and around log jams. Finally locating the subject halfway between Custer and Scottville, the two officers and two good Samaritans were able to load the subject onto CO Publiski's patrol boat, where he was wrapped in emergency blankets in an attempt to warm his body temperature. The subject was then transported down river to a waiting jet boat, to speed up the rescue.

While patrolling Round Lake in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski located and watched several fishermen fishing just before dark. CO Publiski made contact with the first group who was in possession of an undersized bass and had not purchased fishing licenses since 2013. The second group CO Publiski came in contact with also had no fishing licenses and PFDs. The out-of-state fishermen stated they knew they needed them, but were going to take a chance of fishing without them in order to save some money. In both instances enforcement action was taken for fishing without a licenses.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint on the Mason County/Lake County line where a subject was filling in the Sable River in order to divert the river water down a smaller split in the river, so that the river was closer to his

residence. The subject had made a dam out of concrete blocks, bed springs, a plastic truck bed liner, steel posts, logs and even a toaster was located. Fortunately some other property owners located the mess and called to make the complaint and then removed the dam before too much damage was done. CO Publiski and CO Brosky located the subject at his residence and got a full confession, but only after having to listen to a story about how beavers built the dam using all those objects. While interviewing the subject CO Brosky located pile of trash behind the residence that had recently been burned. In the pile of trash were tires and other items that were illegal to burn. The two COs addressed this illegal activity as well and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol and looking into a dumping complaint along the shoreline when he observed three subjects fishing. CO Wells set surveillance on the three subjects, one of which was a juvenile. CO Wells observed the subjects for a short time and verified that all three subjects were fishing. During the surveillance of the subjects, CO Wells observed the adult male in the group in possession and smoking a marijuana pipe. This subject made use of the pipe and then passed it to the adult female, who proceeded to smoke the pipe as well. Both subjects were within 15 feet of the juvenile when they made use of the pipe. Upon contact, CO Wells informed both adults of his observations and advised them it would be in their best interest to turn the pipe and any other marijuana in their possession over to him. The female produced the pipe and a small jar of marijuana, and handed it to CO Wells. The male subject produced another pipe and handed it to CO Wells. Both adults admitted that they did not have a medical card for the marijuana. Further investigation revealed that neither of the adults had obtained fishing license and that the adult male had two outstanding warrants. Citations were issued to both adults for fish no license and use of marijuana. The male subject was lodged in the county jail for the outstanding warrants.

CO Troy VanGelderren and PCO Troy Ludwig were at the Pentwater Municipal Marina when a subject came up to them and said that there was a large boat in the marina that was rapidly sinking. CO VanGelderren and PCO Ludwig ran over to the boat which was taking on water and had about two foot of water in its' stern. The COs grabbed buckets and a manual pump from local boaters and began to bail water out of the boat. They then tied the boat off to the dock to prevent it from going down. A marina worker then went to the local restaurants until he found the owner eating lunch. The owner arrived and eventually had the boat towed to a local marine shop.

CO Troy VanGelderren and PCO Troy Ludwig received a complaint that an Oceana County resident had found what he believed to be a Massasauga rattlesnake in his backyard and was concerned. The COs responded expecting to find a Hognose snake. When they arrived, the caller handed them a plastic container that contained a juvenile Massasauga. The COs confirmed the snake species with the biologist. The snake was taken to another rural location to release it.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Casey Varriale checked two anglers in Newaygo County fishing Hardy Dam. One of the subjects was found to have two outstanding warrants. The subject was transported and lodged at the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Casey Varriale observed a column of black smoke coming from a fire at a residence in Newaygo County. Upon investigating the fire, PCO Varriale located a burnt mattress spring, a finished headboard to a bed and several large plastic containers burning. The COs contacted the landowner who explained the plastic containers were full of a type of saline which were used for kidney dialysis. The containers were removed from the fire and the fire was extinguished. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Casey Varriale conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for several equipment violations. The driver was found to be operating on a suspended license. After checking further into the subject's driving history, the COs discovered the driver had been convicted of driving on a suspended license four additional times and has never had a valid license. He was transported and lodged at the Newaygo County Jail.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mark Papineau assisted Gladwin City Police with a report of shots fired from a residence. The caller reported hearing several gunshots coming from within the residence and hid in the closet while calling 911. CO Papineau assisted city police officers setting up a perimeter and contact was made with several occupants within the residence. After securing the occupants, a complete search of the residence was conducted. During the search of the residence, officers located the caller, who was highly intoxicated and appeared to be under the influence of unknown narcotics. It was determined that no gunfire occurred and that the caller hallucinated the entire event.

CO Phil Hudson was checking boats coming into the Pine River launch when an excited angler ran up to CO Hudson from the dock stating that he had a deer in his boat. CO Hudson asked if it was a small deer and the angler advised it was a full size deer. The angler stated that the deer was swimming approximately three miles off shore and kept going under water so they pulled it into their boat and brought it to shore. During the release, one of the anglers was struck by the mature whitetail deer's hooves and left a deep gash on his arm. CO Hudson cleaned and bandaged the wound and advised the angler to get it checked out. The angler stated that he would, but not until after he was done fishing for the day and they headed back out to on the water.

CO Josh Wright and CO Ethan Gainforth saw a motorcycle with two occupants operating very slowly along the shoulder of a two-lane road. After getting a closer look, CO Josh Wright realized that the operator was a suspect in a trapping complaint. CO Wright knew that he was operating his motorcycle while his driver's license was permanently revoked. After making contact with the operator, CO Josh Wright interviewed him on regarding the complaint which included recreational trespass, setting

traps during the closed season, taking a raccoon closed season, failing to check traps as well as the DWLS. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, Conservation Officer John Huspen and Probationary Conservation Officer Jeffrey Dell contacted several ORVs operating in an area closed to ORV use near Guthrie Lake in Crawford County. After conducting a traffic stop on a group of ORVs, it was determined one of the operators had a suspended operator's license. After talking with this individual, he indicated the he was aware he was not permitted to operate an ORV. This subject was cited for operating an ORV while having a suspended operator's license.

CO Sam Schluckbier received a complaint of ORV trespass and vandalism at a Kalkaska County Recreation Area. The suspects caused severe erosion damage to a hill that was dedicated in memory of a community member who had passed away. After taking to Facebook and other social media outlets, CO Schluckbier received much feedback from the community. Several suspects were identified. Interviews were conducted and confessions were obtained by a few individuals. Restoration efforts are in progress and enforcement action is pending with the prosecutor's office for several suspects.

Conservation Officer Craig Neal and Sergeant Jeremy Payne were ending a marine patrol on Lake Missaukee in Missaukee County when Sergeant Payne noticed a small group walking to their vehicle with fishing gear and a heavy bucket. Sgt. Payne made contact with the group while CO Neal finished trailering the patrol boat. It was determined that the group had two undersized largemouth bass in the heavy bucket. When told about the violation, the female in the group stated, "Isn't it free fishing weekend?" The conservation officers explained that it was free fishing weekend; however, they were still required to follow the size and limit restrictions. The subjects were cited for possession of largemouth bass less than 14".

CO Chris Bowen assisted the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department in attempting to locate a missing female subject from southern Michigan. The subject was scheduled to arrive at her family cabin on Thursday and never arrived. When the family became worried and reported her missing, they indicated she had a history of suicidal thoughts. A search was conducted in southeast Roscommon County near the family cabin and public messages were placed on social media. CO Bowen assisted with the search in remote areas of south east Roscommon County. The female was eventually located on Saturday and was in fair physical condition.

CO Chris Bowen assisted the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and Denton Township Police Department with a domestic assault on Saturday. The man put a gun to his wife's head and threatened to shoot her. After the authorities were contacted, the man ran into the woods behind the house. CO Bowen assisted with the search of the residence and woods behind the house. The officers located the man in the woods and arrested him without incident.

Conservation Officers Chuck McPherson, Ben McAteer and Sgt. Jeremy Payne responded to a report of overdue kayakers on the South Branch of the AuSable River in Crawford County. The kayakers began their trip at approximately 4:00pm and their family reported them missing at dark. After interviewing the family and local anglers the officers focused their search on the south side of the river approximately two miles downriver of the kayakers starting point. Conservation Officers McPherson and McAteer were able to locate sign of the kayakers and began tracking them in the dark. The kayakers were eventually located and were wet cold and scared. The conservation officers walked the subjects out of the remote wilderness and reunited them with the appreciative family at 1:00am.

Conservation Officer Casey Pullum stopped two ORVs while enroute to another ORV complaint in Lewiston. The operators were not wearing helmets while driving on the side of a county road. During the contact Officer Pullum noticed a male driver had significant road rash from his shoulder to his hand on his right arm. When questioned about the injuries the driver stated he sustained the injuries while cutting firewood for a campfire. Not believing his story and noticing damage to the ORV, Officer Pullum questioned him further. The driver finally admitted he rolled the ORV earlier in the day and didn't report the accident. Also, through a check of his driving status it was found his driving license was currently suspended. The male driver was lodged at the Oscoda County Jail for driving while license suspended and charges are being sought through the Oscoda County Prosecutor for failing to report the accident. Enforcement action was taken with the other operator for failing to wear a helmet.

Conservation Officers Bobbi Lively, Jon Warner, and Probationary Conservation Officer Jeremy Sergey attended a Hunter Safety Class at the Mio Moose Lodge. PCO Sergey taught the students about hunting laws and ethics. The COs also held a question and answer session for students and parents that attended.

DISTRICT 6

While checking remote lakes in the Flat River State Game Area, CO Ken Lowell located a couple of anglers. Neither of the anglers had a fishing license and both stated they did not think anyone would venture way back there to check them. They were surprised and they left with citations for fishing without licenses.

CO Quincy Gowenlock appeared to testify for a bench trial at the 70th District Court of Saginaw for a defendant who was arrested for recreational trespass. Halfway through the trial, the defense attorney began to realize that the case was not going so well for his client and asked to take a recess. During the break, the defense attorney requested a plea deal with the prosecutor. During the negotiations, it was brought to CO Gowenlock's attention that the subject seen walking in to the courtroom with the defendant was his unidentified accomplice in the original crime and was there to testify on behalf of the defendant. Unknown to the defense attorney, the accomplice was never identified during the investigation of the crime and therefore was never issued a ticket. The CO made contact with the unidentified suspect and obtained his information. When

questioned, the suspect admitted to being with the defendant that night and trespassing. A plea agreement was then reached, and the defendant pled guilty to the original charge and was assessed \$700 in fines and costs. The CO then had a warrant issued for the second subject and his court case is pending.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Robert Hobkirk were checking fishermen at the mouth of the Pinnebog River. They checked a group consisting of four individuals. One of the individuals was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Robert Hobkirk were conducting a patrol of the Port Austin area. They observed three subjects fishing the Bird Creek/Port Austin Marina waterway. After seeing the COs, the group stopped fishing and started heading back to the parking lot. One of the subjects handed his fishing equipment to another while walking back to their vehicle. The same subject then grabbed a large pike from under the suspended sidewalk. The third subject began to breakdown his fishing equipment and also proceeded to the parking lot. PCO Myers made contact with the group before they could reach their vehicle. After conducting interviews with the subjects it was found that two of the three subjects were fishing without licenses and one was operating a vehicle while suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers, CO Robert Hobkirk, and CO Seth Rhodea followed up on a complaint that a fisherman had left his trap nets out for too long on the east side of Fish Point. After conducting a patrol of the area the COs found the trap net full of rotting fish. No tag was located on the nets and CFS Larry Deslover of the Great Lakes Enforcement Unit was contacted. PCO Myers and CO Hobkirk conducted an interview of the suspect. Enforcement action will be sought in the case.

While working a recent marine patrol, COs Bob Hobkirk and Kyle Bucholtz observed two subjects fishing from kayaks near the tip of Huron County. Upon speaking with the subjects, it was noted neither subject had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a recent marine patrol, COs Bob Hobkirk and Kyle Bucholtz located two subjects fishing the Saginaw Bay. Upon closer inspection, it was discovered the fishermen were utilizing too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz was assisted by CO Bob Hobkirk and PCO Joseph Myers after CO Bucholtz observed multiple subjects smoking marijuana in a state park. The COs approached the subjects, located marijuana and took enforcement action. CO Bucholtz noted young children in the area at the time the subjects were contacted.

CO Mark Siemen received a complaint from Sanilac County Animal Control about an injured owl at a residence in Custer Township. CO Siemen responded to the residence and spoke with the home owners. They advised they saw the owl 3 days prior in a bush, and then it was gone, until it showed up in their garden. The owl could not fly due to an injured wing. The owl was captured, placed in a cage and transported to a wildlife

rehabilitation center. The owl was later examined by a vet, and surgery was done on the owl for the broken wing.

CO Joshua Wright was dispatched to an injury accident on Saginaw Bay involving two jet skis. CO Wright arrived the same time EMS arrived and was led to a seven year old child who was injured. EMS transported the child to the hospital while CO Wright conducted his investigation at the scene. It was found out that the child sustained a broken femur from the accident. At this time the investigation still continues.

COs Jill Berry and Will Brickel responded to a complaint in Bay County where young kids were shooting song birds, ducks, frogs, and turtles with a BB gun. Upon further investigation of the complaint 81 marijuana plants were found. The BAYANET drug team was called to assist the COs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jill Berry worked on a litter complaint at a DNR boat launch on the Kawkawlin River in Bay County. Furniture and trash were dumped by a subject and information was found in the pile of litter. When the subject was contacted, he fully admitted to dumping the trash and furniture. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson noticed a dark cloud of smoke coming from a wooded area. CO Robinson located the fire and could see from the road there were items being burned that should not have been. The CO approached the subject who was tending the fire and asked him about the contents. The uncontained fire included mattresses, buckets, ceiling tiles and household waste. When asked about the unburned items piled up, the subject said that he was going to burn anything that he could. Enforcement action was taken.

While off duty, CO Dan Robinson received a complaint of a live raccoon being kept at a residence. CO Robinson followed-up with the complaint and found a live raccoon being kept in the subject's garage. The subject said that they possessed the animal for three weeks and were taking care of it. The animal looked well cared for, but CO Robinson reminded the subject that raccoons are wild animals and aside from the diseases can become very aggressive. The animal was removed from the residence and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO David Rodgers obtained a confession from a subject who posted a photo of a turkey he shot without a license. The subject told the story of how the turkey came into his decoy right off the roost and that he shot it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten attended a children's fishing derby at White Lake in Muskegon County. This was sponsored by the White Lake Sport Fishing Association, about 300 youth attended.

CO Greg Patten and an intern responded to a complaint on Half Moon Lake in Muskegon County where a subject on a personal watercraft was driving in circles around a mute swan and struck it. A witness said the subject hit the swan deliberately. CO Patten met with the suspect who claimed it was an accident. A report will be sent to the Prosecutor's Office for potential charges.

CO Greg Patten completed a fire investigation in Cedar Creek Township in Muskegon County. The subject found responsible was charged for burning solid waste, setting a fire, and failing to take precautions for preventing the fire to escape.

CO Ivan Perez made contact with two subjects fishing near Holland State Park on the pier leading out to Lake Michigan. When CO Perez asked how the fishing was, one of the subjects said that he had been successful in catching two "Swallowers" and showed them to CO Perez. His fishing partner corrected him and informed the officer that they were suckers. Neither subject had a fishing license.

CO Ivan Perez and PCO Eric Smither made contact with a vehicle operating over the speed limit in Holland State Park. The operator and her passenger had just graduated from high school and were celebrating with friends staying at the park. They had been smoking marijuana and drinking vodka. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ivan Perez was on patrol for illegal ORV activity in the Bass River Recreation Area. CO Perez noticed two ORVs flee the area when they spotted him. One of the subjects was wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and had very red hair and a beard and neither were wearing helmets. CO Perez was able to follow tracks to a residential area where local residents assisted in pointing him in the direction of the subject's residence where both subjects were located and cited.

During recent marine patrols in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg encountered multiple violations including; subjects fishing without licenses, expired boat registration, no lifejackets, and a subject pulling a knee boarder without an observer.

CO Justin Ulberg checked a group of anglers fishing along the Grand River in Grand Rapids. Two of the subjects were fishing without licenses and were also in possession of two illegal bass. Enforcement action was taken and the bass were released alive back into the river.

While checking anglers along the Grand River in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg spoke with a 15 year old angler who informed CO Ulberg that he had caught a pretty nice bass. CO Ulberg checked the young angler's cooler and discovered the bass was actually an undersized walleye. CO Ulberg educated the young angler on fish identification and released the walleye back into the river.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked angler activity in Lyons Township. After checking activity on the south side of the Grand River, CO Beavers drove across the bridge to check anglers fishing near the dam. While driving across the bridge, CO Beavers witnessed a subject spot his patrol truck and immediately drop his fishing pole and run below the bridge. CO Beavers quickly drove to the location he believed the subject was heading, but when CO Beavers arrived the subject was not there. CO Beavers walked to the top of the bridge and spotted the subject in a truck attempting to leave the area. CO Beavers returned to his vehicle and was able to stop the subject before he was able to drive away undetected. CO Beavers learned the subject did not have a valid fishing license and was attempting to leave without being caught. The subject was cited for fishing without a valid fishing license.

During a joint patrol, CO Jeremy Beavers and CO Richard Cardenas conducted a marine patrol on Thornapple Lake in Barry County. While checking anglers, the officers spotted two subjects on a boat who appeared to quickly pack up and return to the launch. COs Beavers and Cardenas completed their marine checks on the lake and returned to the launch to make contact with the anglers. During their checks of the subjects, it was discovered they did not have life jackets on the boat. The owner of the boat was cited for the violation.

While sitting in an area known for having several overnight deer shooting in the past couple months, CO Cary Foster observed a suspicious vehicle complete a U-turn in the roadway. The vehicle went out of sight for a few minutes and then returned. As the vehicle was driving past CO Foster's location, he observed a hand-held flashlight shining the field from the front passenger window. The vehicle continued southbound on the road and CO Foster followed. The vehicle subsequently pulled to the side of the road. CO Foster observed two subjects exit the vehicle and run into a field. One subject was carrying a flashlight, while the other had a rifle. CO Foster then observed the driver of the vehicle slowly drive southbound then turn around and come back northbound, towards the location. CO Foster quickly backed his patrol truck around a corner where he hid behind farm equipment. A short time later, the vehicle drove past his location. CO Foster again began to follow the vehicle from a distance. Upon observing the vehicle's headlights stop on a curve in the road, CO Foster exited his patrol truck for a better view. At that time, a gunshot was heard in the direction of the vehicle. CO Foster caught up to the stopped vehicle and discovered a freshly killed doe in the back. It was also determined the other two subjects were still in the field attempting to locate a deer they had just shot at. After back-up arrived from the Sheriff's Office and Michigan State Police the other two subjects were located. It was later determined the subjects had shot at three deer that night, but were only able to recover the one. Several citations were issued and the weapon was seized.

CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen were observing and checking anglers along the pier in Muskegon when they encountered a subject with an FOC warrant. The subject was taken into custody and lodged in Muskegon County Jail.

CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen were spotting fishermen from Heritage Landing across Muskegon Lake. After noting who was fishing, the COs approached and made contact. One fisherman set down his rod and sat quietly. When asked for his fishing license he said that he was not fishing and did not have a license. After informing him that they had seen him fish from across the lake he handed over his driver's license. After confirming with Station 20 that he had not purchased a license for 2016, enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen were reviewing administrative material, when a call was received about a large fire across the street. Both COs responded and used their fire extinguishers in their truck to prevent the fire from spreading to the house. The fire department was called and they assisted the fire department in extinguishing the fire before it could cause severe damage to the house.

While patrolling Muskegon Lake at Fisherman's Landing, CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen observed a subject fishing at the docks. When the subject was approached, he claimed he was fishing for his kids and just reeling in their line. When asked about a license, he said he did not have one for 2016. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishermen at McCracken Street access, a fisherman was digging through his tackle box for his license. He handed CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen his license from 2015. After informing the fisherman that he needs a 2016 license, he indicated that his wife had bought one for him. An RSS check revealed she had not purchased him a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While viewing fishermen from across the lake, CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen saw a man fishing in front of his vehicle. When they drove to his location, the subject was gone, so they went on to check other fishermen. When leaving Heartshorn Marina, the subject was back at his vehicle holding a rod. When the COs approached, the subject showed them the rod and claimed the line was broken and he didn't even get to fish. After telling him they had been watching him fish for some time, he gave a full confession. Enforcement action was taken.

On marine patrol on the North Muskegon River, CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen saw a fisherman standing on the bow of his boat fishing. When the subject was approached and asked for a fishing license, the man admitted to just casting. After informing him that casting falls under the qualification of fishing, he was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

While patrolling the Muskegon River, CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen observed two men fishing tied up to a tree. While the COs motored to the subjects' position, they started to move their hands and feet below the gunnel of the boat. When tied up alongside the boat, the COs checked fishing licenses. In the process, CO Simpson noticed a baggie of marijuana on the floor that the fishermen were trying to hide. Upon further investigation, the other fisherman had an unlabeled bottle with unknown pills and marijuana. One fisherman did not have a license for 2016. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Crisp assisted Barry County Sheriff's Deputies on a traffic stop where the driver had assaulted his brother. After a brief investigation and interviews of the involved parties, the driver was taken into custody on domestic violence charges. Later the same day, CO Crisp assisted Barry County Officers on another domestic complaint. Alcohol and hot weather were found to be major contributors to the conflict.

CO Richard Cardenas contacted three subjects fishing by the McCann Road Dam on the Thornapple River in Barry County. CO Cardenas determined that all three subjects were fishing without licenses. During CO Cardenas's investigation, he also found that one of the subjects had a warrant for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken and one subject was lodged at Barry County Jail on their warrant.

COs Richard Cardenas and Jeremey Beavers conducted a joint marine patrol on Thornapple and Jordan Lakes over the weekend. Multiple contacts were made and multiple warnings were issued for various violations. During their patrol, the COs cited a subject, who operated a jet ski very close to a person standing on a dock in order to splash water on them.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO John Byars responded to an injury accident in Kalamazoo County involving a driver who collided with several bicyclists. The incident resulted in 5 bicyclists losing their lives and 4 others who were hospitalized.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO John Byars were checking marine activity on a lake when they encountered two anglers fishing without licenses and who were in possession of 50 pan fish. Citations were issued and the fish were seized.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO John Byars responded to radio traffic reference a motor vehicle pursuit entering Kalamazoo County from Calhoun County on I-94. CO Holmes blocked traffic entering onto I-94 from Sprinkle Rd in Kalamazoo County to prevent more vehicles entering onto the freeway. As Officer Holmes was in a stationary position, the pursuit exited at the same freeway exit and then back onto I-94. CO Holmes later arrived at the conclusion of the pursuit when the suspect vehicle left I-94 and stopped in the grass portion of the shoulder of the freeway. CO Holmes, PCO Byars and a Calhoun County Deputy engaged in a foot pursuit with the suspect off an overpass bridge down

a surface road and into the woods. CO Holmes assisted taking the suspect into custody when the suspect turned to assault the Calhoun County Deputy. The suspect was on parole and is facing multiple felony charges.

CO Mike Mshar conducted a marine patrol on the Kalamazoo River near Saugatuck Harbor. During this patrol, numerous persons were operating vessels without sufficient life jackets. Citations were issued to all the vessels. Also during this patrol, CO Mshar encountered a PWC being operated carelessly in a slow no wake zone. The subject was issued a citation and escorted back to the boat launch to remove the PWC from the water.

While checking pier fishermen CO Matt Page made contact with a subject who said "I thought it was free fishing weekend". CO Page advised the subject that Monday is no longer the weekend and a fishing license would be required to fish. The subject advised the CO that he had plans to fish thru the week. The subject was also found to have a warrant. The subject was able to post bond on the warrant and was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Andy Bauer was checking dams along the St. Joseph River when he observed a fisherman in a kayak above the buoys marking a no boat safety zone at the Buchanan Dam. CO Bauer called the fisherman to shore and found that he did not have a PFD on board. The subject stated that he had seen the signs stating no watercraft above the buoys, but that he thought a kayak wasn't a watercraft. CO Bauer warned the subject for the buoy violation and issued a citation for not having a PFD.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a call from Warren Dunes State Park of a group of subjects that had been drinking who were underage and had two shotguns in the back seat of their car. The shotguns were not cased and one of the shotguns had too short of a barrel. Baroda Lake Police Department also responded and the subjects were cited for minor in possession of alcohol and for possessing an uncased gun in a motor vehicle. A report regarding the short barreled shotgun will be submitted to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

DISTRICT 8

CO Michael Drexler responded to a call where a gosling fell into a four foot deep basement window well. The goose was removed from the well and escorted back to the pond where it was reunited with its family.

CO Brandon Hartleben contacted two groups of juveniles fishing on the railroad bridge and railroad right-of-way on the Huron River just west of Barton Pond. The young men were given an education on railroad trespass and escorted from the area.

CO Brandon Hartleben followed-up on a complaint of a man trapping northern cardinals and keeping them in cages on his deck. CO Hartleben investigated the area and was able to successfully release three male and two female cardinals from cages on the back deck at the residence. CO Hartleben returned later in the day and made contact with the man who was responsible for trapping and holding the cardinals. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was on marine patrol on Ford Lake when he contacted a vessel with a Michigan registration decal and Ohio numbers. The owner of the vessel had failed to properly register his vessel after purchasing it in Ohio three years earlier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was patrolling through the Hudson Recreation Area checking anglers and contacted an individual who was wading in the water fishing. The individual dropped what looked to be a stringer with a fish on it. The individual came to shore with his fishing license ready and CO Monnich asked what was on the stringer. The individual stated he didn't know of any stringer and hadn't caught any fish. While talking, the stringer with a 10 inch largemouth bass came floating in to shore. The fisherman stated that it was his and he was only keeping it for a picture and then going to release it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was checking shore fishermen on Lake Hudson when he noticed two anglers across the lake bank fishing. CO Monnich headed to the other side of the lake to the location of the anglers. After walking through the woods for some time CO Monnich located the secluded anglers sitting in lawn chairs in the water fishing. As CO Monnich made contact one of the individuals said, "You got me!" and went on to say he hadn't bought a license this year and figured being off the beaten path and away from everyone he wouldn't get checked. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Monnich was checking anglers coming off Devils Lake at the public launch when two anglers came in using a canoe. CO Monnich made contact with the anglers who stated they had a few fish and fishing was pretty slow due to the boating activity on the water. When CO Monnich asked to see fishing licenses he was handed one Michigan fishing license from one man and an Ohio fishing license from the other. CO Monnich asked if he had a Michigan fishing license and the individual stated that his Ohio license was good for Michigan too. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich and CO Chris Reynolds were on marine patrol on Devils Lake when they contacted two individuals fishing from a boat. One individual produced a proper license while the other stated he was just at a local Meijer's 30 minutes ago and the employee told him that it was free fishing weekend and refused to sell him a license. CO Monnich stated free fishing weekend was the week before and called the local

Meijer's store to see if the subject's story was true. The Meijer worker stated that he's been selling fishing licenses all day. Enforcement action was taken for not having a valid fishing license.

CO Andrew Monnich checked some anglers coming off Devils Lake on kayaks and noticed they were pulling a stringer with a fair amount of fish on it. As CO Monnich contacted the anglers loading gear in their trucks he saw a few largemouth bass mixed in with the stringer of pan fish. CO Monnich asked what the bass measured and the anglers stated they looked legal and didn't measure them. CO Monnich measured both bass and one measured 12 inches. The angler stated he planned on letting it go but the bass was already dead when he went to let it go hours later. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was on patrol when he noticed an ORV with a father and two young children on a county road with busy traffic. CO Monnich initiated a stop on the ORV and asked where they were heading. The operator stated they were going to ride some trails on a piece of property just down the road. CO Monnich knew the land owner of the property who had been having problems with ORVs trespassing and driving through his crops. CO Monnich asked the operator if he knew the land owner and he stated that he didn't. Enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on the roadway and the driver was warned about trespassing on the private property.

CO McCullough assisted PRD staff with an abandoned juvenile at the local State Park. The juvenile had been left by his mother after a family dispute. The juvenile had been unattended at the park for approximately 6 hours. Campers and day users started complaining to PRD staff when the juvenile started soliciting rides home. CO McCullough located and contacted the mother in town and arranged for family members to transport the juvenile back home.

CO Jason McCullough stopped a boat after sunset for operating without proper navigation lights. Included in the group of passengers was a 3 ½ year old child who was wearing a life jacket designed for an adult. CO McCullough also noted the boat was short 5 life jackets. CO McCullough explained the importance of having properly sized life jackets for everyone on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough was watching anglers on a local lake and observed one angler fishing for approximately 20 minutes. After checking several other boats CO McCullough worked his way over to the angler who had stopped fishing. CO McCullough asked to check a fishing license to which the angler responded he didn't have one and he had not been fishing. CO McCullough explained to the angler he had been watching him fish for some time to which the angler responded he didn't want to buy a fishing license because he didn't plan on keeping any fish. The angler also stated

he had been fishing several times in the last couple of years but had not caught a lot of fish. A quick check of his purchase history showed the last time the angler purchased a license was in 2013. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Mendez and CO Todd Thorn conducted a marine patrol on The Grand River during "The Grand American Fishing Tournament." They contacted a charter vessel conducting business that was unregistered. The captain of the vessel assumed the owner of the charter business had renewed the registration. While the COs were taking enforcement action, they observed the captain returning money back to the customers on board.

CO Isaac Tyson was patrolling a local lake when he noticed a fish basket submerged near a dock. A check of the basket revealed four bass and multiple pan fish. Three of the four bass were under the legal size. CO Tyson knocked on the doors of the nearby cottages but no one answered. After some time a boat arrived at the dock. The anglers admitted that the fish were theirs. A citation was issued for possessing the undersized bass.

CO Isaac Tyson received a complaint of a fisherman keeping an undersized bass at a local river. CO Tyson located the suspect and a check of his bucket revealed a bass well under the legal size. The suspect insisted that the bass had shrunk due to the air being warmer than the water. CO Tyson issued the suspect a citation and released the fish.

CO Rich Nickols patrolled the Rose Lake State Game Area and found about 20 vehicles in a parking area. CO Nickols checked the area on foot and discovered a large gathering of recent high school graduates from a local school having a bon fire. CO Nickols advised the group to pick up the trash, put out their fire, and disperse.

CO Rich Nickols was on patrol on a recent Wednesday afternoon when he observed a vehicle parked on the side of the road at Sleepy Hollow State Park. CO Nickols followed a trail into the woods and heard noises. CO Nickols walked toward the noise and came to a clearing where he observed a cardboard box containing marijuana plants. CO Nickols hid and waited for someone to return to the box. A few minutes later two subjects came walking towards the box, one of which was carrying a shovel. CO Nickols announced his presence and ultimately took the two subjects into custody. The subjects were in the process of transplanting marijuana plants onto State land. A total of seven marijuana plants were recovered, two of which were already transplanted onto the State land with tomato cages placed around them. The subjects were lodged at the Clinton County Jail and charged with possess/manufacture marijuana. Both

subjects had previous criminal history of drug convictions including manufacture of marijuana.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink observed two subjects fishing on a pontoon boat. As they approached one of the two subjects put the pole down. Upon contact and a request for fishing licenses the subject stated that he wasn't fishing, just "drowning a worm." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink checked a local fishing pond and observed a group of young subjects on the shoreline using it as a beach. As the COs approached, one of the young subjects dropped an alcohol container he was holding. Two of the four individuals were found to be in possession of alcohol while under age. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn gave a presentation to a 5th grade class at Eaton Rapids Middle School. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. The kids learned about conservation officers, and a large fur kit was brought in for the kids to see and touch.

While patrolling with an observer (ride-along) on the Grand River in Lansing, CO Todd Thorn contacted two men fishing under the MLK Bridge. Neither of the men had a fishing license and one was found to have multiple statewide warrants for his arrest. CO Thorn was able to transport the man back to the boat launch where CO Hartleben, who happened to be in the area and volunteered to assist, was waiting to help transport.

COs Todd Thorn and Matthew Neterer were working a marine patrol along the Grand River in Eaton County when they saw a young man running from the woods toward some parked vehicles. The COs contacted the man and two others, and after some investigating, found marijuana and alcohol in their possession. All of the men were under the legal drinking age. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Thorn and Matthew Neterer assisted Ingham County deputies in a search for a missing ultralight airplane, which was reported to possibly be down in the Dansville State Game area in Ingham County. After many hours searching on foot through thick brush the search was called off when nothing was found.

CO Larn Strawn received a report all poaching complaint of a person trapping and killing small game in a neighborhood in Clinton County. CO Strawn responded and contacted and interviewed several witnesses, as well as the suspect. During the investigation CO Strawn discovered a live trap and a red fox squirrel carcass. The suspect admitted to trapping and killing the squirrel as well as many as 40 other

squirrels and a raccoon. CO Strawn seized the squirrel carcass and is forwarding a warrant request to the Clinton County Prosecutor.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a call of juveniles harassing a hen turkey on her nest at Ingham Park in Lansing. CO Neterer arrived to find the juveniles just leaving the park. They admitted to CO Neterer that they had been by the nest several times because they were curious. CO Neterer followed the juveniles to their house where they and their parents were educated on the importance of leaving the hen and her nest alone and the possible consequences if they do not.

While checking anglers at Grass Lake, CO Chris Maher witnessed a man with several small bluegill and a small largemouth bass. CO Maher asked the individual if he knew how long the bass had to be in order to keep it. The subject stated he knew largemouth bass had one length and the smallmouth another, but did not give a specific length. CO Maher informed the man that both had to be 14 inches in length to keep. The largemouth measured 9 inches. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting marine patrol on Center Lake in Jackson County, COs Jason King and Chris Maher stopped a vessel that was in forward movement with a passenger on the bow. After making contact with the vessel the COs discovered that the vessel was not equipped with the proper number of PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol when he checked a group of fishermen at the Shiatown Dam. Only one person in the group could produce a valid fishing license. The others told CO Slick that they didn't have it with them. CO Slick checked with Station 20 and neither subject came back as having a license. CO Slick confronted the anglers with the information and one angler responded "you caught me." The other stated he thought his father had bought him a license earlier in the week. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Ennett responded to a report all poaching complaint of possible over-limits of catfish at a local fishing pier. By the time CO Ennett arrived on scene the subjects in question had already left. CO Ennett went on to complete a regular fishing patrol and located an angler fishing without a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was assisting park staff on the beach at Sterling State Park. It was a very hot and busy day, with numerous vessels and PWCs in the area. CO Ennett warned a pair of PWC operators for tying off their machines to the swim area marker buoys, and made them move. A short time later, CO Ennett observed another PWC towing three separate persons on three different trips on inner tubes. The PWC did not have an observer on board. It took a few minutes for the operator to get close enough to

shore to blow a whistle and get him onto shore. He did not have his paper registration on board, and he also was operating and maneuvering between boats and swimmers. CO Ennett, with Park Officer Sparks as a witness, explained the various violations, and issued a citation for towing without an observer.

CO David Schaumburger went to a shore angling spot. CO Schaumburger drove through the grass to the very end of the pier. As he was pulling up, he heard anglers shouting, "Warden, Warden, Warden." As the CO put the vehicle in park, he spotted a man holding a stringer in his hand with a smallmouth bass on the end of it. The CO approached the angler and asked why he was in possession of the smallmouth bass and the angler replied, "I'm not in possession of the bass, I'm possessing the stringer." The CO asked the angler whose bass it was, and the angler stated that he knew who caught it, but did not want to give him up. Enforcement action was taken for possessing bass in a closed season.

COs Raymond Gardner and David Schaumburger attended the Kids Fishing Fest at Milliken State Park and Harbor in Detroit. While there, the COs answered any questions participants may have had for them. CO Schaumburger also fixed a fishing pole for a young participant, so that he would be able to continue fishing.

CO David Schaumburger was on a marine patrol during the closed bass season when he observed some shore anglers with stringers in the water. CO Schaumburger glassed the anglers, and observed two anglers handle two different stringers. CO Schaumburger made contact with the anglers, who both denied handling the stringers, and found three smallmouth bass, two of which were undersize. The bass were caught two days before the catch-and-keep bass season opens. Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger, Brad Silorey and Dan Walzak were working a popular shore angling spot known for taking bass out of season and set up surveillance on the area. The COs observed the area from across a canal and with the aid of binoculars and a cell phone video camera, were able to witness an angler catch a small mouth and put it on a stringer over the edge of a seawall, along with 2 bass already on the stringer. The COs made contact with the angler, who completely denied the allegations of possessing 3 out of season bass. It was only until the angler was shown the video of him handling the stringer that he confessed to the crime. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at a local boating access site CO James Zellinger approached several subjects cleaning walleye at a designated fish cleaning station. Two of the subjects, who were fishing together, appeared to be cleaning rather small walleye. CO Zellinger asked to measure the walleye the subjects were currently cleaning. Both walleye were less than 15" long. CO Zellinger asked to see the rest of the fish the subjects had in their possession. After measuring all seven of the walleye the two subjects had in their possession, six were determined to be less than 15" in length. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at a local boat access site, multiple boaters approached CO James Zellinger and reported a vehicle connected to an empty Jet Ski trailer was parked in the designated tie down area. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at a local fishing pier CO James Zellinger approached three subjects fishing, who informed the conservation officer that they had caught their limit of channel catfish and were just fishing for fun the remainder of the day. Before approaching the subjects CO Zellinger had observed them throwback channel catfish that were a legal length to harvest. After counting all the catfish in their cooler it was determined the three subjects were in possession of 31 channel catfish, one over their legal limit. CO Zellinger instructed the subjects to return one live channel catfish to the water and to keep better count next time.

CO Christopher Knights received a complaint stating someone had a video of an individual chasing down a mute swan with his jet ski on Maceday Lake, in Oakland County. After follow up with the complainant and other witnesses on the lake it was clear the subject was deliberately trying to hit the swan and made multiple passes at it to do so. One of the witnesses had a complete six minute video capturing the subject attacking the swan, as well as getting into verbal arguments with witnesses on shore. After getting all the evidence, CO Knights interviewed the subject at his residence. The subject confessed to trying to hit the swan, and stated it wasn't the best decision, but was upset with most of the swans on the lake attacking jet skiers. CO Knights advised this was not the best course of action, and he needed to direct his anger in other ways besides using his jet ski as a weapon. A report will be filed with the Prosecutor's Office seeking charges.

While patrolling Oakland County, CO Jason Becker observed a driver exit a driveway along M-59 heading east bound. The subject drove his vehicle into the left turn lane and came up to another vehicle facing west bound attempting to make a legal left turn. The subject swerved into oncoming traffic to go around the vehicle in the turn lane. CO Becker conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle for operating east bound in the west bound lanes. The subject stated he was late for work and didn't want to wait for the other vehicle to complete a legal left turn. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Oakland County, CO Jason Becker observed a PWC operating on a local lake with an expired registration. Upon further investigation, CO Becker was able to run the registration numbers to determine the registered owner. CO Becker met the subject at her residence to talk about the registration. The subject stated that it was her husband's responsibility and he hadn't gotten to it yet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was driving north bound on I-75 when a silver sedan passed him on the right at a high rate of speed. When CO Griffin caught up to the sedan in the left lane at 95-MPH the sedan started to pull away, but CO Griffin was able to get the driver to pull over. When CO Griffin asked for the subject's driver's license and registration the subject stated that he was unaware that a conservation officer could pull him over in a pickup truck which is the reason he never slowed down as he passed the patrol vehicle.

When CO Griffin returned to the subject's vehicle he stated that he should not receive a citation because it appeared that CO Griffin was indicating for him to drive faster when his patrol vehicle approached so quickly. CO Griffin explained the proper protocol for fast approaching vehicles, especially those with flashing lights. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted two subjects fishing from the shore of Pontiac Lake. As CO Griffin approached the subjects he noticed that they had two kayaks pulled up on shore a small distance from where they were standing. As CO Griffin conducted a fish check he noticed that neither of the subjects had any kind of personal flotation device (PFD) for when they are out in their kayaks. CO Griffin explained to the subjects that they must have some sort of PFD if they are going to go out on the water. The subjects stated that they would go get a couple PFDs before they head out on the lake, but they are just going to fish from shore a little longer because they have already caught about a dozen fish. Before CO Griffin continued his patrol he discovered that one of the subjects failed to purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted one subject operating a personal watercraft (PWC) next to a swim area. As CO Griffin proceeded in the direction of the subject he noticed a different subject on an identical PWC pulling a child on a tube with no spotter. CO Griffin directed both subjects to shore where the owner of the two watercrafts was standing. While questioning all parties involved, CO Griffin discovered that one subject was 15 years of age and did not take a boater safety class. The subject pulling the child stated that he did take a boater safety class a long time ago. CO Griffin gave the subject's name to dispatch who notified CO Griffin that neither of the two operators had taken a boater safety class. CO Griffin explained to all parties involved the responsibility regarding minors and PWCs, rules of the water, and the importance of boater safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted one subject operating a personal watercraft (PWC) without any registration decals. After stopping the subject, CO Griffin asked if his PWC was registered. The subject stated that it is registered, but he forgot to put the stickers on. After running the registration, CO Griffin discovered that the PWC was last registered in 2013. CO Griffin then discovered that the 17 year old subject did not take a boater safety class. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser received a complaint of someone who took mallard duck eggs from a nest and brought them home to hatch and keep as pets. The complainant said that the subject took eggs on two separate occasions. CO Muehlhauser followed up on the information and meet with the subject at his home. When confronted with the complaint against him the subject stated that the eggs were located at a public institution and were going to be destroyed for no particular reason. The subject

volunteered to take them home and rehabilitate them to release back into the wild. CO Muehlhauser asked the man if he was a licensed rehabilitator. He said "no." The man showed the CO the ducks, there were 7 mallard ducks approximately 4-6 weeks old in the man's back yard. The man said that he originally had 13 eggs and only 7 survived. The man also stated that he currently had another 9 eggs approximately 4 weeks into the incubation process. CO Muehlhauser consulted with DNR Wildlife staff and determined that the 7 ducks were old enough to be released back into the wild. However, the 9 eggs would have to be turned over to a licensed rehabilitator or destroyed. CO Muehlhauser was able to find a rehabilitator with the proper equipment who gladly took them in. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser encountered a couple of anglers on Lake Fenton anchored along the northern shore line. The two men stated they had been out for quite a while and had done quite well. After checking their licenses CO Muehlhauser asked to inspect their cooler. The men offered up one cooler that contained several crappie and bluegill and two largemouth bass. The CO noticed another cooler and asked the men if there were any other fish on board. After a moment of silence, one of the men said that he had his fish in the second cooler. CO Muehlhauser inspected the cooler and immediately noticed a short pike. CO Muehlhauser asked the men what the minimum size limit for northern pike was, both men guessed incorrectly. The pike measured 19" and CO Muehlhauser informed them that they were in possession of an illegal fish. One of the men claimed the fish and said that it was the first pike he had ever caught and didn't know the size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach has been working some late nights in the game area this past week. On one particular patrol, CO Kovach observed a car parked in a secluded lot. CO Kovach conducted surveillance on the vehicle before making contact with two occupants in the car. As CO Kovach made contact, and ordered the subjects to roll the window down, a large cloud of suspected marijuana smoke pillowed out of the window. Both subjects admitted to smoking marijuana, and drinking at a local bar. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was patrolling rural northern St. Clair County in the early morning hours when he saw a faint light on the side of a roadway as he crossed through an intersection. CO Kovach turned his patrol truck down the road to find two subjects on ORVs with their lights turned off. At nearly 3am, CO Kovach found it to be a little odd for the subjects to be out riding at that time. The riders said they had been at a graduation party and were on their way home. CO Kovach explained that it was illegal to be riding ORVs on the roadway in St. Clair County. The CO also noticed neither machine had ORV stickers, no helmets were being worn, and no working lights on the ORVs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach conducted several late night patrols in the Port Huron State Game Area. CO Kovach encountered multiple parties camping along with alcohol and drug violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a call of a lake sturgeon dumped at an access site with the head cut off. The investigation continues.

CO Ken Kovach assisted the Michigan State Police in an investigation of a person overdosing on an illegal substance. It was reported the subject had stopped breathing multiple times before CO Kovach had arrived. CO Kovach was able to render basic aid before securing the scene for EMS. The subject was transported to a local hospital.

CO Ken Kovach was requested to assist the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department on a domestic violence call. The caller reported a physical altercation had taken place, and one subject was face down in the front yard, unresponsive. CO Kovach and other law enforcement officers were able to secure the scene. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Brad Silorey observed a man operating a 4-wheeler in the parking lot of a marina. The operator was not wearing a helmet, and had no ORV sticker. As CO Silorey drove past, the suspect waited several seconds and then accelerated at a very high speed kicking up dirt and gravel. The suspect drove in the opposite direction of CO Silorey, but was heading to a dead-end peninsula. CO Silorey turned around and was able to make contact with the suspect about ½ mile down the road. The suspect stated that he was working for the marina, and was helping transport boats. On top of being on parole for drugs and alcohol charges, the suspect was also in violation of operating an ORV in the roadway, not wearing a helmet, and no ORV sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

While working Belle Isle, CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink stopped a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver had 12 outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit. The COs had also smelled marijuana and, after placing the subject under arrest for the warrants, found marijuana tucked into the subject's pants. The man was transported and lodged at the Detroit Detention Center.

CO Matthew Neterer was on a foot patrol on Belle Isle near the lighthouse checking anglers when he came across two anglers that had three 12" bass on a stringer. As CO Neterer was pulling the stringer up, one of the anglers stated that they weren't keeping fish and planned to release them when they were done fishing. CO Neterer explained the catch and immediate release law and issued citations for possessing undersize bass.

During patrol on Belle Isle, CO Josh Jackson witnessed an individual on a motorcycle failing to stop at a stop sign. Officer Jackson conducted a stop and questioned the

individual. During question and investigation Officer Jackson discovered the driver of the motorcycle had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince and Sgt Jeff Rabbers assisted MSP on Belle Isle with a search for a suicidal subject that was thought to have jumped off the MacArthur Bridge.

COs Pete Purdy and Josh Jackson while on Belle Isle assisted MSP Troopers with a 911 call of a vehicle driving the wrong way that struck several ducks in the road. The COs and troopers responded to the area and were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. They did locate two dead seagulls in the road that appeared to have been recently struck by a vehicle.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a medical call while working a shift on Belle Isle. A bicyclist had crashed while making a sharp turn on a flat tire. Detroit Fire Department arrived and treated the bicyclist for contusions. A friend of the bicyclist arrived to transport the rider and his bicycle home.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Josh Russell and Sgt. Zach Doss were called to a complaint of a lost child that was looking for his parents. The COs responded quickly and located the child's parents who were grilling out on the other side of the playground.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Josh Russell and Sgt. Zach Doss were flagged down by Belle Isle park staff on the beach. The COs were advised that there was a lady on the beach with a dog that refused to leave. The COs made contact, ran a file check and found she had a warrant for her arrest. The subject was warned about the dog issues for the future and then she was lodged at the Detroit Detention Center on the warrant.

CO Josh Russell and Sgt. Zach Doss, along with the MSP, responded to an alarm at the water plant while patrolling Belle Isle. Two subjects in kayaks tripped the alarm while attempting to gain access to the building. The COs helped locate the kayaks in question while MSP made contact from the water. Enforcement action was taken.