

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

CO Mark Leadman contacted several subjects in a vehicle who had shot up several beer bottles and were leaving the area without cleaning up their mess. The resulting contact revealed two of the subjects in possession of loaded pistols in a motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken on all the violations.

CO Mark Leadman observed two anglers and a child fishing on Swanzy Lake near Gwinn. As he waited for them to return to the access site, he observed the adult subjects light up and begin smoking marijuana. Contact was made and action taken for the violation.

CO Jason Wicklund checked a bear hunter who had shot a bear that evening. The CO offered to assist the hunting party with locating the bear. The bear was located nearly a mile from the start point, well after dark and in a rain storm. Luckily for the hunting party, the only batteries that still worked happened to be in CO Wicklund's GPS.

CO Grant Emery lodged a bear hunter in the Ontonagon County Jail for making threats to another hunter at the same location. The subject and another hunter had set up on the same bait and a confrontation took place.

CO Grant Emery checked a hound hunting group that had just treed and shot a bear. Numerous violations were addressed including trespassing, failure to wear hunter orange and having an uncased firearm in a vehicle.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy contacted several groups while deploying the grouse decoy. Violations addressed included loaded uncased firearms in a motor vehicle and failure to wear hunter orange.

CO Dave Painter responded to the complaint of two wolves caught in traps. This was the second call to the same property within a week of wolves caught in traps. This time, two juvenile wolves were released from leg hold traps uninjured.

CO Matthew Eberly and Sgt. Steven Burton worked the duck opener at Lac Labelle. One hunter was checked and found to be hunting without his state and federal waterfowl license. A check of the other boat on the lake resulted in two undersized smallmouth bass, an angler without a license, and the angler throwing fish offal into the water. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Denny Gast wrote a group of hunters for hunting over illegal bear bait. He worked an ongoing complaint on the same group that was contacted last week resulting with the arrest by CO Matt Eberly of an individual for a loaded gun.

COs Jason Niemi and Marv Gerlach responded to a complaint of a subject impersonating a conservation officer. The complainants had numerous baiting violations which led up to the altercation by an older subject who thought he could scare them into leaving the area by stating he was an off duty CO. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Niemi, during the youth hunt, issued tickets to two different parents for placing bait early. He issued several verbal warnings for other violations such as illegal ORV operation and use of illegal tree stands.

CO Matthew Eberly worked a shining complaint over the weekend. He stopped a driver shining a field with a gun in possession.

CO Denny Gast wrote a deer hunter getting an early jump on deer season baiting for this year. He had been baiting for the last month with apples and sweet corn.

CO Grant Emery located two bear hunters who had gone past a gate on private land. The subjects were trespassing, riding double on an ORV and in possession of uncased firearms. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho contacted a 12 year old subject who was attempting to shoot the grouse decoy from the window of his dad's vehicle. The father of the 12 year old was driving the car and enforcement action was taken to address multiple violations.

CO Ryan Aho ticketed a bow hunter who had left his stand out all year and had been baiting for nearly a month prior to the October 1st start date.

CO Brian Bacon ticketed a bow hunter who had placed an overlimit of bait out three weeks prior to the October 1st start date.

CO Ryan Aho responded to a complaint with Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Iron Mountain post. A bow hunter witnessed an individual in a vehicle shoot a rifle at a deer. MSP troopers were near the scene and with the help of the Norway Police Department stopped the subject a short distance away. CO Aho obtained a confession from the subject for attempting to take the deer with a rifle from the roadway and warrants are being sought.

CO Brian Bacon contacted a bear hunter hunting in the wrong management unit. The subject was not wearing hunter orange and was also hunting over illegal bait.

DISTRICT 2

CO Kyle Publiski worked the opening day of bow season in the Detour area. After checking numerous bow hunters CO Publiski was on his way home when he encountered a vehicle driving carelessly. CO Publiski pulled the vehicle over and upon

contacting the driver, asked him to put his hands where he could see them. The driver did so with hesitation, revealing blood all over his hands. A short investigation ensued and CO Publiski was able to recover an eight point buck that had been illegally shot with a crossbow. A ticket was issued for illegally taking game and numerous verbal warnings were issued including operating a motor vehicle without a license.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a complaint in the middle of the night of people snagging along a well known salmon stream. CO Postma watched the men snag repeatedly. Upon making contact with the snaggers, a foul hooked fish was discovered. CO Postma collected identification from the group and ran a file check on them. One of the subjects had a felony warrant and was lodged at the Chippewa County jail.

CO Derek Miller followed two sets of ORV tracks across state land in a prohibited area. Upon contacting the operators of the ORVs, CO Miller watched one man dump over 50 gallons of sugar beets while the other was pulling the five inch trees he just cut out of his newly trimmed shooting lane. CO Miller issued tickets and warnings to each individual.

COs Gerald Thayer and Kevin Postma teamed up for the waterfowl opener. Over 100 hunters were checked throughout the day with a good level of compliance. One individual was ticketed for an unplugged gun and a few verbal warnings for minor license violations and marine violations were given.

CO Mike Hammill was approached by numerous people in the Luce County area reporting that a 300 lb. black bear had been stolen from a hunter's camp in the middle of the night. CO Hammill responded to the alleged camp and spoke with the hunter. The hunter explained that it had all been a big misunderstanding; he had called a friend to pick up the 300 lb bear since "I don't eat wild game". The hunter realized his friend had come in the middle of the night after he had called him late the next day to explain what happened. CO Hammill saw that the subject was in camouflage and getting ready to go out hunting. When the individual told CO Hammill he was going out bow hunting for deer, CO Hammill asked to check his deer license. Upon pulling out his deer license the hunter's unused bear license accompanied the deer license, along with two other bear licenses. CO Hammill issued a ticket for untagged bear. CO Hammill then contacted CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt Glen Gutierrez in the Lower Peninsula, who found the individual fleshing out the bear. CO Lockwood issued a ticket for possession of an untagged bear.

CO Kevin Postma patrolled an area where he had received numerous complaints regarding illegally cutting trees off state land. While driving into the complaint area, CO Postma contacted the drivers of two trucks loaded with oak that had just been cut. A report and follow up investigation are ongoing.

CO Robert Crisp received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint from a resident in Alger County. The caller advised she heard a shot the previous night at about 1:00 a.m. CO Crisp went to the scene and located a spent shell casing as well as tire tracks. No

deer was found at that time. Later, while handling a different complaint of vehicles driving on the beach, he located a vehicle with tires that matched the tracks from the night shooting complaint. After locating the owner of the vehicle, he was able to obtain a confession. The vehicle owner and his cousin had shot a deer at night from the vehicle. A wider search of the property resulted in locating the deer that had been shot. Warrants were issued and the subject was lodged in the county jail.

CO John Wenzel investigated an incident where a subject shot a deer with a crossbow out of season. Upon contact, the individual stated that the deer had been dropped off by someone else. After being shown the evidence, the subject confessed to shooting the deer. He was arrested and lodged in the county jail. The equipment used in the crime was seized, including an ORV, a crossbow and a knife. Those items are set for condemnation proceedings.

CO Jared Ferguson came upon a subject operating an ORV on a forest road. As the subject approached, CO Ferguson observed an uncased crossbow on the ORV. CO Ferguson stopped the subject who asked, "What are you stopping me for?" After the uncased and cocked crossbow were pointed out, with the quiver of bolts next to him, the subject stated he was heading back to camp, which was just around the corner. CO Ferguson took out his plat book and asked the subject to show him where his camp was located. It turned out the camp was at least six miles away.

DISTRICT 3

CO Eric Bottorff received a complaint of trespass during the youth deer hunt. A father/son team was hunting on their own well-posted property when their hunt was interrupted by a trespasser. CO Bottorff was able to track down the offender and a ticket was issued.

Area officers have been busy monitoring salmon activity. COs Eric Bottorff, Matt Theunick, Mike Feagan, and Rich Stowe have been issuing several tickets and warnings for violations such as snagging, fishing within 100 ft. of a weir, fishing without licenses, and use of illegal gear.

CO Rich Stowe took part in a group patrol on the waterfowl opener with COs Kelly Ross and Mark Depew. The COs conducted extensive foot patrol in a large swamp area, covering several miles and contacting several hunters in very remote areas. No major violations were encountered but several unsuspecting hunters were surprised to see them.

CO Nick Torsky assisted Wildlife Division with the inspection of a privately owned captive cervidae facility. The owner has made no effort to comply with the operational standards that were to be in place by July 1, 2008. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew, working the black bear season in Otsego County, had found a bait site with some bread plastic bags left at the site. Upon checking the two portable ground

blinds located near the bait pile he found a husband and wife both hunting for bear. One of the two needed a walker to get to their blinds; both were in their late seventies. CO DePew checked their licenses and discussed hunting and littering regulations with them.

CO Bill Webster, while working ORVs on state land in problem areas, observed three ORVs operating in the closed area. CO Webster stopped the three operators and found the driver to be operating on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Webster was monitoring state land in a closed area where a mud bog had developed. CO Webster stopped a vehicle that had driven into the closed area. In the vehicle were two uncased and loaded .22 caliber rifles in the front seat, and an uncased shotgun in the back seat. The hunters stated they were hunting small game. A ticket was written for operating on state land in a closed area, possessing a firearm afield without a license, and for the loaded firearms and uncased shotgun.

CO Bill Webster responded to a RAP complaint of hunting deer without wearing hunter orange and possible trespass during the early firearm deer season on private property in Alpena County. CO Webster contacted the subject who admitted shooting antlerless deer without a license and hunting without wearing hunter orange. The subject then took the deer next door and allowed the neighbor to tag the deer with his license. CO Webster interviewed the neighbor who stated he had shot the deer and then tagged it. After more discussion the neighbor admitted he did not shoot the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster located some bait (mixed protein, called green enrage) out on state land and was able to locate the deer hunter who admitted to placing the protein out to attract deer. A ticket was issued for the baiting violation.

CO Joe Molnar investigated two separate complaints of dead bull elk and although found miles away, both bulls appeared to be killed from wounds inflicted from fighting during the ongoing breeding season. CO Molnar also wrote a ticket to a small game hunter hunting without a license and stopped three ORV operators driving on a snowmobile trail. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross issued a ticket to a bear hunter who was hunting over illegal bait that was littered with plastic and other items. The hunter was not wearing the required hunter orange apparel and had no bear hunting license in his possession. CO Ross also has located several illegal baits at deer hunting locations. On opening day of the archery deer season he checked six illegally baited areas but did not find any hunters around.

CO Joe Molnar started out on the right foot on his first day in his new assignment in Alpena County with his new partner CO Bill Webster. They worked waterfowl hunters together that evening and located two waterfowl hunters who shot one-half hour after shooting hours. One of the hunters was hunting without a plugged shotgun. Tickets

were issued for all three violations and restitution will be sought for two ducks killed after the shooting hours ended.

CO Joe Molnar wrote three tickets to archery hunters hunting over bait, one a repeat offender from last year who stated he had been set up.

CO Mark DePew and Sgt. Chris Morris ticketed a bow hunter on opening day for hunting over corn. The hunter was using a camouflaged spin-cast feeder underneath a coniferous canopy. Officers are noticing that hunters continue to go to further lengths to hide their illegal bait. Later that evening, the COs checked an archery hunter on state land hunting from a permanent blind that had no name or address on it. The hunter was hunting legally with a crossbow but was hunting over bait, had no hunting license, and had operated his vehicle on a closed area. Enforcement action was taken by CO DePew.

CO Mark DePew checked three archery deer hunters hunting together on opening weekend of the archery deer season. Upon investigating, CO DePew found one of the hunters to be in possession of a handgun while archery hunting for deer and he was ticketed for the violation. The group had also been hunting over bait and enforcement action was taken. CO DePew also ticketed the driver of a truck for operating in a closed area creating an erosive condition driving up a hillside on state land.

COs Kelly Ross, Mark DePew and Rich Stowe worked together on the Long Swamp in Alpena County checking several hunters who had lower than normal success on waterfowl but were getting some birds. The COs report very good compliance by the waterfowl hunters.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Chris Morris observed an ORV operating on the roadway pulling a small trailer. The operator was not wearing a helmet and had an alcoholic beverage in his hand. After following a short distance, the operator took a drink of the beverage and then turned his head to around to see if anyone was behind him. Apparently he knew it was the DNR as he then tried to cover up a sidearm with his jacket. CO Webster stopped the ORV and contacted the operator who did not have a concealed pistol license. The loaded pistol was seized and sobriety tests were given, which he failed. The trailer contained apples which he said he was taking to hunting camp to bury. The operator was lodged at the county jail and tickets were issued for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, possess a firearm while intoxicated, possess a loaded firearm on a motor vehicle and operating an ORV without a helmet.

CO Bill Webster investigated a complaint of a farmer not properly using his disease control permits. Upon investigation it was determined the farmer did not turn in the heads of two bucks that had been shot. He still had all of his kill tags from last year. A ticket was issued for not tagging the buck.

CO Andrea Albert reports that spawning salmon have loaded up in the Jordan River Valley. The past week has resulted in CO Albert ticketing two separate crews spearing

salmon and multiple people fishing in a closed trout stream. CO Albert also ticketed five anglers on the Boyne River for various illegal fishing methods including retaining foul hooked fish, illegal hooks and snagging.

CO Andrea Albert checked a couple of bow hunters on opening day who were hunting over bait. A ticket was issued to the adult hunter.

COs Carl Vanderwall and Duane Budreau ticketed four subjects on the Bear River for snagging and another two on the Boyne River for netting and using snag hooks.

COs Carl Vanderwall and Matt Theunick were checking an area of state land for hunters when they witnessed a 4x4 jeep tearing up a wetland. The wetland has been an area of concern for some time. The operator was ticketed and the 4x4 seized for future condemnation.

CO Carl Vanderwall assisted Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources officers on a case involving moose hunters. He also assisted local deputies with an illegal deer case where the subjects killed a five point buck from a vehicle with a firearm.

CO Andrea Erratt observed a man attempting to snag fish on the Boyne River and a woman following him with a gaff hook. As CO Erratt approached the couple, the man grabbed the gaff hook and threw it into the brush. The man said he threw the gaff hook because he thought it might be illegal. CO Erratt ticketed him for possessing a gaff hook on a trout stream and warned him for attempting to snag fish.

CO Andrea Erratt and CO Andrea Albert observed two men fishing on the Boyne River and trespassing on very well posted private property. One angler kept a salmon he hooked in the back and continued to attempt to snag more fish for hours. The men were contacted as they left via the private property. Tickets were issued for snagging and keeping a foul hooked fish and recreational trespass.

CO Andrea Erratt and Sgt. Jim Gorno checked several waterfowl hunters on Lake Charlevoix. As soon as they cleared the lake they received a complaint of snaggers on the Boyne River. They patrolled to the Boyne River and ticketed two brothers who had snagged five salmon.

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint about men attempting to net salmon in the closed area of the Jordan River. CO Erratt patrolled to the Jordan River Valley and stopped two men as they came back to their truck. CO Erratt followed the young men back upstream to where their friends were still trying to net salmon. The friends dropped their nets as soon as they saw CO Erratt. They were ticketed for attempting to take salmon by an illegal method and warned for fishing on a closed stream.

DISTRICT 4

Checking along a private section of stream in Manistee County, CO Carla Soper located several subjects trespassing on posted lands. CO Soper contacted the four subjects. A LEIN check revealed that one of the subjects still had an outstanding warrant from CO Soper for the same offense two years ago. All four subjects were ticketed and one was lodged on an outstanding warrant.

Sgt. Kevin Hackworth and COs Carla Soper and Brian Brosky worked a joint fish patrol in Manistee County. The COs witnessed three subjects smoking marijuana in the presence of a minor. After the subjects had finished their cigarette, they proceeded to snag three fish. COs approached the subjects and seized additional marijuana, illegal hooks, and three snagged fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carla Soper responded to complaint of snagging in Manistee County and watched as two subjects attempted to snag fish with weighted hooks. CO Soper followed the subjects until they reached their cabin and watched as additional subjects were rigging up with the same illegal devices. CO Soper went to the camp to make contact and found that they had a large fish canning operation set up. Only the owner of the camp could produce a license. CO Soper contacted Sgt. Kevin Hackworth and CO Brian Brosky of Mason County for assistance, and 87 lbs of fillets were seized as well as 21 weighted hooks. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Sam Koscinski and Carla Soper were working fish runs when they observed a vehicle driving back and forth through a section of stream. CO Soper approached the river on foot and observed a juvenile attempting to net fish. While CO Soper was approaching she could hear the driver of the vehicle conversing with the juvenile to check if he had obtained any fish yet. CO Koscinski pulled out of a two track with his patrol unit to stop the vehicle and the driver immediately started yelling "DNR." Unfortunately the juvenile wasn't able to hear the warning over the sound of the river and CO Soper was able to contact the juvenile with the net. It was discovered that the two subjects were together and were father and son. Enforcement action was taken.

Working a complaint of an illegal deer, CO Troy VanGelderren, Oceana County, contacted a subject who had freshly canned venison in his possession. The subject admitted to killing a doe and claimed he thought there was an early antlerless season in Oceana County. CO VanGelderren advised there was not and ran a check of licenses through retail sales. The check revealed the subject hadn't purchased any deer licenses in 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

Working the waterfowl opener, CO Bomay of Mecosta County encountered numerous violations including possession of lead shot, overlimit of wood ducks and subjects hunting south of the open zone.

CO Michael Bomay, Mecosta County, responded to a complaint where witnesses saw a hunter shoot a cormorant while waterfowl hunting. CO Bomay located the hunter and the bird and asked the subject why he had taken the cormorant. The subject replied he was bored and shot it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County handled a complaint of an illegally taken five point buck during the early antlerless season. CO Wells contacted a subject who advised that his child had actually shot it. During the investigation it was discovered that the tag on the deer was validated on September 19th and the license was purchased on September 20th. When CO Wells questioned the subject about the discrepancy, he stated he didn't want to purchase a license and waste his money until they had actually gotten a deer. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was contacted to assist local deputies on a traffic stop in Newaygo County. The deputies had responded to a shining complaint and found the driver and passenger in possession of uncased bows. CO Wells arrived and they were able to obtain narcotics and open alcohol, and also found the subjects were in possession of an illegal deer at their camp. Enforcement action was taken.

Working the waterfowl opener, CO Mike Wells, Newaygo County, walked in to an area where three subjects had operated vehicles through a closed area to get to their hunting spot. Prior to making contact he overheard a conversation where one individual was talking about the four wood ducks he had shot. CO Wells contacted the subject and he admitted to the overlimit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski ticketed 13 subjects for possession of illegal devices such as M60 snag hooks and lead torpedoes while working on the Manistee River and Bear Creek in Manistee County. One of the subjects who was using both M60 and lead torpedo snag hooks had three prior conservation convictions in St. Clair County.

CO Sean Kehoe handled several waterfowl complaints in Grand Traverse County, ticketing one man for using lead shot while hunting geese because, "it has better range." In another contact, CO Kehoe dealt with two trespassers who were duck hunting on county park property and had parked their vehicle in front of a "closed to hunting" sign.

CO Sean Kehoe ticketed three local anglers at Mitchell Creek in Grand Traverse County as the men used a long handled net to illegally take salmon.

Swamped with activity on the Betsie and Platte Rivers in Benzie County, CO Justin Vanderlinde ticketed 16 subjects for possessing illegal devices, snagging and for retaining foul-hooked salmon. CO Vanderlinde also had a first when he apprehended three Detroit area men who illegally took 23 salmon with a cast net on the Betsie River.

CO Mike Borkovich apprehended a subject who was stealing large quantities of fruits and vegetables from a Leelanau County self-service type fruit stand. In three previous thefts, the subject had stolen 26 quarts of cherries along with bushels of sweet corn and other fruits, most likely for re-sale.

From his perch over twenty feet up in a tree directly above two Ohio men, CO Borkovich watched as the pair snagged salmon on the Crystal River in Leelanau County. Upon

contact, the CO recognized both men as having been ticketed by him for the same violation at the same location last year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was on foot patrol when he encountered a subject wading in Pine Creek with a spear. The subject was using the long handled spear to illegally take salmon. After spearing a fish the person would call to another person who was taking the speared fish and filleting them. The fillets were then being stored in a cooler near their vehicle. CO Sam Kosciński was nearby so CO Converse called on the radio to ask him to go to the vehicle and apprehend the subject after he made a trip with a fish. Together, the two COs rounded up the poachers and seized the illegally taken fish. Seizure included 26 total fish weighing 292 pounds. Sixteen of the fish had already been filleted while ten others were awaiting the filet knife. The offenders admitted that all the fish were taken with a spear. They were ticketed for illegally taking salmon. Restitution of \$10 per pound is being sought (\$2,920 total) in addition to standard fines and costs.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling on foot near Gleason's Landing in Lake County when she observed an angler bringing in a fish backwards that was hooked in the tail. After the angler landed the fish he put it on a stringer. When asked where the fish was hooked the angler stated that it was hooked in the mouth. CO Greenway asked the angler to point to the head of the fish and then asked him to point to the tail of the fish. After establishing that the angler knew the front of the fish from the tail CO Greenway asked the angler where the fish was hooked. This time the angler admitted that the fish was not hooked in the mouth.

CO Jim Espinoza was working near Snaggy Bend in Mason County when he encountered two persons actively snagging salmon. After establishing that each person was also using illegal gear and locating their hiding spot for illegally taken fish, CO Espinoza contacted and ticketed the subjects for taking fish illegally. Four fish were confiscated and an additional ticket was issued to one person for fishing without a license.

CO Carolyn Dice was on foot patrol near Claybanks Access on the Pere Marquette River in Lake County when she observed two persons attempting to take fish by snagging them and using illegal gear. When CO Dice asked the two to walk over to her they initially ignored her and continued to fish. After CO Dice asked again one of the subjects stated that they did not speak English and did not understand her. After CO Dice mentioned that they were about to be arrested they walked over to her. Tickets were issued for snagging.

CO Carolyn Dice received a complaint of a person keeping snagged fish at Gleason's Landing in Lake County. She responded to the location and watched the subject snag a fish, look around to ensure nobody could see him, and then hide the fish under a nearby bush. CO Dice approached the subject and asked him about his activities. The person vehemently denied any wrongdoing until CO Dice walked over to the bush and asked him to explain what she had witnessed.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint from a Manistee River guide that there were persons snagging on the river. CO Converse located the subjects and watched them attempt to take salmon by using large weighted hooks. After contacting the subjects, he discovered that they were using unbaited torpedoes weighing 3-4 ounces. Tickets were issued for the illegal gear.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint of persons fishing near the Little Manistee Weir. The river is currently closed to fishing. CO Converse responded to the location and found six persons fishing. He recognized them as the same six persons he had ticketed earlier that weekend for snagging fish.

CO Brian Brosky was patrolling on the Pere Marquette River when he located three persons fishing together. One was fishing from shore while the other two stayed in the boat. All three were using illegal gear and were attempting to snag fish by first finding them in the water and then running weighted hooks over them. Due to his position across the river, CO Brosky called in a nearby Scottville city officer to assist by holding the three at their location until he could walk around to them. One of the poachers had also failed to purchase a fishing license in addition to using illegal gear and snagging.

CO Brian Brosky ticketed a subject near Little Fawn access site on the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River who was teaching his juvenile son how to illegally take the spawning fish as they swam through deep spots in the river.

CO Brian Brosky ticketed three persons snagging near Little Fawn Access site on the south branch of the Pere Marquette River in Mason County. The trio was also using unbaited and illegal-sized hooks.

CO Steve Converse was patrolling near a small stream in Manistee County when he observed a vehicle parked at a location notorious for persons snagging salmon. When he reached the stream he watched the driver of the vehicle reel in a snagged fish and hit it over the head. The person then observed CO Converse watching him. He immediately threw the fish back into the water and cut the illegal gear off of his fishing pole. CO Converse recovered the fish and the illegal gear and was issuing a ticket when a second person walked onto a nearby bridge with a fishing pole. This person looked over, observed the CO and then acted as though he was attempting to hide an object. CO Converse called the person over and found that he was attempting to hide a weighted hook. The second person was issued a ticket for possessing illegal gear along a trout stream.

CO Angela Greenway was patrolling near Gleason's Landing in Lake County when she encountered three persons carrying a cooler that held fillets from 48 fish. The subjects claimed the fillets were from a week of fishing. The CO wrote tickets for taking an overlimit of salmon and arrested one of the subjects on an outstanding warrant.

COs Angela Greenway and Troy Mueller were patrolling near Rosa Bridge on a closed stream in Lake County when they apprehended a subject snagging fish with his juvenile

son and a friend. The group was also using illegal gear and had one foul hooked fish with them.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were working a covert patrol at Indian Bridge in Mason County when they witnessed a person snag two fish and give them away to other persons on scene. One of the persons receiving a fish left the scene before the COs could contact him. The other person was in his car attempting to leave just as Sgt. Hackworth made it to the road along their escape route. While that person was being held, CO Brosky contacted the snagger at the bridge. As he spoke with the subject two persons drove up and began warning the other anglers that the "DNR was up on the road". The driver failed to notice that the person standing next to him was a CO. Tickets were issued for snagging and possessing a foul-hooked fish.

CO Brian Brosky was on foot near Maple Leaf landing in Mason County when he heard a vehicle door slam and watched two persons run down to the river. One of the persons stuck his fishing rod tip into the water and hooked a female fish in the back using a spinner on a short line. The two then pulled the fish from the water, attempted to milk the eggs and release the fish. CO Brosky contacted the pair and questioned them about their actions and motives. They admitted to snagging the fish to get the eggs for steelhead fishing. A ticket was issued to the person doing the snagging.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn investigated a complaint of two hunting dogs that were killed while tracking a coyote. Witness information led CO Hearn and CO Mark Papineau to subjects who admitted to shooting the dogs. Warrants are being sought.

CO Bobbi Lively checked an illegal tree stand and hunt blind she found baited in the 2008 hunting season. The blinds had been left out all year and had no identification on them. CO Lively again found bait at the blinds. The hunters had also operated an ORV cross country to reach the blind.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz responded to a complaint from bear houndsmen hunters whose dogs ran a bear onto private property during the "hound only" hunt. Before the hunters got to the hounds to retrieve them, they heard a shot in the area where the dogs were headed. They found the dogs over a bear that had been shot. CO Liestenfeltz contacted the property owner who told the CO he had been bear hunting over bait earlier in the week and left his .270 rifle locked in his tree stand. He had been out at the blind cutting shooting lanes and spreading deer bait when he heard the dogs and knew they always ran bear in the same location. He saw the bear and shot it. He left the bear untagged and went to his residence leaving his firearm in the woods because he was worried about contact with the dogs and their owners. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen was called to a complaint of shooting within the city limits and found several waterfowl hunters hunting over the sewer ponds. The hunters had shot ducks almost 35 minutes past hunting hours.

COs Chuck McPherson and Chris Bowen located a mud bogger truck that got stuck while climbing a hill in a closed area of state land. The driver was operating while suspended and was arrested on outstanding warrants.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz contacted several subjects involved in a bear hunt. One of the subjects was handling a shotgun and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The subject also had a concealed pistol permit and had the loaded .357 in the vehicle. The subject admitted to having been drinking and when tested was at the limit where he had violated his concealed pistol permit.

CO Bobbi Lively contacted two hunters who had a spin cast feeder at their hunt blind on state land. The subjects were also hunting without a license.

CO Bobbi Lively and a USFS officer located a camp where deer bait was being stored. The officers followed ORV tracks for two miles from the camp to a baited tree stand with a name and address matching the camp. The officers continued to follow ORV tracks and located the subject who had set up the stand and put out the bait.

CO Jason McCullough was working duck hunters when he located several marijuana plants growing on state land. There were no subjects or leads and the plants were removed and turned over to the sheriff's office.

CO Jason McCullough located a subject who had operated his ORV illegally on state land with an uncased bow and was hunting over an illegal bait pile. The disgruntled subject immediately turned a neighbor in for hunting waterfowl with lead shot who Officer McCullough later located hunting and ticketed for the violation.

CO Brian Olsen located a truck on state land and the driver who was cutting wood without a permit who had previously been ticketed for the same offense. The subject was also driving on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen received a complaint of a subject who had shot a deer with a gun. The complainant stated she was posting her property with "No Trespassing" signs when she heard a gunshot extremely close by. She then saw the subject get out of a blind and saw the deer on the ground. She was able to identify the subject who later confessed to trespassing and shooting the deer with a gun. Warrants are pending.

CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez assisted CO Mike Hammill in response to a subject who had an untagged bear at a residence in Ogemaw County. The bear was shot in the UP and was never tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a complaint of a subject who was supposed to be teaching his son to deer hunt during the youth deer weekend. Instead, the subject shot a deer himself out the window of the truck with his minor son present and watching. The subject confessed to the violation and charges are pending.

CO Steve Lockwood was working waterfowl hunters when he heard shots coming from a nearby pond after hours. Officer Lockwood located the two subjects who were still hunting well after shooting hours. Tickets were issued.

CO Joel Lundberg responded to a complaint of two gunshot deer hanging at a residence in Ogemaw County. CO Lundberg contacted a subject who confessed to shooting the deer with a .22 rifle. CO Lundberg recovered the illegally taken deer, both of which were bucks, along with the rifle used. The subject was ticketed for illegally killing the deer.

CO Becky Hopkins watched a house a short distance from hers being re-shingled over the course of a few days with the very distinct blue shingles being piled in the driveway. A few days later she received a complaint of shingles being dumped on state land. When Officer Hopkins looked at the scene, she immediately recognized the blue shingles. She then contacted the homeowner who gave her the business card of the subject he had paid to haul the shingles away. Officer Hopkins contacted the subject who confessed to dumping the shingles on state land, was ticketed, and made to remove the shingles from state land.

In response to a trespass complaint, COs Becky Hopkins and Tami Pullen located a truck with an empty bow case on the seat and an empty sugar beet bag in the truck bed. Upon locating the subject, it was determined he was also hunting without a license; however, he was not trespassing.

CO Tami Pullen investigated a complaint of illegal bait and ORVs on state land. She located one subject using his ORV in a closed area with an uncased gun. The subject was also establishing an illegal bait pile. Another subject was found using his ORV where prohibited with an uncased bow and no helmet. While dealing with the second subject, a third subject from his camp came along riding his ORV where prohibited and without a helmet. Tickets were issued.

COs Brian Engelhard and Warren MacNeill worked a complaint of a baited pond on the waterfowl opener. CO Engelhard found two subjects hunting ducks over bait, with one subject shooting two ducks. The shooter confessed to placing the bait in the pond and knowing it was unlawful. He was also in possession of lead shot shells, which were the only shells he had, and didn't have a small game hunting license. Tickets were issued.

CO Warren MacNeill issued a ticket to a subject for violating the bait ban. The subject immediately reported several other subjects who were also violating the ban. The investigation continues.

DISTRICT 6

CO Chad Foerster was checking hunters on the side of a gravel road near his patrol vehicle in Saginaw County when a reckless operator of a motor vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed. CO Foerster caught up to the vehicle and stopped him for reckless driving. During the investigation, the CO found an uncased shotgun, uncased bow and the registration to be expired on the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was approaching the gate to the entrance of Crow Island State Game Area in Saginaw County when he found two subjects leaving the game area as they were locking the gate. The CO contacted the subjects and found them to be in possession of freshly cut wood in the bed of the truck. The subjects stated that they had a permit to cut/remove the wood from the game area and that they were given a key. Follow up investigation revealed that a permit was issued and a key was given, but the permit had been expired for over a year and the key was to be returned. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jay Person was called to a hospital emergency room in Midland regarding a 15 year old boy who was shot in his leg. Upon arrival, the CO met with the boy's father who stated he was small game hunting with his son and his son wanted to carry the gun. When the son slung the gun over his shoulder, it did not sit right and the son pulled the gun down over his back. At this point the father realized the hammer was caught on clothing and cocked. Unknown to the boy's father, the lever of the safety had also moved from safe to the middle between fire and safe and when he attempted to lower the hammer it slid off his thumb and the gun fired. The gun was slung with the barrel down and when it discharged it was pointing at his son's calf. The bullet entered the top of the calf and traveled about 12 inches, lodging near the foot. Surgery is scheduled to remove the bullet.

CO Phil Hudson was called to assist Saginaw County Sheriff Deputies when they found an uncased bow during a traffic stop. Upon further investigation an untagged deer was found in the trunk. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Larn Strawn received a complaint of two men hunting from a truck. While responding to the complaint, the CO was updated by dispatch that the men were shooting from the vehicle. Upon arriving the CO discovered the complainant along with several other witnesses who had followed and blocked the men's avenue of escape by parking in front of their truck. Enforcement action was taken.

After receiving an anonymous complaint of persons bow hunting deer over illegal bait, CO Larn Strawn located two vehicles parked at a dead end road. After a brief look around the CO observed open bags of carrots, apples, and sugar beets on the ground. The CO began searching for signs of the hunters and started following tracks into the woods. After tracking the hunters into an 80 acre wood lot the CO located three hunters who were hunting over bait piles. One of the hunters was hunting with out a license.

Enforcement action was taken.

CO Vicki Goss investigated a RAP complaint of baiting and checked the area several times before finding a youth with his dad hunting over the large pile of carrots, sugar beets, and apples. The father admitted to putting out the bait and an appearance ticket was issued. The son was warned on not wearing hunter orange.

CO Vicki Goss investigated a RAP complaint of trespassing during the youth hunt. A 16 year old with his 21 year old "supervisor" were tracking a deer on their neighbor's property, saw the property owner, and cut across another landowner's bean field to get back to their vehicle. Both subjects had been warned previously for trespassing on these parcels of land and both landowners want prosecution of the 21 year old and the juvenile. Complaint and warrant and juvenile apprehension reports were sent to the prosecutor.

CO Vicki Goss investigated a report of a nuisance deer bothering children in the neighborhood. "Bucky" had reportedly been illegally raised by one neighbor, outfitted with an orange collar, and turned loose to roam. The three point deer was getting too friendly with a child retrieving mail from the mail box and scared her when he lowered his antlers to charge her. The deer was removed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Vicki Goss received a complaint of a lost hunter who got turned around in the woods before nightfall. The CO used her air horn from the vehicle to guide the hunter back to the roadway. The next night the CO came across two adults and two youngsters, ages 15 and 8, who exited the woods after shooting hours. They said they had been out scouting since noon and got turned around. They advised they were all set now and knew where they were. The CO left and about a half hour later she saw the four all huddled next to the road. After further discussion, it was determined they had parked in a lot to the south of where they exited. This was a good four miles from where they came out of the woods. The CO transported the cold, wet, and hungry foursome back to their vehicle.

CO Daniel Lee served a warrant for leaving the scene of a boating accident after several weeks of investigation. A vessel was reported to have struck a second vessel and sank in the Saginaw River near the Zilwaukee Bridge. Several helpful bystanders plucked the occupants from the water and returned them to the launch where their truck was parked, but nobody bothered to find out who it was. The vessel was pulled from the water, a federal shipping channel, and the operator was tracked down.

Reports came in from several different sources regarding a man who was catching a variety of fish and reptiles and taking them to his residence. Contact was made with the subject at his residence where many short bass, short catfish and small snapping turtles were seized from a small pool in the basement and released back in the refuge. Enforcement action was taken

CO Dan Lee contacted a subject from a complaint that started back in 2008. The

complaint was that the subject was baiting deer and hunts with a rifle during bow season. While checking the property on the first Friday of bow season to see if the activity had carried over to 2009, the CO located bait by several stands, including a box blind. While on the property, the subject arrived with no camouflage clothing, a scoped rifle, a spotlight, and about an hour left before darkness. Enforcement action was taken.

On the Monday after the youth deer hunt, CO Dan Lee saw a buck on top of a vehicle parked in town but could not see a tag. The CO checked out the deer and contacted the hunter. The deer was a free ranging deer from Wisconsin. The subject had all the appropriate tags and the deer had been registered; however, the deer was whole and had not been deboned and otherwise properly dressed for importation into Michigan. Wisconsin is a state with known cases of CWD in their free range herd. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell received a complaint regarding the baiting of deer. The CO walked the property in question and located three individuals hunting over bait. While talking with the landowner, the CO was given information regarding a big buck that was shot with a rifle in the morning on the same property. The landowner stated the shot came from a trailer next to the property or from the road. When asked why he did not call the DNR in the morning he stated that he did not want to get into trouble for the bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell was checking state land in Montcalm County and contacted three bow hunters coming out of the woods. One individual, when asked for a license, stated that he left it at home. A retail sales check showed the individual had not purchased a hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was patrolling state land when he observed a suspicious vehicle without a license plate pass him. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was found to have four warrants for his arrest and was driving with a suspended driver's license. The driver also had open intoxicants in the vehicle. The CO also observed a 100 lb. bag of corn in the vehicle. The subject told the CO he was on his way to do some deer baiting. He was lodged in the county jail.

While investigating a complaint, COs Nick Atkin and Holly Pennoni contacted three subjects hunting over bait on state land. All subjects knew baiting was illegal in the Lower Peninsula but did not think they would get caught. Enforcement action was taken.

On the opening day of archery season, CO Joshua Wright sat on a large bait pile that was placed on state land. CO Wright was able to observe the bow hunter illegally operate his unlicensed ORV without a helmet to his stand that had no name on it. He also watched him screw in tree steps and climb into the stand and begin hunting. Upon contacting him, the hunter did not have a hunting license. CO Wright contacted the subject's buddy who was also hunting over bait, in possession of prescription narcotics,

and had no case to transport his bow on his ORV. Warrants are pending on both subjects for the violations.

CO Holly Pennoni received a complaint of a six year old girl who shot a six point buck with a crossbow during the youth hunt. CO Pennoni spoke with her father who was with her during the hunt and the investigation is still ongoing.

While investigating an illegal deer baiting complaint, CO Scott Brown decided to contact the hunter at his residence. When he arrived, CO Brown heard two men talking in the garage. Upon knocking, the homeowner came out with blood on his hands and was surprised to see the CO. Further investigation revealed an untagged deer in the garage. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith was called to investigate two subjects who were allegedly hunting from the roadway. Upon contact, it was found that neither were wearing hunter orange and both were ticketed for the violation.

CO Jason Smith observed a subject carrying a camouflage duffle bag while walking out of the woods. The subject tried to hide it when he saw CO Smith and upon inspection of the bag, three apples were found. The subject said he was just eating some apples while walking in the woods. CO Smith told him he could call for a K-9 unit to find the bait or he could just take him to his bait pile himself. Afraid the K-9 unit would find it anyway, the hunter took CO Smith to his bait pile. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Scott Brown, Robert Hobkirk, Jason Smith, and Sgt. Tony Soave assisted the Huron County Sheriff's Department with the search of a missing woman at the Port Crescent State Park. Officers walked the park area and patrolled on ORVs during the search. The missing woman's body was found a week later in Lake Huron.

DISTRICT 7

Sgt. Bob Torres responded to a RAP complaint regarding two subjects fishing at the Paw Paw Dam, using illegal gear, and taking fowl hooked walleye. Sgt. Torres arrived and observed the subjects fishing, made contact, and found the subjects in possession of illegal gear and a walleye with a fresh gash on the dorsal fin. Subjects admitted to illegally taking the fish.

COs Steve Mooney and Zach Doss stopped a vehicle after dark in an area known for shining activity. COs Mooney and Doss located a spotlight, a .22 rifle, and open alcohol in the vehicle.

CO Zach Doss contacted a subject bow hunting over corn and mineral bait. This subject was issued a ticket for this offense last year and has had other violations going back the last seven years. Repeat offender charges are pending.

COs Andy Bauer and Zach Doss observed several subjects scouting along a closed trout stream. COs Bauer and Doss observed several fishing items with the subjects and made contact. The COs located two spears, one fishing pole, one long handled landing net, and one compound bow set up for fishing.

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Bob Torres observed a subject in violation of railroad trespass just prior to the bow season opener. Upon contact the subject admitted to checking his bow stand and then taking the railroad as a shortcut to getting picked up. The COs followed the subject back to his stand and observed apples and mineral bait at his hunting site.

CO Patrick McManus received a complaint of a deer that was shot two days after the end of the early firearm season. After contact, the subject confessed to shooting a deer illegally and not wearing hunter orange. He was charged with those violations.

CO Jeff Rabbers stopped a vehicle without a license plate whose driver was shining after 11:00 p.m. When CO Rabbers asked the driver if he knew why he was stopped, he said "Because I was shining after 11." CO Rabbers also located a bow in the vehicle.

CO Ivan Perez responded to a call from the Holland City Police Department that they were in need of a large net to get a fish out of a stream. Apparently two college age subjects had shot a steelhead while bow fishing for carp. When they saw the police car they threw the fish overboard. The fish was stuck under some rocks in a deep hole. CO Perez responded to the scene to handle the case. After unsuccessfully attempting to retrieve the evidence from the stream, Officer Perez asked the subjects for their cell phones. A picture of one of the subjects proudly displaying him holding the illegally taken steelhead was retrieved. The subject was even gracious enough to e-mail a copy to CO Perez's own phone.

COs Ivan Perez and BJ Goulette visited the residence of a subject whose invalidated kill tag was found on a deer carcass dumped along a roadside. No one was home at the time but the COs observed another deer carcass in the garage. CO Perez returned later that same night and interviewed the subject who admitted to shooting the deer and giving the carcass to a friend to get rid of. The subject showed CO Perez the garage where the deer was processed. After some discussion about the second deer carcass the subject admitted to shooting two deer and only using one of his tags. During the interview CO Perez determined that a third deer was also processed in the garage. This deer had been shot by a friend of the homeowner. CO Goulette interviewed the friend and obtained a confession of taking the deer without a license. A third subject will be charged for the littering of the original deer carcass that started the case.

COs Gerard Goulette and Chuck Towns investigated a complaint of a subject taking a seven point buck during the early antlerless season. The COs contacted the person as he came out in the field to hunt, dressed in full camouflage. The subject did not possess a valid antlerless deer tag and stated that he had not harvested any deer yet

this season. The COs followed the subject to his residence to check for the presence of any harvested deer. The heads of two whitetail deer bucks were observed in the subject's freezer. The subject claimed that both deer were from last year until the COs pointed out the fresh velvet remaining at the base of a set of seven point antlers. The subject then admitted to taking the buck illegally. The deer was seized and the subject was ticketed for possession of illegal deer.

CO Steve Orange investigated a trespass and safety zone complaint resulting from a subject shooting a doe deer and retrieving it without permission. The subject's hunting blind was within the complainant's safety zone and the officer got a warrant for this violation and gave a warning for retrieving the deer without permission.

CO Ivan Perez assisted the Holland Police Department on a complaint of a subject attempting to recover a large fish from a local stream. Upon making contact with the subject, it was determined that the subject had actually illegally speared a Steelhead. The subject was ticketed for possession of a speared steelhead.

CO Chris Simpson and Sgt. Dave Shaw finalized a court case in Muskegon County where an Ohio resident illegally shot five antlerless deer on the last day of the 2008 firearm deer season. The subject was sentenced to \$5,000 restitution, \$1,000 fines and costs, loss of all hunting privileges in Michigan for four years and forfeited three firearms.

DISTRICT 8

COs Jason Smith and Damon Owens worked fishing patrols on the Huron River and contacted numerous subjects who were fishing without licenses and in possession of undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer received a complaint that a subject was hunting over bait during the early antlerless season. CO Brewer located the subject hunting over approximately five bushels of apples and over five gallons of corn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer contacted a subject archery hunting who couldn't remember if he had purchased a hunting license. CO Brewer checked the retail sales system which confirmed the subject had not purchased any hunting licenses for 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols assisted the local police department on the call of a hand in a bucket of sludge. The hand turned out to be a bear paw that an unlicensed taxidermist was trying to dispose of. The unlicensed taxidermist had unsealed specimens and no records. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger performed an inspection on an unlicensed processor and found two untagged bear hides. The investigation showed that the same subject killed both bear

during the 2009 season but only had a bear kill tag for one. Enforcement action was taken.

While working an area known for poaching deer at night, CO Dan Bigger observed a vehicle that was attempting to locate game with a spotlight. Upon contact with the driver, CO Bigger located numerous weapons in the vehicle including a .44 handgun with a red dot scope, a 30-30 rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun. One of the two subjects in the vehicle had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy was called to assist the local police department with a vehicle stop when an untagged eight point whitetail deer was located in the bed of the pickup. Along with possessing the illegal deer the subject was driving on a suspended license and had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster assisted the local fire department with a call of a forest fire burning in and near a farmer's field. The DNR fire officers were contacted and they assisted in putting the fire out. The fire had been burning underground for weeks before it was discovered.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau responded to a late night Report All Poaching complaint that a deer had been killed and the suspects were dragging it out of the field with a car. Sgt. Bahlau's investigation led him to a residence that had the suspect vehicle in the driveway. Sgt. Bahlau received a full confession from the subject and recovered a button buck from the garage. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy received numerous complaints of overlimits of panfish being taken from inland lakes. CO Purdy contacted two different subjects, on two different lakes, who were 17 and 20 fish over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster responded to a call that a subject had fallen out of his tree stand while attempting to set it up for the upcoming archery season. The subject was turned over to the emergency medical technicians.

While conducting a foot patrol of an area known for illegal ORV traffic, COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster observed ORVs operating illegally in the area. The COs were able to track down the operators of the ORVs whose violations included ORV trespass, operating ORVs on the roadway, no registration decals, and operating an ORV while license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster and Kyle Bader were patrolling the Portage River in Jackson County when they contacted two subjects in a canoe. There were no personal flotation devices on board and one of the subjects seemed extremely nervous. Further investigation revealed that the nervous subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Ennett contacted an angler in Sterling State Park who was fishing. When the angler was asked for his fishing license, he displayed a July 2008 fishing license. The angler was under the assumption that the license was still valid. CO Ennett explained that the license wasn't valid and issued a ticket.

CO Mark Ennett stopped an ORV operating on the railroad right-of-way. CO Ennett discovered that the subjects were riding double, were 14 years old, traveled upon the roadway to get to the location, and had an unlicensed ORV. CO Ennett contacted the parents and gave verbal warnings for the violations.

CO Mark Ennett worked on POC facility inspections in Monroe County this week. He was following up on facilities that were not in compliance.

While investigating complaints of trespassing and tree stands over bait piles, COs Jonathan Sklba and Dan Walzak contacted three subjects in tree stands. All three were hunting over bait. The first subject was hunting with a crossbow over a pile of corn cobs, apples, and sugar beets. Upon checking the license system, CO Sklba learned that the subject didn't have the proper crossbow stamp. CO Sklba issued a ticket for the bait, and gave a warning on the crossbow stamp. The second subject was in a tree stand hunting over shelled corn that he admitted to bringing along for his hunt. The subject stated his father was also in a tree stand in the area hunting over bait. The third hunter on the same property hunting over bait was located. Enforcement action was taken on all three counts.

CO Jonathon Sklba was patrolling Hoffman Park when he contacted two subjects who were sitting in a vehicle drinking beer. The driver saw CO Sklba approaching and threw his 40 oz. beer bottle into the water. CO Sklba issued the subject a ticket for littering and gave them both a verbal warning for drinking alcohol in the park.

While checking anglers at the Edison Pier in Monroe County, CO Jonathan Sklba contacted a husband and wife fishing on the pier. The anglers were in possession of 18 channel catfish, 15 of which were undersized. CO Jonathan Sklba issued a ticket to the husband and gave a warning to the wife.

COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively received a trespass complaint and the complainant also believed a buck had been shot. CO Kieft located a nine point buck and back tracked it to a blind where he found three more gut piles. COs Kieft and Shively interviewed the property owner and were able to track down the subjects. One subject admitted he and his son shot three does and purchased their antlerless licenses hours after their hunt. They also admitted to killing the nine point buck when they were presented with the evidence against them. A written confession was obtained and prosecution will be sought for the four illegal deer.

CO Brandon Kieft responded to a RAP baiting complaint in Springfield Township. CO Kieft located two subjects who were hunting in an open field. Both were hunting over

approximately fifty pounds of shelled corn. One of the subjects did not have any deer hunting licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Oxford Township, CO Brandon Kieft contacted a subject who had trespassed in order to fish in a posted, no trespassing gravel pit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft assisted local deputies with a trespassing case. The sheriff's department had received information that a subject was entering foreclosed property in order to hunt. CO Kieft, along with a deputy, found the subject on the property. The subject was leaving his bow at the base of the tree stand and covering it up with leaves and debris. The subject was hiding his bow so that no one would see him entering the property with a weapon. CO Kieft also found the remains of a coyote ravaged, six point buck near the stand which had an arrow in it. CO Kieft matched the arrow and broadhead to the arrows the subject had in his quiver. When asked about the deer, the subject stated he had shot it but had not been able to find it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively responded to a call from the White Lake Police Department on a subject who was in possession of a seven point buck. CO Shively arrived at the residence and contacted two subjects who were in the garage processing the deer. One subject stated he had shot the deer at approximately 7:50 p.m. and said he didn't see the antlers because it was getting dark. He then loaded the deer into his vehicle and drove it from Livingston County to Oakland County. The subject was ticketed for possessing an antlered deer during the closed season.

CO Ben Shively made a traffic stop of a vehicle whose occupants were shining in northwestern Oakland County. The passenger was found to have a contempt of court warrant with a \$10,000 cash bond. The subject was arrested and turned over to the Holly Police Department.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of a subject who was baiting his deer stands. CO Shively and the complainant walked the private property and found a hunting stand which was baited with sugar beets and corn. There was also a trail camera at the location. The complainant described the subject's vehicle, which he was parking on the roadside. As CO Shively was inspecting the stand he watched the described vehicle park on the roadside and a subject exit the vehicle. The male subject walked to the stand and CO Shively contacted him. The subject admitted that it was his stand but denied placing the bait. CO Shively obtained the SD card from the trail cam and walked with the subject back to his vehicle. On the way, CO Shively found a shopping bag with shelled corn near the subject's vehicle. The subject denied it was his and stated he had three other stands on the property and he could check them for bait. CO Shively walked the property with the subject and located the three other stands. One of the additional stands also had shelled corn spread around the hunting stand. The subject again denied that he had placed it there. CO Shively gathered the subject's driver's license and stated he would meet him back at his vehicle. CO Shively was able

to plug the subject's SD card into his laptop computer to view the digital images. The subject's own trail cam captured a digital picture of him placing a full bag of shelled corn out at his stand. CO Shively also noted several kernels of shelled corn lying on the roadway at the driver's side door, under the subject's vehicle. The corn matched the shopping bag and the bait at the other stands. With all of the evidence that CO Shively presented the subject finally admitted to baiting and was issued a ticket.

CO Kris Kiel contacted two individuals hunting ducks at the end of South River Road in Harrison Township. The season was obviously closed, and the hunters were in possession of lead shot. The two hunters were husband and wife, first time duck hunters who really thought that the season was open. CO Kiel issued four verbal warnings.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a RAP complaint of trespass, baiting/feeding on private land. CO Kiel located the subject who was hunting over bait and had cut down the property owner's trees in order to make shooting lanes for his hunting blind. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a baiting complaint where the complainant provided him photographs of the tree stands and the bait. CO Kiel located the stand and bait, but no hunter. He returned later and found the subject going to the stand. CO Kiel asked the subject about the bait and he denied it. The subject told CO Kiel that he would take him to his stand and show him there was no bait. The subject led CO Kiel to a stand but it was not the one that CO Kiel had received the complaint/photographs on, and it had no bait attached. CO Kiel was able to get the subject to confess that the original stand with the bait was his. The subject was so furious about getting caught baiting that he led CO Kiel to an additional baited stand that was hunted by another subject. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska was checking the Wolcott Mill Metro Park property for shining activity and found an occupied vehicle trespassing on Metro Park maintenance property. CO Szyska contacted the three subjects and learned through LEIN that one of the passengers had a warrant out of the 16th Circuit Court in Mt. Clemens. There was no bond on the warrant and statewide pickup. After the warrant was confirmed, CO Szyska arrested the subject and transported him to Macomb County Jail for lodging. All three subjects were given verbal warnings for the trespass issue.

CO Todd Szyska went to court on a 2008 illegal deer case, in which the subject was finally arrested on his warrant. The subject was found guilty of recreational trespass, and take/possess illegal deer. His weapon was condemned, he was ordered to pay \$1,000 restitution to the fish and game fund, and ordered serve 14 days in the county jail.

While patrolling for shining activity, CO Mark Papineau observed a vehicle parked along side the road. As he was approaching the vehicle on foot, the CO observed flashlights in the woods and heard voices. When the subjects came out of the woods,

CO Papineau identified himself and ordered the subjects to stop. The subjects jumped into the vehicle and took off at a high rate of speed with the lights off. CO Papineau was able to get the license plate number. A subsequent search of the area that night and the next morning revealed the subjects were harvesting marijuana plants before the anticipated frost. Interviews were conducted of the neighbors and the registered owner of the vehicle. CO Papineau provided the information to the Michigan State Police and the local drug team. Search warrants and arrest warrants are being sought.

During the youth firearm deer season, CO Mark Papineau observed a youth hunter and an adult along the roadway in southern Genesee County. The youth had been unsuccessful so far. A short time later, CO Linda Scheidler arrived at the deer camp of the individuals, following up on a baiting complaint. CO Scheidler went out into the woods and located the bait. The adult stated some friends were planning on hunting the area for the archery season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a hunter harassment complaint where the complainant and property owner stated a hunter threatened him and told him to get off the property. When the property owner and the CO returned they encountered the hunter's adult son. The adult son was unaware that the female with the property owner was a CO; however, he and the property owner started working out their differences. Then the original subject saw what was going on and he came running over threatening and trying to pick a fight with the property owner. Another hunter escorted the subject away, and shortly thereafter CO Scheidler identified herself as a CO. The adult son was very apologetic of his father and was thankful he had worked things out with the property owner.

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a lighted bait pile complaint. When she arrived in the evening, the light was on and shining onto a bait pile. She contacted the owner of the home, who admitted to placing the bait out because he planned on hunting over it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler observed a hunting camp set up on Consumers Energy property. After some looking, she found a hunter who stated he was only camping on the property and hunting the adjoining property. The hunter stated he was unaware that he could not be on Consumers' property. After some questioning, the hunter admitted to being a contractor and knew he was trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher stopped a vehicle that was shining for deer. While talking with the occupants, he observed an uncased bow in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Borkovich received an "in progress" trespassing complaint, where the witness observed a subject being dropped off along the road near Detroit Edison property. CO Borkovich followed up with the witness who then changed his story. The vehicle was later located and stopped by another agency. The subjects were all under the age of 21 and had open alcoholic beverage containers in the vehicle.