

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

CO Marvin Gerlach interviewed a subject who had been involved in an ORV trespass incident. The subject admitted to the violation and action was taken.

CO Denny Gast contacted occupants of numerous boats on Gratiot Lake one night and found anglers in three of them were over their possession limit on walleyes. One subject also had two undersized walleye in his possession.

Sgt. Steven Burton was called out for a report of a bear attack on a human. A DNR inspected and permitted facility in Ontonagon County had two large black bears enclosed in the facility. There may have been some miscommunication on feeding procedures and a woman was attacked and mauled by a 400 lb. female black bear. She fought her way out of the enclosure and was able to seek medical attention. She was later airlifted to a hospital in Wisconsin, where she was treated for her wounds and subsequently released. The bear was killed by a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper after it made its way outside of the fence. The bear was tested for rabies and was found to be negative.

CO Doug Hermanson has been working complaints of campers failing to move their tents and trailers after 15 days as required by law. He posted rules on the trailers underlining the requirements and also dropped off copies of the rules to their residences. Around 10 trailers and one tent camp were taking up semi-permanent residence on the beach at the mouth of the Huron River.

CO Matthew Eberly received a complaint that an injured eagle was spotted on the beach near Bete Grise. After three attempts to capture the bird, it was noted that the eagle was young and probably hadn't had much flight time. The young eagle finally found its wings and flew about a half mile up the beach on the last day. The mother was always watching from the treetops as CO Eberly investigated.

CO Marvin Gerlach interviewed several Wisconsin residents who were camping on private property without permission along the Menominee River. The subjects thought they were on public lands, since the property was not posted. Violations included underage ORV operation, no ORV license, and careless operation of an ORV.

Iron County COs Jason Wicklund and Dave Painter responded to two separate car/moose accidents in the last week. The first accident involved a 1250 pound bull that did not survive the accident. The second involved a cow moose that landed on the driver's windshield and resulted in glass injuries to the driver and passenger.

CO Grant Emery contacted an individual fishing on the Black River Lake who was in possession of an undersized bass. Enforcement action taken.

CO Grant Emery caught up to a subject who had been avoiding contact on a two year old DNR warrant. There was a warrant for his arrest for taking game from a motor vehicle. The subject was apprehended without incident.

CO Grant Emery ticketed an individual in possession of an undersized walleye. The subject claimed to not know the size limit on walleye and was only keeping it in his live well until he returned back to his camp to figure out how big they needed to be. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Grant Emery contacted a subject fishing with a local guide service on the Cisco Chain of Lakes. The subject did not have a fishing license and stated he thought it was part of the fee paid for the guiding trip.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Jared Ferguson was contacted by citizens on Indian Lake and advised there were kids lost on a float tube somewhere on the lake. CO Ferguson contacted the mother of the kids who was crying and very upset. With the strong wind as a guide, CO Ferguson searched the section of the lake thought to be most probable. Three hours after the kids had been discovered missing, CO Ferguson located them. They had floated more than four miles from where they started. All three kids were crying when they were picked up. CO Ferguson returned them to their mother who was very happy with his efforts.

CO Mike Evink and CO Reid Roeske checked several salmon anglers south of Manistique. One angler was contacted who had been fishing the previous night and was having better "luck" than the others. As contact was made, he was reeling up one line. There were six other lines out as well. Initially he told the COs that it was his first time out for the year. After advising him about knowing he was out the previous night, he changed his story. A ticket was issued for too many lines.

During the Chicago to Mackinac Island Yacht races, CO Kellie Nightlinger was on duty near the Mackinac Island Harbor when a personal injury bicycle accident occurred on the east end of the Island. CO Nightlinger borrowed a bike from a local bike rental shop and responded. The injured subject lost control and left the roadway, sending her down a small cliff where she became lodged between several large boulders. CO Nightlinger assisted to free the woman and get her back up to the roadway to waiting medical personnel.

CO Kevin Postma was checking boats and anglers in the St. Mary's River when he observed two subjects in a small fishing boat become very active as they recognized him. Upon contact the subjects were very nervous, but happy to show the CO their stringer of fish; however, they were trying to hide evidence of a second stringer which

had short walleye. Further investigation revealed that the two men were putting all their illegal fish on a nylon stringer which they intended to cut if a CO showed up, which is what they were trying to do as the CO approached. The legal fish were put on a steel stringer. The subjects were ticketed.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Andrea Erratt conducted a marine safety patrol of the Jordan River from Graves Crossing to Rogers Road. CO Erratt assisted a father and daughter in a capsized canoe that was damaged and sinking. CO Erratt also assisted an elderly couple who capsized on a newly downed tree and could not get the water out of their rental canoe.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped an ORV that exited a state access site on the Jordan River and was traveling down the middle of the road. CO Erratt ticketed the operator for an unlicensed ORV and warned him for no helmet, operating in a roadway, and operating an ORV in a closed area on state land.

COs Andrea Erratt and Steve Speigl patrolled Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix during the busy Venetian Festival. They checked four non-residents fishing from shore who indicated they had purchased fishing licenses. One asked if her Wisconsin fishing license would work. All four were ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Andrea Erratt was called by the East Jordan Fire Department to the scene of a fire where an individual was burning building materials, linoleum, cabinets, and a mattress. CO Erratt ticketed the individual for burning without a permit and warned him for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Duane Budreau responded to a hazardous waste dumping complaint of large quantities of automotive fluid being dumped near a farm field. Investigation revealed that the fluid was an organic byproduct of cherry production being stockpiled for the upcoming bear baiting season.

CO Steve Speigl assisted in the search for a vehicle that struck a motorcyclist then fled the scene. CO Speigl located and stopped the vehicle and determined that the driver had been operating under the influence of alcohol. An arrest was made for operating while impaired causing serious bodily impairment and hit and run. The vehicle driver had a blood alcohol content of well over the legal limit at the time he was arrested. The motorcycle operator sustained a broken leg, collarbone and lacerations.

CO Michael Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski conducted a canoe patrol on the Sturgeon River due to a marine safety hazard complaint. The marine hazard was taken care of and a muskrat trap was found from last season. Follow up showed the owner of the trap had not purchased a fur harvester's license last year. Upon contact at the trapper's residence, CO Feagan found out he was currently in prison.

CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski completed a timber trespass investigation where a logger admitted responsibility and paid twice the stumpage value of the timber taken off state land.

CO Eric Bottorff handled several complaints on the newly re-surfaced and developed portion of the rail trail between Cheboygan and Alpena. Boulders blocking access have been moved, ORVs, and motor vehicles persist in unlawfully using the trail. Enforcement action will be taken.

CO Bill Webster contacted three anglers in a boat on Long Lake in Alpena County and asked them how fishing had been. They showed him some bluegill they had in a fish basket; however, they became nervous when asked what they had in their coolers. The anglers told the CO they had a pike and it was plenty big enough to meet the 20 inch size limit. CO Webster measured the pike and informed them it was 23 inches long - a full inch short of the 24 inch size limit. CO Webster issued a ticket for keeping a short fish, and noted that one of the anglers received a ticket for a short walleye on the same lake a month ago.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Carla Soper was patrolling in the dune area at Silver Lake State Park when she stopped a rental dune buggy operating in the opposite direction of the one way directional zone. The operator was a California resident with his driving privileges suspended and revoked. During the stop, an employee from the rental company stopped to inquire what was going on. CO Soper advised the employee they rented one of their vehicles to a suspended operator. The rental company was able to take the vehicle and the suspended driver out of the park. A ticket was issued for the safety violation.

CO Carla Soper was contacted about a bear that was acting lethargic and sick. A MSP trooper was first on the scene and advised CO Soper of the poor condition of the bear. The bear was dispatched due to its poor condition and DNR Wildlife personnel were contacted. It was determined that the bear had been shot with buckshot and the investigation continues.

CO Mike Wells contacted subjects bow fishing who were in possession of a snapping turtle shot with an arrow in the carapace. CO Wells issued tickets for fishing without a license and illegal take of a snapping turtle.

CO Mike Wells was conducting a patrol of Newaygo State Park when he came across a campsite where subjects were violating quiet hours. CO Wells contacted the group and attempted to identify the members. One individual provided CO Wells false names, date of birth and other identifying information. CO Wells was finally able to confirm the subject's identity as a felony fugitive wanted in a series of thefts and failure to pay child support. On the way to the jail the subject bragged he had been wanted for some time and that CO Wells would probably receive an award for bringing him in.

## **DISTRICT 5**

COs Jon Warner, Bobbi Lively, Brian Engelhard, and Becky Hopkins, along with local deputies and other law enforcement officers, conducted a joint marine patrol on the Au Sable River. Officers reported numerous contacts and in 2 ½ hours, twenty arrests were made for marine violations, alcohol related violations, litter and narcotics. A few hours into the patrol a severe thunderstorm passed through the area forcing people on the river to quickly head for shelter. Unfortunately, a lightning strike took the lives of two people standing in the river and a third person is reported to be in critical condition.

CO Mike Hearn and local deputies worked a joint patrol on the Manistee River and contacted two subjects who were smoking marijuana. The subjects were with a large group of canoeists. The two subjects told the CO it was their right to smoke the marijuana under their medical marijuana card. Neither subject was able to produce a medical marijuana card and they were reminded it is illegal to smoke the marijuana in public. Officers ticketed an additional seven subjects for minors in possession in the same group of canoeists. Warrants are being sought for the narcotics violation.

CO Mike Hearn observed a vehicle parked alongside the road with the passenger door open and a subject lying on the ground. Upon checking the scene, CO Hearn could smell a strong odor of marijuana. The driver told the CO his passenger had just picked up his medical marijuana prescription and had smoked some and soon complained of a medical problem and passed out. An ambulance was called to the scene to assist the passenger.

CO John Huspen reports that a Grayling man recently pled guilty to one count of intentionally setting fire to woods, a felony of up to 10 years in prison and/or \$10,000 in fines. This was the result of an investigation of three wild land fires in Crawford County in 2010. The man will be sentenced at a later date.

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood arrested two separate boaters on Wixom Lake. The first subject was operating after dark without any navigation lights and had a blood alcohol content over the legal limit. The second subject decided to throw an empty beer bottle into the lake right in front of the two COs. He also had a blood alcohol content over the legal limit. Both subjects were lodged in the county jail.

CO Joel Lundberg stopped a careless driver inside the Trout Lake State Forest Campground (SFC). In addition to the careless driving, the subject's driver's license was suspended, he had open intoxicants, and there were two warrants for his arrest. He was lodged in the county jail.

CO Brian Olsen kayaked the Rifle River and made one arrest for possession of marijuana.

CO Brian Olsen found a canoe along a lakeshore that was moored near a campsite. In the canoe were three undersized pike. CO Olsen located the owner of the canoe at the campsite who confessed to taking the undersized fish.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Joshua Wright assisted the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) with a stop of a vessel on the Saginaw River. The operator was put through sobriety tests and was found to be under the influence of narcotics. A blood draw was taken and the subject was lodged at the county jail.

CO Phillip Hudson stopped at a hospital parking lot to catch up on paperwork when an intoxicated subject lost control of his vehicle and skidded across the lawn and took out two signs. The subject continued through the parking lot where CO Hudson blocked him in. When CO Hudson contacted the driver, he asked the subject if there was a problem with the vehicle. The driver told the CO he was stopping at the hospital for an application and a job interview. The subject was lodged for operating while impaired after failing the breathalyzer test.

COs Phillip Hudson and Brian Olsen were patrolling the Rifle River when a subject with a water cannon asked CO Olsen what would happen if he sprayed him with water. CO Olsen advised him of the consequences and the subject hosed CO Olsen anyway. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea stopped an ORV after observing the operator carrying a passenger and neither the operator nor passenger was wearing a helmet. Upon contacting the driver, it was also discovered that the driver failed to purchase an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Foerster and Holly Pennoni were working a marine patrol on Saginaw Bay when they came across a vessel just wrapping up from a days worth of fishing. The two occupants were proud of their take, showing the COs their fish. CO Foerster counted the fish several times and kept coming up with 12 fish for the two anglers. The owner of the vessel stated several times that he had counted the fish several times himself and knew he had 12 walleye. The COs explained the law/legal possession limit of walleye, five per angler, on the Saginaw Bay. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith contacted three anglers fishing on Saginaw Bay. None of the anglers were able to produce a valid fishing license. Two of them lied about their names and dates of birth several times before things got figured out. It was revealed not one of the three anglers had a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on boat patrol on Saginaw Bay, COs Scott Brown and Robert Hobkirk observed a vessel towing a skier with no observer. The COs contacted the operator who claimed that the PWC operating alongside him was his observer. The COs explained that the

law required the observer be in the same boat with them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Payne was on a marine patrol on an inland lake when he observed a vessel violating the slow, no-wake rule. When the vessel was stopped it contained seven adults and one child. There were only two personal flotation devices (PFDs) on board and no fire extinguisher.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO McManus responded to a complaint where a subject called repeatedly to the Report-All-Poaching (RAP) hotline claiming someone was shooting deer. The subject was using very profane language with the dispatcher and claiming a conservation officer was responsible for the violation. CO McManus was able to locate the subject through the assistance of RAP. The subject turned out to be a juvenile who was out with friends earlier that evening. CO McManus met with the parents and their son. Instead of being charged with filing a false police report, he was ordered to write an apology note to the dispatcher.

CO Steve Mooney was on marine patrol and, as he approached a boat, he observed one subject set his rod down and the second subject kept fishing. The subject who set his rod down immediately produced a fishing license, and CO Mooney observed a number of undersized bass in a bucket sitting near the subject. When CO Mooney asked the second subject if he had any undersized bass in his bucket, he stated no, but CO Mooney discovered a total of six undersized bass.

COs Andy Bauer, Steve Mooney and Sgt. Zach Doss were on marine patrol working the Venetian Festival in St. Joseph. The COs were on Lake Michigan about a half mile off shore when they heard the sound of a woman screaming in the distance. The COs determined that it was coming from a drifting vessel to the east of their location. The COs approached the vessel and observed a man in the water about a hundred yards off the stern of the boat in the sixty degree water and that the man appeared to be in trouble. The woman on the boat screamed that they needed help. The COs approached the man, who was clinging to a life ring that the vessel occupants had thrown him. They observed the man's head go under water twice and he was desperately trying to stay afloat. The COs worked as a team and carefully approached the man and were able to grab onto him and hold him to prevent him from going under water. The man was slowly delivered to the other vessel, and was at the point of exhaustion from both the cold water and his struggle to stay afloat. The man was unable to pull himself up a swim ladder without the help of one of the vessel occupants and two COs. Once safely aboard, it was determined that the man had been drinking and was walking to the front of the moving cabin cruiser type vessel, when he fell off the boat into the cold water. The man refused medical treatment and was escorted back to safe harbor.

CO Jeff Robinette reports that an investigation regarding a felon in possession of numerous firearms from deer season was sentenced to 6 ½ years by a federal judge.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a large chemical spill in Berrien County where a semi-tanker truck hauling a liquid exploded, spilling about 1500 gallons of liquid, some of which made its way into a small creek. CO Bauer provided assistance to all the agencies involved in the containment and clean-up.

CO Ken Cerny ticketed a number of individuals violating access site rules at Klinger Lake in St Joseph County and discovered that one of the subjects had provided another subject's identification. CO Cerny contacted the individual, who was subsequently ticketed for minor in possession of alcohol and providing false information to a conservation officer.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Shane Webster assisted local officers with a boating accident on Vineyard Lake. The investigation showed that a vessel collided with a personal watercraft (PWC) injuring the occupants on the PWC. The vessel fled the scene of the accident only to be located by CO Webster and a marine deputy. The vessel was impounded and the investigation continues.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau assisted the MSP canine unit in the search for a subject who had committed a daytime felony home invasion and fled the scene of the crime on foot. Sgt. Bahlau and the canine unit tracked the subject onto a golf course and arrested him. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Rich Nickols observed a subject operating a boat that was towing a wake boarder. The only occupant of the boat was the operator. There was no observer in the boat as required by law. The registration on the boat had expired in 2004. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a marine patrol after dark, CO Rich Nickols encountered a PWC operating after legal hours with no navigation lights. The operator was a 15 year old juvenile who did not possess a certificate to operate a PWC. CO Nickols towed the PWC back to the boat launch where the father of the juvenile was waiting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens received information that a subject operated his watercraft in a reckless manner which caused injury to numerous Canada Geese and killed a few others. With the help of CO Dan Bigger, the investigation continues.

CO Dan Bigger received information that a subject was keeping raccoons taken from the wild and treating them as pets. The subject did not possess the required rehabilitator's permit. CO Bigger seized the raccoons and took enforcement action.

CO Dan Bigger received a complaint that a pontoon boat with a number of underage subjects drinking alcohol and using vulgar language was observed on a Jackson County chain of lakes. CO Bigger located the vessel and observed what appeared to be minors consuming alcoholic beverages. The CO stopped the vessel and discovered that seven minors on the vessel had been drinking alcohol, that the operator was also intoxicated, that two of the subjects were wanted on warrants, and that they were not in possession of the required number of PFDs on the vessel. CO Bigger had one of the sober occupants of the vessel take it back to the access site. With the help of CO Damon Owens and Sgt. Troy Bahlau, enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a foot patrol of a local lake, CO Todd Thorn observed a motorboat being operated on lake where gas motors are prohibited. When CO Thorn contacted the subjects it was noted that they didn't have the required PFDs on board the vessel. Since both subjects had suspended driver's licenses, CO Thorn inquired as to who drove them to the launch site. Enforcement action was taken and a friend was called to give them a ride home.

While returning home from a late night patrol in the early morning hours, CO Dan Bigger observed a vehicle in front of him swerving and driving erratically. CO Bigger made a traffic stop as it seemed likely that the operator was driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver of the vehicle was not intoxicated, but was trying to operate the vehicle with a broken tie rod. Further investigation revealed that the subject was operating the vehicle on a suspended license and was wanted on two outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Mark Ennett worked along with CO Dan Walzak as part of "Operation Channel Watch" on the Detroit River and Lake Erie. Along with a pair of MSP troopers and other authorities, officers worked along the U.S.-Canada boundary. Officers contacted a Canadian vessel entering the U.S. without the proper regulations being adhered to, as well as an American vessel re-entering the country after making an unreported landfall in Canada, also without regulations being followed.

CO Mark Ennett and Intern Mark Bolak responded to a RAP complaint of people catching and keeping undersized bass in Flat Rock. A short surveillance of the subjects found two individuals with a total of seven undersized bass in their possession. Each angler was issued a ticket for the violations, one for six fish, and one for one fish. Their excuse was that they did not know that "green bass" had a size limit.

CO Mark Ennett contacted the operator of a PWC who was operating very close to boats and swimmers at a greater than slow, no-wake speed. When asked, the operator admitted this was the first time he had ever operated a PWC. He did not know the rules, or how many violations he was committing. He was ticketed for operating too close to swimmers and warned for operating near the four boats that were in the immediate

vicinity. As the stop was being made, one of the boat owners yelled out “thank you” to CO Ennett for taking the enforcement action.

While working with MSP and U.S. Border Patrol on a multi-jurisdictional marine patrol, CO Dan Walzak stopped a vessel that was operating curiously around another vessel. The owner stated that he had just purchased the vessel and he was “just showing off a bit for his friends in the other vessel”. Checking the safety equipment on the vessel revealed that the new owner did not have the required throwable life preserver or fire extinguisher. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon responded to a complaint of subjects fishing from the dock of Windmill Point Park in the City of Grosse Point Park. A check of their fishing licenses and a cooler revealed two undersized smallmouth bass. The subjects were advised of the 14 inch requirement and told if in doubt to measure the length of the fish. The one subject admitted to taking the two undersized smallmouth bass and enforcement action was taken.

COs Michael Drexler and Kris Kiel were checking shore anglers and CO Drexler asked to see one subject’s fishing license. After digging through his wallet the angler stated that he must have left it on his dresser at home. A computer check of licenses revealed that the subject had not purchased a fishing license in years and a ticket was issued.

CO Michael Drexler responded to a RAP complaint of a raccoon in a live trap. He located the trap and found it was not tagged. After contacting the homeowners association, he found they had a contract with a nuisance animal control company. About 30 minutes after he called the company, a worker showed up and advised the trap had been set the day before. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Michael Drexler conducted a marine patrol on Belleville Lake. The COs contacted an airboat that was not displaying registration numbers or a decal as required. A further check revealed the vessel also did not have a fire extinguisher, the correct number of PFDs, and the owner could not produce his fishing license or the vessel’s paper registration. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake Ponemah, COs Mark Papineau and Mike Drexler contacted the operator of a pontoon boat bearing an expired registration decal. The COs were informed by the boat owner that she was aware the vessel was expired and that she remembered getting the renewal notice in the mail around February. The boat owner advised that she did not renew the registration hoping to save money and not get caught. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lobdell Lake, COs Mark Papineau and Mike Drexler observed a boat towing two juveniles on a tube without an observer. The COs stopped the vessel and advised the operator why he was being stopped. The operator quickly advised the COs that he had an observer and then pointed to his bow riding dog. The COs informed the operator that his dog could not be the spotter and that one of the

juveniles would have to take its place. A ticket was issued for towing without an observer.

While patrolling Lobdell Lake, COs Mark Papineau and Mike Drexler observed three subjects fishing from shore directly across from the Argentine Township Police Department. As the COs began to approach the subjects from the lake, they observed the three individuals walk back toward their vehicle and light up what appeared to be a cigarette. With the direction of the wind, the COs quickly determined that it was not a cigarette but marijuana the subjects were smoking and passing around. The COs contacted Argentine Township Police, who walked across the street from their office and contacted the individuals. In addition to smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol in a public parking lot, one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Ken Kovach checked a couple anglers fishing from shore near a DNR access site in Macomb County. One of the anglers was in possession of a 12 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" largemouth bass. After writing the ticket, the COs observed a vessel coming up the channel without a registration. After watching the vessel dock at a nearby marina, the COs contacted the operator. When questioned about the registration, the subject tried to pass off a boat dealer plate. While performing a vessel safety inspection and asking a few more questions, the COs determined that the subject was running an illegal fishing charter. The operator did not have a charter boat license and the vessel had not been inspected. Along with those violations, the vessel was unregistered, had no fire extinguisher, no appropriate PFDs, no fishing license on person, and the subject's vehicle was advertising for fishing charters. Warrants will be sought through the prosecutor's office.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska checked several boats and anglers on Lake St. Clair during a group marine patrol. The COs were checking anglers when they came across a subject who told the COs he did not have his license with him. When he was informed by the COs that they could look it up through RSS by radio, the subject admitted to not having a license. A computer check of the individual also revealed four outstanding warrants. Two of them were misdemeanors and two were civil warrants. One of the misdemeanor warrants was for aggravated assault; the civil warrants were from Friend of the Court with high bonds and statewide pick ups. The subject was unable to post and was arrested on scene and then turned over to local law enforcement with his fish without a license ticket in hand.

CO Mike Drexler and Intern Mark Bolak conducted a short surveillance of the Belleville Dam. Using binoculars, CO Drexler observed one angler check his fish basket which appeared to have an undersized bass when compared to the panfish in the basket. CO Drexler and Intern Bolak drove to the angler's location and found one angler in possession of an undersized largemouth bass. The subject asked the CO to give him a break as they were "rookies" and "new to fishing." A check of the license system revealed that the angler who possessed the undersized bass had purchased a fishing license every year for the past 10 years. A ticket was issued for take/possess

undersized bass. During the same patrol, CO Drexler and Intern Mark Bolak were checking anglers on Belleville Lake when they contacted three individuals fishing from shore. When asked to see their fishing licenses all three stated that they had not purchased their licenses yet. Enforcement action was taken.