

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

COs Trey Luce and Mark Leadman worked a complaint of illegal deer stands and early deer baiting in Marquette County. The COs were contacted by a subject stating the equipment was his and that he was hunting under his tribal status. A check of his tribal status found him to be outside the recognized treaty area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a group of bird hunters on opening day. A check of the vehicle revealed an uncased/loaded shotgun on the seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Grant Emery contacted a group of hound hunters along the Michigan Wisconsin Border. A check of the group found the non-residents had failed to register their dogs, one was without a license and another had failed to license his ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund received a complaint of possible shining/shooting of deer. The CO requested that a city officer wait at the residence while he searched the area where they were last seen. The city officer informed the CO of the return of the suspects, where they were detained until the CO could arrive. The suspects were interviewed and one subject was lodged on a bond violation and felony firearm possession.

CO Jason Wicklund checked several groups of hunters on the opening of small game and bear hound season. Several individuals were contacted with violations including, loaded firearms in motor vehicles, open intoxicants in motor vehicles, and no hunter orange.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a subject near an illegal bear bait. The subject stated the bait was his, but denied ever leaving anything at the site. When CO Bacon walked him back to the bait and showed him all of the litter on the ground, the subject quickly changed his story. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

COs Kyle Publiski and Jeff Panich were on patrol when they received a RAP complaint of subjects snagging fish in the Carp River. The COs proceeded to the location, set up surveillance in the area and caught two different crews that were snagging fish and keeping foul hooked fish. Two of the snaggers were observed smoking marijuana as well. As contact was made it was learned that the snaggers who were smoking marijuana were actually the ones that called in the RAP complaint.

The day before the bear opener CO Mike Hammill encountered a subject camping on state land. After speaking with the gentleman for a few moments the CO became suspicious of some comments that didn't make sense and noted that he was nervous. The subject agreed to take the CO to his bear hunting stands to prove his innocence as a good law abiding hunter. The CO took him up on his offer which led to a wild goose chase because the subject could no longer remember where any of his hunting stands were. Returning to the camp the CO started to figure out what was taking place and asked the subject to show him the two bow cases he had in the back of his vehicle. One case was empty, which led to the admission that the subject's son was out hunting before season. A short walk from the camp revealed the early hunter in his tree stand over an illegal bear bait. The subject tried to claim that he was scared and that's why he had his bow with him and was in full camouflage in his tree stand. Also his license wasn't valid until the third hunt period, but the subject had removed that information from his license in hopes a CO wouldn't notice. A citation was issued and the bow was seized.

CO Mike Hammill and Lt. Eugene Hagy were working bear hunters and came across an ORV parked on a trail with a bag of apples on it. The subject was tracked to a nearby tree stand with a large pile of apples in front of it. The subject stated he was just baiting his deer stand for the first time and wasn't sure if it was legal yet or not; however, it was obvious the bait site had been well established. The subject was informed it was not yet legal and he was ticketed for the early deer bait violation and given a warning for failing to disclose he was in possession of a handgun. He was also directed to remove the bait.

CO Kevin Postma was on routine patrol near the Dunbar boat launch when he observed two subjects drive into the parking lot who were acting a bit strange. He noted that they had fishing gear in the back of the truck, but continued to just sit there. He decided to leave for a while and then come back to see what was going on. Upon return some 20 minutes later the two were now fishing. Upon contact it was learned that neither of the two had fishing licenses and they were waiting for the CO to leave so they could fish, but the plan didn't include the CO coming back. Tickets issued for fishing without licenses.

CO Robert Crisp checked a vehicle driving slowly on a backwoods road. When he made contact with the driver he found an open beer, a small amount of marijuana and an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. The driver was ticketed.

While checking boats in Big Bay DeNoc and Garden Bay, CO Mike Evink and Sgt. Darryl Shann made contact with the operator of an older boat with an expired registration. When asked about the registration, the owner stated he had purchased the boat earlier in the spring and had not titled it. He further explained he thought the previous owner's registration was still good since it said '12' on the sticker. He was warned for the failure to title the boat and was ticketed for the expired registration.

CO Mike Evink received a complaint of a person riding her horse back and forth along the beach in front of private property residences and on state land. The complainant was frustrated with the lack of regard for private property and about the remains left behind by the horse. CO Evink made contact and educated the horse owner of the law regarding saddle and pack animals.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt assisted local deputies with a marijuana grow location on state land in Charlevoix County. A camera caught the suspects on film and a search warrant of their residence produced the marijuana plants they had harvested off state land. The marijuana was seized and subjects arrested.

CO Matt Theunick received a tip that an early season goose hunter had shot a duck. After meeting with the hunter, CO Theunick left with a hen mallard carcass and the breasts which had already been taken off. The subject left with a ticket for taking waterfowl during the closed season.

CO Carl Vanderwall worked an early bear bait, eventually getting a photograph of the suspect, who has been a habitual violator. A subsequent interview led to a confession. A warrant was issued and CO Vanderwall arrested the individual.

CO Duane Budreau received a complaint of a campsite on state land that had extensive trash on the site. CO Budreau attempted to make contact at the campsite, but found no one at the camp. Officer Budreau did record a moped license at the camp. A subsequent check on the camp found the campers gone for good, but with a large amount of litter left, including beer cans, wine bottles, miscellaneous trash and human waste. A visit to the registered owner of the moped, who turned out to be a 90 year old bed-ridden woman, led to the grandson she had given it to. An interview with the grandson resulted in a confession, a littering ticket and a clean-up of the site.

CO Matt Theunick and Sgt. Greg Drogowski received a call of a six point buck head still in velvet at a residence. A visit to the residence resulted in locating stolen DNR trail signs as well as the six point buck's head, which had been dead for one to two weeks. The COs learned the suspect was currently in the Cheboygan County jail on other charges. An interview at the jail resulted in the subject advising he hit the deer with his truck, but had failed to get an accident report or road kill permit, because he had been "drinking too heavily that night". The subject eventually admitted he actually hit the buck on purpose with his truck, swerving across the road to hit it, and then shooting it with a .22 rifle, because he wanted some venison. Warrants are being sought.

COs Steve Speigl and Andrea Albert were dispatched to assist in locating lost hikers who had two small children in the Jordan Valley. After about an hour the hikers were located and found to be in good condition.

CO Steve Speigl assisted local deputies in locating a stolen ORV. The ORV was hidden in the woods and located by the officers. Suspects have been interviewed and the case is still under investigation.

CO Mark DePew contacted an individual shining for deer at 12:30 a.m. The subject was issued a ticket for shining after 11:00 p.m. Individuals are reminded that it is illegal to cast an artificial light in an attempt to locate game between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and that it is generally illegal to shine at anytime during the month of November.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint of shots being fired at night and a dead deer that was located the next morning. CO Webster was able to locate the suspect vehicle and after being interviewed, the subjects confessed to shooting two deer that night. CO Webster seized the firearm used to shoot both deer and has submitted a report to the prosecutors office.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe observed a subject fishing within 300 feet of the Boardman River weir. The subject was fishing near a posted sign advising the area was closed to fishing. The subject advised CO Kehoe that he does not fish in the area very often and was not aware he was fishing in a closed area. Checking the records, CO Kehoe discovered that he had written this subject a ticket for a fishing violation that occurred in the same general area the previous year. CO Kehoe also found out that the subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant from downstate. The subject was ticketed for the fishing violation and then lodged at the local jail on the warrant.

CO Sam Koscinski received a complaint of a subject dumping trash on state land in Missaukee County. The CO was provided a vehicle description and plate number. On his way to the complaint location, CO Koscinski observed a vehicle matching the suspect's description leaving the area. Due to traffic and distance, the CO was not able to catch up to the vehicle. CO Koscinski proceeded to check the dump site and located some evidence. As the CO patrolled the complaint area he observed the suspect vehicle return to the area and contact was made. The subject admitted to the dumping and was ticketed for the violation. The dump site was cleaned up by the responsible party.

CO Brian Brosky was working a foot patrol near Indian Bridge when he observed several subjects attempting to snag salmon. Two of the subjects were taking salmon with snag hooks and shuttling them to their vehicles. CO Brosky watched as one subject successfully snagged a salmon and then offered it for sale to a person near him for five dollars. The person handed over a bill and was observed receiving change. CO Brosky called in a local deputy for assistance collecting the violators and worked his way out to the roadway where the deputy was waiting with them. Tickets were issued for the sale of the fish and for snagging.

CO Steve Converse was working on foot along Pine Creek when he observed three subjects down along the creek. One of the subjects was spearing salmon while the other two were assisting with the rounding up and transportation of the fish. CO Converse contacted the subjects and seized 10 speared salmon they had taken illegally. The subjects were ticketed for taking salmon by illegal method and charged restitution for 102 pounds of fish.

While speaking with subjects fishing from kayaks near Blacksmith Bayou on the Manistee River, CO Steve Converse observed one of the subjects behaving in a way that led him to believe something was being hidden in one of the kayaks. A short investigation led to the discovery of a short largemouth bass concealed within the kayak. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was at Tippy Dam at about 1:00 a.m. when he observed four subjects wading near the coffer dam attempting to snag salmon. The subjects were in a location where CO Converse could see them but could not make contact with them. After an extended period of time the subjects came back to shore with 20 salmon. CO Converse had taken notes reference the hook locations on nearly all the fish and knew them to be illegally hooked. Interviews with the subjects led to confessions that all of the fish in their possession were foul hooked. Tickets were issued and restitution will be sought for approximately 120 pounds of salmon.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a complaint of salmon carcasses dumped along a roadside and found numerous carcasses at the end of a long driveway along a county road. CO Greenway took pictures of the scene and observed that the carcasses were not very old or decayed. Upon driving away from the scene, CO Greenway observed two subjects outside a nearby cabin cleaning salmon. After a short conversation with the two subjects, a confession was obtained for the carcass dumping. CO Greenway located additional salmon carcasses behind a shed on the property. After collecting all of the fish remains the two subjects were ticketed for an overlimit of salmon along with the littering violation. Approximately \$1000 of restitution will be sought.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling a section of the Pere Marquette River when she observed four subjects salmon fishing. After observing the subjects for a short time, CO Greenway noted that the gear set up on two of the subject's fishing lines was illegal. While running a records check, CO Greenway discovered that the two were ticketed by her two years ago at the same location, same date and the exact same illegal gear setup. Enforcement action was again taken.

CO Carla Soper encountered two subjects fishing below the 300 foot mark in closed waters near the weir on the Little Manistee River. CO Soper observed the two subjects as they were snagging salmon and found that they had already thrown three salmon up onshore. When asked why they were fishing there, one subject advised that he had been ticketed two years ago for fishing above the 300' closed area and thought maybe it would be okay to fish here. His friend advised that he thought the entire stream was

closed from what he read in the Fishing Guide but took the chance anyway. Both subjects were ticketed and had their fish seized.

CO Jeff Ginn and Sgt. Mike Bomay were on foot patrolling the Little South Branch of the Pere Marquette River and located a lone subject in a remote area snagging salmon. The shallow hole the subject was working was jammed full of the fish. Contact was made and the surprised subject could not believe that he was discovered by the COs. The subject didn't have his fishing license and a record check revealed an outstanding arrest warrant. The subject was unable to post bond and was lodged in the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Troy Mueller was contacted by the RAP hotline dispatchers and advised that a subject was purchasing multiple military deer hunting licenses for the discount. CO Mueller contacted the subject who admitted to purchasing the licenses under false representation. Enforcement action was taken including the seizure of all licenses purchased.

CO Troy VanGelderren responded to an illegal dumping complaint and located several items with suspect information. CO VanGelderren contacted the suspects at their residence. CO VanGelderren was advised that the 29 year old son was given money to take the trash to the dump but decided to pocket the money and dispose of the household refuse on state land. In the meantime, CO VanGelderren received two additional complaints of dumping on state land bearing the same name. CO VanGelderren patrolled to the newly reported area and made contact with the son as he was attempting to pick up a third dumping location. CO VanGelderren located drug paraphernalia on the suspect and ended up lodging him in the Oceana County Jail.

CO Mike Wells was patrolling the Muskegon River and contacted two subjects in possession of two undersized largemouth bass. The owner of the vessel admitted to catching both nine inch bass and was ticketed. The boat owner also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest for fail to pay child support and was lodged in the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Mike Wells responded to a complaint of a gunshot buck found on private property. CO Wells backtracked the blood trail and located a second antlerless deer, also dead with a gunshot wound. CO Wells continued following the blood trail to a small cabin. CO Wells contacted the resident and was able to obtain a confession for the shooting of the antlerless deer. Through the investigation of the direction of the shot fired, it was determined that while shooting at the antlerless deer, the bullet passed through the small doe and struck the buck in the neck killing the deer. Warrants are being sought from the prosecutor's office for taking deer during the closed season.

CO Mike Wells responded to a complaint of shining and shooting late at night and was able to collect substantial DNA evidence. CO Wells was able to develop several suspects based on vehicle information provided from witnesses. CO Wells contacted Sgt. Mike Bomay and together they interviewed all suspects involved. Confessions of

the illegal nighttime hunting was obtained. The firearm and spotlight were seized along with the meat taken from the animals. Charges for the poaching have been forwarded to the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 5

CO Chuck McPherson was contacted by a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper who had talked to a subject with a limit of bluegill. COs McPherson and Chris Bowen sat on the small flooding and watched several more subjects fishing. A check of the anglers leaving the pond resulted in an overlimit of bluegill.

COs Chris Bowen and Chuck McPherson were patrolling on state land and observed an ORV operator riding on a closed area of state land. The COs tracked the subject and contacted him as he walked out of the woods just after he finished early baiting his deer blind. The COs were able to locate several more early baited deer blinds in the area.

CO Bobbi Lively received information regarding a possible illegal bobcat taken the previous fall. While on the property to contact the suspect, CO Lively observed an illegal snare set. The subject admitted to CO Lively he had snared the bobcat out of season and decided to keep the bobcat, purchase a tag for it, and seal it during the season.

CO Mike Hearn responded to a pursuit by a local deputy. CO Hearn knew the trail road onto which the suspect had turned during the pursuit and traveled ahead to intercept the fleeing vehicle. The suspect saw the patrol vehicle ahead on the trail road and drove off into the brush in an effort to elude the CO. The suspect's vehicle became stuck and as officers exited their vehicles to apprehend the subject, he was able to move the vehicle forward striking CO Hearn's patrol truck. The suspect was taken into custody.

CO Mike Hearn located a large pile of litter dumped on state land. CO Hearn found information in the trash of a local address and was able to contact the elderly home owner. She indicated she had hired a few young kids to clean out her garage. CO Hearn located the suspects who admitted to dumping the garbage. The suspects will be cleaning up the site along with others as directed.

CO Mark Papineau was patrolling state forest lands on an ORV when he approached a pickup truck sitting stationary on a forest trail. CO Papineau contacted the occupants and learned they were setting up tree stands for the upcoming deer season. The subjects were very nervous and CO Papineau quickly discovered why - they had a multitude of violations including open intoxicants, uncased firearms, carrying concealed handguns without a permit, along with deer bait violations and the utilization of screw-in tree steps on state lands. Arrests were made.

CO Mark Papineau located the owner of a camper that had been illegally stored on state land since last April. CO Papineau had received multiple complaints with regard to the abandoned camper. In addition to having stored the camper on state land since

April, the subjects were in the process of unloading a pickup truck load of wood, which was determined to have been stolen from a nearby timber sale. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason McCullough and Steve Lockwood were finally able to wrap up a lengthy trapping investigation where a subject had sealed multiple otter and left traps out after the end of last trapping season. The subject was charged with trapping during the closed season.

DISTRICT 6

CO Nick Atkin was dispatched to a search and rescue situation where a lost angler with health conditions was missing on Saginaw Bay after dark and in the rain. Central dispatch provided the CO with GPS coordinates for the lost angler. The CO walked approximately one and one half miles in the harsh conditions into the shallow water of the Bay and contacted the soaking wet, frightened angler at his stranded vessel. The angler was unable to walk so the CO pulled the small vessel into deeper water and drove the boat to safety.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two goose hunters who had several marine violations with their hunting boat. The hunters were operating an unregistered boat, had failed to transfer ownership of the boat after purchasing it, and only had one lifejacket for the two of them. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea stopped the driver of a pickup after watching the driver fail to stop for a stop sign. When CO Rhodea asked the driver why he did not stop, he replied he never does for the stop signs around his house. A ticket was issued.

While en route to a RAP complaint, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a large amount of black smoke coming from behind a house. Upon inspection, it was found that a local excavator had knocked down a barn and was burning it in a large hole. The subject was ticketed for unlawful disposal of solid waste.

CO Hobkirk received a RAP complaint of poison being placed out by someone in the Verona State Game Area (SGA) and a large number of small dead animals being found. Once the CO arrived, he located three containers of poison and eight animal carcasses near the poison. After an interview, it was found that a local farmer was poisoning the animals due to the damage they were causing to his corn. Charges are pending for taking wild game by illegal methods.

CO Dan Lee checked into service late one evening to find that local law enforcement officers were actively searching for a lost 69 year old kayaker in the Shiawassee Flats. The kayaker and her partner had separated around 3:30 that afternoon after about an hours paddle from St. Charles. The partner made it to their destination on the Tittabawassee River in Saginaw around 6:00 p.m. She was unable to locate her partner

after several hours of searching with the aid of local boaters. The local authorities were finally contacted around 8:30 p.m. The search area was in excess of 25 miles of rivers and wetlands through the Shiawassee River SGA and the Shiawassee River National Wildlife Refuge. Officer Lee, with his knowledge of the area rivers and with the information provided from the partner, was able to locate the lost kayaker in the middle of the SGA. She was thirsty, cold and tired of the mosquitoes but was otherwise in good condition.

CO Ken Lowell located a vehicle on state land while working illegal ORV activity. When CO Lowell contacted the occupants one subject indicated that he had a handgun in the car but that it was in a case. When CO Lowell took a look at the firearm he discovered that it was loaded. The owner stated that he had just come from the range and must have forgotten to unload the weapon. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

While patrolling the Allegan SGA COs Chuck Towns and Patrick McManus contacted a subject who had crashed his vehicle in a closed area along a gas pipeline. Assistance was provided in the removal of the vehicle with contact being made to a local towing agency. Enforcement action was provided as well for the illegal operation.

CO Christopher Holmes has been investigating several subjects violating various wildlife laws in Kalamazoo County. During one investigation, Officer Holmes determined a subject was waterfowl hunting on a local lake connected to the Kalamazoo River. CO Holmes concealed himself along the river's edge for approximately three hours waiting for the subjects to exit their hunting blind. During this time Officer Holmes noted 12 shots from the subjects shooting at geese well after hunting hours had ended. During this time the RAP hotline was also taking complaints of late shooting in the area. CO Holmes contacted two subjects and determined only one of them was hunting. The subject was in possession of three geese and two protected seagulls. The shotgun used to take the waterfowl was not plugged and lead shot was being used. The subject had no waterfowl license or federal waterfowl stamp and shot the geese well after hunting hours had ended. Marine violations were also addressed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer was contacted by the local animal control authorities due to the fact that they had received a report from the hospital about a subject that had been bitten by a raccoon being held as a pet. CO Bauer was able to locate the subject who had the raccoon and seized the illegally held animal. The subject was ticketed for illegal possession of a live raccoon.

CO Mike McGee checked a husband and wife fishing from a canoe. CO McGee found that they did not have fishing licenses and did not have any life preservers on board. Enforcement action taken.

CO Andy Bauer contacted a man and his girlfriend hunting in Warren Dunes State Park. Neither hunter was wearing hunter orange and were hunting both turkeys and small game and had taken a squirrel. The man was teaching his girlfriend how to hunt. CO Bauer explained the laws regarding hunter orange and took action on the safety violation.

CO Jeff Robinette contacted a hunter ending hunting for the morning. The hunter advised that he had heard excessive shooting further back on Crane Pond SGA. CO Robinette investigated and located a juvenile hunter with an adult hunter. Neither were wearing hunter orange and stated that they had been target practicing, but later admitted to attempting to take game. The two subjects also transported the firearms uncased to the game area. Enforcement action was taken with a large number of warnings being issued and a lengthy explanation of the applicable laws.

DISTRICT 8

CO Kyle Bader conducted a marine patrol on the north chain of lakes in Coldwater. CO Bader wrote a ticket to a subject fishing without a license. The subject was upset that the first time he went fishing this year he got checked. He also advised that his friend received a ticket in the same fishing area, and his dad advised him not to go fishing unless he bought a license.

CO Kyle Bader issued a ticket to a subject fishing without a license. He initially tried to conceal his identity by giving his fishing partner's brother's name. Further questioning revealed his true identity and also that he not only was fishing without a license but also had a valid warrant for his arrest. A ticket was issued and the subject was lodged.

COs Derek Miller and Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of reckless ORVs on the roadway in front of a residential area. They were able to set up on some railroad property and watch the complaint area. A short time later, two of the dirt bikes showed up. Both COs made traffic stops on the bikes and got ID from the drivers. The subjects both admitted to operating on the roadway and on the railroad tracks. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Derek Miller and Damon Owens were working together when they received a call from the sheriff's department in regard to subjects keeping an overlimit of panfish. They responded to the complaint and contacted the deputy. Upon initial contact with the subjects, the COs saw that they had close to a limit of fish on the boat. As they counted all of the fish the COs then asked them about any other fish up on shore. The subjects finally admitted that they had fish in a cooler in the back of their truck. The subjects admitted to dropping fish on shore earlier in the day and went back out fishing. All three subjects were issued tickets for overlimit of panfish.

CO Dan Bigger responded to several complaints during the youth waterfowl weekend. On the last complaint related to waterfowl hunting, CO Bigger observed two subjects on a pond picking up their decoys. CO Bigger noted that the adult seemed nervous and

waited on the shoreline for them as they rowed in. Before getting into shore, the adult admitted to not having a license. He was informed that the goose season for adults had closed and that only the youth waterfowl season was open. Several warnings were given and enforcement action taken along with a goose.

CO Dan Bigger observed several subjects fishing along the river on the top of a dam. CO Bigger witnessed one of the subjects balancing on a log over the dam where several people have drowned in the past. CO Bigger made his way to the top of the dam and was able to get the angler's attention. The angler did not want to come to the shoreline but conceded after several minutes to CO Bigger's request. Upon making contact on the shore, the angler admitted to not having a fishing license because he did not agree with having to pay money to catch and release fish. It was also found that the female that the angler was fishing with had a valid PPO out against the subject. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violation and the subject was lodged on the PPO violation.

CO Dan Bigger observed an angler catch several panfish on the Shiawassee River before making contact. The angler stated that she did not have a license and that she couldn't believe that the CO was that far down the river. She did not have ID and she was requested to pack up her gear and walk to the patrol truck. The angler was somehow able to provide ID once at the patrol truck. Enforcement action was taken.

While en route to Lake Lansing, CO Rich Nickols came upon a vehicle/bicycle personal injury accident. CO Nickols was the first emergency responder on scene and provided first aid to the victim. The cyclist had a nearly amputated leg just above her ankle and was showing signs of shock. CO Nickols attended to the victim until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived and helped load her into the ambulance. There is no update on the victim at this time.

COs Damon Owens and Derek Miller responded to a complaint of a possible overlimit of panfish being taken on a small lake in Washtenaw County. Upon locating the three subjects, the COs found them in possession of 96 total fish (21 over their legal limit). Enforcement action was taken.

While working the river for marine activity, CO Dan Bigger noted two subjects wading in the river and fishing. CO Bigger observed the subjects as he slowly approached. It took nearly 40 minutes to get to an access point where he could contact the two anglers. Upon seeing the CO, one of the anglers threw her fishing pole into the weeds and walked away. CO Bigger asked to see a fishing license and she stated that she was just collecting crayfish for her daughter. CO Bigger advised that she would need a license for that as well and inquired as to the fishing pole in the weeds. She apologized for trying to mislead the CO and accepted her ticket.

CO Daniel Prince responded to a waterfowl hunting complaint in progress during the second week of the early goose hunting season. Three hunters were trespassing on private property. CO Prince located the hunters and watched them shoot numerous

mallard ducks. The hunters were contacted and the violations included recreational trespass, unplugged guns and taking waterfowl out of season.

CO Pete Purdy was checking anglers along the Huron River when he encountered two subjects fishing without licenses. The two anglers went on to advise that they saw CO Purdy checking anglers while they were driving to the location. When CO Purdy asked why they still decided to fish when they knew he was checking the area, the anglers stated that they decided to take the chance because the area was reported to be picking up for bluegill fishing. In addition one of the anglers also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster checked a group of goose hunters and found one subject who stated his license was back in his vehicle. After the long walk to the vehicle and searching his wallet the hunter decided it must be at his house. A quick check of the system revealed he had no license purchases for 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster, Derek Miller, Kyle Bader, Todd Thorn, Jeff Goss, and Sgt. Joe Kellam performed a group ORV patrol in the Waterloo Recreation Area to target illegal ORV activity and to address the small game and turkey seasons. The COs located three hunters trespassing on a parcel of state prison property that was closed. The hunters were advised to stay on the Recreation Area property; however, one of the individuals had outstanding warrants. The man was transported and lodged in the Jackson County Jail to await pickup.

CO Todd Thorn observed a small aluminum boat with two occupants being operated with an expired boat registration. The occupants were contacted and found to be fishing without licenses. Upon further investigation, one of the occupants of the boat had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Al Mendez and Todd Thorn responded to a recreational trespass complaint in progress and found three individuals target shooting on the complainant's property. The target shooters had pulled down "No Trespassing" signs that had been put up by the complainant earlier in the day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn issued a ticket to a boat operator who was operating the boat at a high rate of speed with three passengers on board. He had no working navigation lights approximately an hour and a half after sunset.

DISTRICT 9

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint of a subject baiting deer prior to October 1st. The CO walked the suspect's property and located approximately 10 gallons of shelled corn. The suspect baited early, placed more than two gallons of bait, and did not spread it out over a 10' by 10' area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska responded to a complaint of a group of subjects who were baiting a field for geese, and took turns checking the field during prime time. Early one morning, CO Szyska observed two subjects hunting over decoys in the baited field. The CO contacted the subjects and found one subject had 24 lead shotgun shells. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of a subject baiting geese in his backyard. The complainant stated he watched the subject dump corn among some decoys and was hunting from a loft in a shed. He also stated the subject was smoking marijuana. CO Kovach, along with CO Kris Kiel, responded and contacted two subjects at the site. The subjects were not hunting at the time and told the COs they put out some corn for "recreational viewing". The COs did find some marijuana plants and the subject admitted to smoking marijuana; however, he had a medical marijuana card and was not in violation. Possible baiting charges are pending.

COs Mike Drexler and Dan Walzak checked an angler fishing for walleye in the Detroit River who was having a pretty productive day. When the COs asked about his luck, the angler stated that he had caught five fish. A check of the subject's live well revealed that he indeed had the five walleye plus an additional six that he did not initially divulge to the COs, and several of the fish were also undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon conducted a shoreline patrol along the Detroit River, and while checking two anglers, found that one of the anglers had two smallmouth bass. CO Rabon measured the smallmouth bass and discovered that one bass met the required length of 14 inches and the second bass was only 12 inches. The angler was asked why the second bass was not the required length and he stated catching fish had been so slow that when he caught the second bass he became excited and forgot to measure it. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Lacelle Rabon observed approximately 50 empty cardboard boxes that had been dumped in the street. A check of the labels on the boxes identified a company in Auburn Hills. While checking more boxes, a couple of youths approached and stated just prior to CO Rabon stopping, a subject stopped and discarded the boxes and drove off. CO Rabon is following up on the information for prosecution of littering.

CO Mike Drexler was checking shore anglers in Detroit when he contacted two subjects for their fishing licenses. Both anglers asked what a fishing license was and said they didn't know they needed a license to fish. A computer check revealed otherwise, as both subjects purchased a fishing license in 2006. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers along the Huron River when he observed one angler smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette. After contacting the subject, the CO confirmed this suspicion after detecting the strong odor of marijuana. Further investigation revealed several bags of marijuana, paraphernalia, and an illegal switchblade knife. All illegal items were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively stopped a two seat utility vehicle that pulled out onto a public roadway in front of him at dusk. The subject had three children with him; two of them were sharing a seatbelt in the front and one was riding in the bed. The subject already had a DNR prior violation for operating an ORV on a public roadway and was ticketed again for operating an ORV on a public roadway and was educated on safety as to the children riding with him.

CO Ben Shively stopped an ORV that was operating after dark on the roads in Holly Recreation Area. The operator was not wearing a helmet or eye protection, was operating after dark with no headlight or tail light, was operating on a public roadway, operating an ORV with a suspended/revoked license and the subject was on probation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler received a RAP complaint on the opening day of the small game season about a squirrel hunter who was not wearing hunter orange. Upon contact with the hunter the CO detected the odor of intoxicants and performed field sobriety tests. The hunter was arrested for hunting while intoxicated and lodged in the Lapeer County Jail.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint from a subject fishing at the Harley Ensign Access Site on Lake St. Clair. The subject observed two anglers in possession of an undersized muskellunge. The caller witnessed one of the anglers cut up the fish. The offal went into the lake, and the head of the fish went into a garbage can. The caller followed the angler to his vehicle, where the body of the fish was placed, and then he copied down the license plate number. The subject then went back to fishing. By the time the CO arrived, the subjects were gone. The CO retrieved the fish head from the garbage can, ran the license plate from the vehicle, and proceeded to the address. After interviewing the registered owner, it was determined that the fish was at the other subject's residence. The CO interviewed the second subject, received a confession, and the musky was produced from the refrigerator. After measuring the head and body, the musky was determined to be 36" long. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach checked several squirrel hunters on state lands in and around Lapeer County on opening day of small game season. The CO encountered one subject who was wearing a reversible hunter orange/camouflage vest; unfortunately for the hunter he was wearing the camouflage side out and no orange was visible. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Dan Walzak observed a vessel having difficulty maneuvering to a launch ramp against the current in the Detroit River. In checking on the vessel and the welfare of the occupants, CO Walzak learned that the motor kept stalling. Only one of the occupants would speak to and look at the CO, who remained with the vessel to the launch ramp and then conducted a quick vessel check. There were an insufficient number of life preservers and the vessel owner had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was ticketed for the lack of personal flotation devices (PFDs) and lodged on the warrants.

CO Lacelle Rabon and Sgt. Arthur Green responded to a RAP complaint of youths that were throwing rocks and killed a duck. Upon arrival it was learned that the subjects were young adults and the person who threw the rock had fled the scene. The COs obtained identification information for the subject and several witness statements and a warrant will be sought.

CO Brandon Kieft was on marine patrol on Maceday Lake when he observed a personal watercraft (PWC) operating too close to a swim area. The operator and passenger of the PWC also appeared very young when they passed by CO Kieft. After stopping the watercraft, CO Kieft determined that the 12 year old operator had never taken a boater's safety class and the PWC had not been registered since 2009. The children were escorted to their parents on shore and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft stopped the operator of a PWC for operating greater than slow, no-wake near Dodge #4 State Park. The male subject was about 20 years old, but was not clear on a lot of the PWC regulations. Further investigation revealed that he had never taken a boater's safety course in Michigan. A ticket for failure to display a boater's safety certificate was issued.

CO Brandon Kieft conducted a stop of a small motorized watercraft on Pontiac Lake that had no registration information. The owner of the watercraft had no PFDs on board and also had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a complaint of "shots fired" in the Commerce Township area. After verifying the address where the shots were heard, CO Kieft attempted to contact the homeowner near a detached garage on the property. Looking through the open garage door, CO Kieft watched as the male subject was "breasting out" five Canada Geese. Further investigation determined that the subject did not have a valid Federal migratory bird license or Michigan waterfowl hunting license, possessed a plugged shotgun, and had discharged a firearm within the safety zone. A ticket was issued for possess/take geese without proper licenses and restitution for the geese was sought.