

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
7/23/12 – 8/5/12**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brian Bacon contacted a subject on an ORV who was riding double on a machine not designed for two riders. The operator was educated on the law and safety concerns regarding operating with a passenger.

CO Brian Bacon ticketed an ORV operator who had failed to license his ORV.

COs Dave Painter and Jason Wicklund assisted Iron County law enforcement officers with the removal of marijuana grow that was nearly ready for harvest. The plants were pulled and destroyed.

CO Dave Painter contacted a large vehicle full of kids near a popular local swimming hole. The subjects were getting ready to leave as CO Painter pulled up. Inside the vehicle were six kids who were all under the age of 19. Also found in the vehicle was an open case of beer. CO Painter turned the scene over to a local deputy who was close by. As the deputy ticketed the minors for possession of alcohol, CO Painter found beer cans littered along the beach and floating out in the water that matched the case of beer from the vehicle.

CO Jason Wicklund was on patrol when he observed an ORV traveling on the highway toward him. The CO pulled over and contacted the driver, who immediately told the CO he had a warrant for his arrest. The driver was also driving an unregistered ORV and his license was suspended. The driver was lodged in the Baraga County jail.

DISTRICT 2

COs Jerry Fitzgibbon and Jared Ferguson responded to a complaint on the Manistique River of a large group of rowdy youths canoeing the river and camping at a state forest campground (SFC). The report indicated many in the group were underage and were consuming alcohol, riding ORVs illegally, and littering. The COs checked the area but found the group was canoeing a long stretch of river at the time. CO Fitzgibbon checked the area later and contacted the group. All were very respectful and confessed to the inappropriate behavior. Some of the parents of the youths arrived at the scene and also addressed the group's inappropriate behavior.

CO Kevin Postma was conducting a marine patrol in the St. Mary's River when he encountered a subject fishing. Upon contact the subject indicated that he had some luck and caught a northern pike. When asked how big the fish was he stated that it was 24 inches; however, when the CO asked to see the fish it was quite a bit smaller than the 24 inch minimum size. A ticket was issued for undersized northern pike.

During the Chicago to Mackinac Island Yacht races, COs observed a group of suspicious subjects near the Fort on Mackinac Island. Upon approach it was found that the subjects were underage and in possession of alcohol. CO Kevin Postma smelled the odor of marijuana which led to the discovery of five grams of marijuana on one of the subjects. Almost simultaneously CO Mike Hammill identified the owner of a back pack that was under a park bench in which more alcohol was located, along with another 10 grams of marijuana. Reports were taken, the marijuana was seized, and warrants are being sought through the Mackinac County Prosecutors office.

COs Jeff Panich and Mike Evink responded to a call for help in reference to overdue subjects who were canoeing on the Carp River in Mackinac County. The COs conducted a joint search and rescue with other agencies which lasted over 11 hours. In the end four subjects were located and airlifted to the hospital by the U S Coast Guard (USCG). All subjects were found to be in good health and released. They all expressed their thanks, as they didn't think they would be found any time soon. It was later learned that they became stranded because of low water levels in the river.

DISTRICT 3

CO Bill Webster policed a busy fishing tournament on Long Lake, Alpena County, and made several contacts. CO Webster talked with an angler who stated he fished in the tournament the previous year, and couldn't believe that someone brought an undersized fish to the weigh-in. A check of the angler's catch produced an undersized pike, and it was also discovered that the angler did not possess a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster has been investigating multiple complaints of trespass involving ORVs. While working one such case, CO Webster encountered three people riding on a single four-wheeler, without helmets, and in possession of an uncased firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew, while on routine patrol, observed an ORV operating on a sidewalk along a busy road leading to downtown Gaylord. Upon contacting the subject, it was discovered that his driver's license had been suspended, and there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Bond was taken on the warrant, and a ticket issued for operating an ORV with a suspended driver's license.

CO Nick Torsky encountered two individuals out for a "Sunday drive" in their side-by-side ORV. When contacted, the subjects were operating in a closed area, and the passenger tried to hide what turned out to be an open beer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross responded to a residence where the owner had reported that he killed a bear that was on his deck and would not leave. The subject told Officer Ross that he had fired at the animal with his .22 caliber rifle, intending to scare it away, but discovered the dead animal the next morning. The investigation continues.

While on marine patrol on the Cheboygan River, CO Matt Theunick stopped a boat operating with a three year old child on board who was not wearing a life jacket and towing two juveniles without life jackets. A ticket was issued for not having a personal flotation device (PFD) on the toddler.

CO Jon Sklba worked on a complaint for several weeks regarding a subject taking overlimits of panfish. CO Sklba contacted the subject on a small lake in Presque Isle County, and found him with multiple bluegill over his limit. The fish were seized and a ticket issued.

CO Jon Sklba worked the Nautical Festival at Rogers City Harbor. For three days, an air show took place over Lake Huron, with DNR, the Michigan State Police (MSP) and USCG patrol boats keeping recreational boats outside of a safety zone perimeter. Associated marine patrol on Lake Huron resulted in a ticket issued to a kayaker for not having a PFD while he was over a ¼ mile off shore; and several warnings were issued for minor marine violations. CO Sklba was assisted by COs Matt Theunick, Mike Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to a road-killed cougar complaint on I-75, south of Mackinaw. The animal was found in the location described by the complainant and was determined to be a large bobcat.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP), complaint where a landowner heard a gunshot after dark and observed a suspicious vehicle leaving the scene. The landowner waited and watched the field he had heard the shot from and eventually observed the suspect vehicle return and drop off two subjects who ran into the hay field. The complainant was able to catch up to the suspect vehicle and obtain a license plate number. Contact was made with the driver and after some evasive statements, the female driving admitted to her husband shooting a deer. The suspects had left when CO Kehoe arrived to investigate the scene. A freshly shot doe deer was recovered from the location. The investigative report was completed and forwarded to the prosecutor's office seeking warrants for three subjects for numerous violations.

CO Jeff Ginn was checking anglers along the Muskegon River when he contacted two subjects who stated they had not caught any fish but quickly informed the CO that the group fishing downstream was keeping undersized trout. CO Ginn continued to check the subject's fishing licenses while they insisted he should hurry to check the other anglers. CO Ginn advised he would check the group fishing downstream after he completed his time with them. CO Ginn inspected their catch and located an undersized trout. A ticket was issued for the violation and then CO Ginn continued downstream to check the next group. The check revealed that they had not caught any fish and they inquired if the CO had located the undersized trout the group upstream had in their cooler.

CO Jeff Ginn was patrolling the Muskegon River late at night when he located several subjects fishing from shore. While CO Ginn was checking the group for fishing licenses, one subject stated that his license was up at his truck and began walking away. CO Ginn informed the man he would check by radio and asked the subject to return to the campfire. The subject agreed and then stated he needed to use the restroom. CO Ginn again instructed the subject to remain at the campfire while he waited for dispatch to provide him with his fishing license information. The subject reluctantly stayed at the campfire. Dispatch advised that the subject had several outstanding warrants for his arrest including two felony warrants for parole violations. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Newaygo County Jail.

COs Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells teamed up and responded to a burning complaint called in by the White Cloud Fire Department. The subject had been spoken to earlier in the day by a local deputy and was informed not to burn building materials. The second call for the fire department was only a few hours later with the subject burning yet an even bigger pile of shingles and siding. A ticket was issued for illegal disposal of solid waste by burning.

CO Mike Wells was checking anglers at the Croton Dam on the Muskegon River when he contacted several subjects in possession of undersized trout and fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a complaint of a subject selling marijuana from a jeep in the parking area of Silver Lake State Park dunes in Oceana County. CO Brosky located the vehicle and contacted the occupants. The operator had open intoxicants and two of the occupants had medical marijuana and permits to possess marijuana. The operator was ticketed for possessing open intoxicants.

DISTRICT 5

COs Chris Bowen, Mike Hearn, John Huspen, Matt Liestenfeltz, Bobbi Lively, and Chuck McPherson conducted marine safety patrols during the annual "Bud Bash" event on Houghton Lake. The event draws thousands of revelers to the lake where alcohol consumption and bathing suit competitions are the activities of the day. The event typically results in hundreds of arrests for numerous violations including drunk and disorderly, assault, MIP, OWI, marine safety violations, BUI, trespass, and littering. The officers also assist event goers who become injured.

CO Mike Hearn investigated a complaint of fishing gear being stolen from a boat moored on a lake at a State Forest Campground (SFC) in the early morning hours. The next night, the victims observed their stolen items in the back of a pick-up parked at a campsite in the campground. The subjects at the camp were questioned and admitted to stealing the fishing gear.

CO Mike Hearn was first on scene of a two car personal injury accident where a subject failed to stop at a stop sign and pulled into the path of an SUV pulling an 18' boat. CO Hearn rendered first aid to the occupants until EMS arrived.

While patrolling state forest lands, CO Mark Papineau observed a pick-up truck backed into a turn out off a two-track. He checked the vehicle and observed fresh footprints in the sand that led into the woods. CO Papineau followed the footprints and came across a subject carrying a plastic container filled with bacon grease. Upon contact with the subject, CO Papineau learned that he was tending a bear bait that was illegally established several days prior. Further investigation led to the bait pile which consisted of bread, berries, and a gallon of bacon grease. The subject also had additional illegal baits set throughout the county. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Steve Lockwood checked an angler who was fishing without a license. A LEIN check also indicated there was a warrant out for the subject's arrest. After being issued a ticket for fishing without a license, the subject was arrested and turned over to a local deputy on shore.

DISTRICT 6

CO Quincy Gowenlock was conducting a marine patrol with Sgt. Ron Kimmerly on the Saginaw River. While on patrol, they observed four subjects shore fishing near the Cheboyganing Creek. Upon contact they observed a wire basket in the water which was full of fish. As they inspected the fish, two smallmouth bass were located in the bottom which appeared to be undersized. When measured, one fish was 11 inches and the other was 11-1/4 inches. Enforcement action taken.

COs Joel Lundberg and Jay Person investigated a large group of kids at a camp site in a SFC. Out of the entire group, only one subject was over the age of 21, and all others had been drinking and had beer cans in their hands when the COs arrived. The subjects had also pulled a large sofa out of the dumpster and placed it near the fire pit at their camp site. Tickets were issued for the alcohol violations, as well as making sure the sofa ended up in the back of one the camper's vehicles to be disposed of correctly upon their departure.

CO Scott Brown assisted local deputies with a complaint at Sleeper State Park. Rangers had called 911 reference an intoxicated camper who had been causing a problem on his site and who was attempting to leave. The Ranger attempted to keep the subject on scene until law enforcement arrived. He was ultimately arrested for OUIL and a small container of marijuana was seized.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol on the Au Gres River when he witnessed two wave runners operating at full speed passing boats in the slow, no-wake zone. The CO was able to contact the operators and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Huron County, CO Bob Hobkirk encountered a golf cart travelling along the shoulder of a state highway. With numerous other violations present CO Hobkirk took enforcement action.

While checking boaters at the Grindstone public access site, CO Bob Hobkirk observed a subject operating a personal watercraft (PWC) without wearing a PFD. CO Hobkirk was able to contact the operator, along with a second PWC. Numerous violations were encountered between the two subjects and enforcement action was taken.

CO Bob Hobkirk was patrolling the Port Crescent State Park area when he was asked by a park worker to speak with a camper reference a dog barking complaint. Upon contacting the camper at his site, CO Hobkirk found him cleaning what appeared to be a short bass and the remains of three additional bass and two perch. Further investigation revealed that the bass was less than 14 inches and that the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2006. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling Tuscola County when he observed a large plume of black smoke in the distance. Once CO Wright found the source of smoke he noticed that there were some people tearing down and burning a barn. The property owner, the person who started the fire, was issued a ticket for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Joshua Wright received a complaint from the RAP hotline reference marijuana plants being grown on state land. The complainant came across the suspected marijuana plants while he was out scouting for deer hunting spots. COs Wright and Seth Rhodea were able to locate the plants and pull them. A total of 32 plants were pulled and turned over to the area narcotics unit for further investigation.

DISTRICT 7

CO Patrick McManus and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers conducted a foot patrol in Grand Haven State Park in response to concerns with illegal activity in the campground and day use area. Four arrests were made for illegal alcohol use and possession in the park during the Coast Guard Festival.

CO Chris Holmes worked an ongoing complaint on a local lake of a subject fishing without a license and keeping undersized catfish at night. CO Holmes set up surveillance on the lake after dark while wearing night vision and observed the subject fishing in a boat. CO Holmes watched the subject for approximately three hours and then made contact. Several marine and fishing laws were being broken and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer was checking dams on the St. Joseph River, when he located a subject, who had gone around a "No Trespassing" posted fence and was fishing from the low head dam. CO Bauer contacted the subject and explained the trespass and safety issues. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike McGee was on marine patrol on Lake Michigan, when he observed a boat operating on plane with two subjects being towed by the boat, two subjects on the foredeck of the boat where seating isn't allowed, and two subjects standing on the swim platform outside of the cockpit of the boat. CO McGee stopped the boat and issued a ticket for the extremely dangerous operation of the boat.

CO Andy Bauer was following a vehicle in traffic when he observed the vehicle turn the wrong way onto I-94, entering the exit ramp to enter the highway. CO Bauer quickly maneuvered to stop the vehicle before it entered the highway going in the wrong direction, thus preventing a head on collision. CO Bauer made contact with the elderly driver, who was flustered about being late to an appointment and had made the wrong turn.

CO Ivan Perez responded to two injury ORV accidents at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes when rental vehicle operators became involved in rollover crashes after cresting steep dunes. During the same patrol, CO Perez ticketed three persons for operating against the flow of traffic in the directional travel area at the dunes.

Area conservation officers continue stepped up enforcement efforts at Grand Haven State Park targeting alcohol violations. COs report over 20 tickets were issued for alcohol in the state park or minors in possession of alcohol violations. At least 30 persons were evicted by COs for alcohol and behavior issues during this past two weeks. Hot weather and the Coast Guard Festival continued to bring large numbers of visitors to the park.

Area officers patrolled the final day of the Coast Guard Festival at Grand Haven with foot patrols at the state park, PWC patrols on the Grand River and Lake Michigan, and two patrol vessels assigned to the nighttime fireworks event. COs reported lighter than normal crowds but ticketed seven for alcohol violations and one for an expired boat registration. During the patrol COs were summoned by citizens to render aid to a woman who fell from a building and sustained serious head injuries. COs stabilized the victim and assisted medical personnel at the scene.

DISTRICT 8

COs Jeff Walker, Todd Thorn, Damon Owens and Sgt. Troy Bahlau responded to a complaint of two young Sandhill Cranes standing on the fog line and in the passing lane of I-94. The Cranes would not leave after the adult female was hit and killed. The COs requested assistance from local police officers to slow and shift traffic into the other lane on I-94 while the COs used three patrol trucks to block the cranes in between the highway and fence. The COs then used a boat cover to trap the cranes and get them in a cage. Both cranes were captured and removed from the highway within three minutes of arriving on scene and both lanes on the highway were safely opened back up.

COs Damon Owens, Shane Webster, Jeff Goss, Brian Fish and Sgt Troy Bahlau, conducted a group marine patrol at the annual Clark Lake Raft-O-Rama event. One

ticket was issued for a fast moving ski boat who was operating in a careless manner in front of a busy beach, blasting an air horn while a passenger was standing on the stern of the boat yelling while hanging on to the ski bar. While their intent was in hopes of showing off for all the patrons of a beach party, the only applause was when their antics drew law enforcement attention that resulted in being stopped for this careless behavior and ticketed in front of the crowd.

While patrolling the Maple River State Game Area (SGA), CO Rich Nickols checked a boat access site. There was a van parked in the lot but nobody in the area. CO Nickols followed a foot trail near the van and located a camp set up along the river. CO Nickols was able to walk into the camp and observe a subject smoking marijuana and setting up a fishing pole. After making contact and questioning, it was determined the subject had a medical marijuana card but it was expired. A ticket was issued for camping in the game area.

CO Dan Bigger, while meeting with a subject to return a firearm that was seized, found that the subject had a valid warrant in another county. When the subject arrived to pick up his firearm he was taken into custody and turned over to the other department for their warrant pick up.

CO Shane Webster, while patrolling a local fishing spot, began checking licenses after observing several anglers for a few minutes. As he began conversing with one of the anglers another angler a short distance away began quickly packing up and started to walk away. CO Webster made quick contact and was informed that the angler was only waiting for a friend to come back and get his fishing gear. CO Webster asked to see a fishing license and informed the individual that he had been watching him fish. The angler stated he didn't have one because he wasn't very good at fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn tracked down a man who dumped a load of garbage in a SGA. There was information left in the trash that led to the man who admitted to dumping the trash, along with an opossum that he said he caught with his bare hands and threw in the garbage can along with the trash. According to the subject, he then dumped the live opossum and the trash and didn't want to pick up the garbage because he was afraid the opossum would come after him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn, along with other DNR employees, located approximately 53 marijuana plants growing on state land after gaining a tip from a local resident. The local narcotics enforcement team was contacted and the case was turned over to them.

While checking anglers at the Moores River dam in Lansing, CO Todd Thorn was told that some subjects were fishing in the river downstream with a cast net. CO Thorn located the individuals and observed them using a cast net as the anglers had stated. After observing the activity for approximately 30 minutes, CO Thorn contacted the individuals and found they were in possession of 32 fish, 10 of them short bass, and two short channel catfish. Enforcement action was taken.

A man was seen fishing late at night along a local river. He was contacted and found to be fishing without a license. After speaking with the man and finding that he didn't have a license, CO Todd Thorn found a short bass that the angler had caught and thrown onto the nearby bank. The angler stated that he didn't know he needed a license and that he didn't know what kind of fish he had caught. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader wrote a ticket on Rose Lake for fail to provide adequate PFDs. There was only one person aboard the boat and he didn't have any life jackets. The subject tried to tell the CO that his fender, which was the size of a pop bottle was his PFD.

While conducting a weekday marine patrol on Woodland Lake CO Daniel Prince checked a subject who was fishing with his two sons. The angler had three undersized northern pike and two undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement was taken.

CO Pete Purdy, while working a special assignment for a triathlon race, was set up at a traffic control point for the safety of the cyclist. While redirecting traffic away from the cyclist, a subject on a motorcycle decided to go around the marked patrol vehicle and almost caused a head on collision with an oncoming vehicle. The operator was stopped and issued a ticket for reckless operation.

DISTRICT 9

CO Linda Scheidler and Intern Brad Rolfe hailed a vessel that was violating a slow, no-wake rule while passing through a marsh channel. The driver of the vessel stated his passenger had run out of oil on his PWC and they were in a hurry to get to the store before it closed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler and Intern Brad Rolfe encountered another vessel, a PWC, violating slow, no-wake within 100' of shore, and learned the operator, who was born in 1980, had never taken a boater safety course. Enforcement action was taken and his wife, who had taken a course and had a boater safety certificate, was willing to drive her husband around so they could continue to enjoy the day on the lake.

CO Kris Kiel received a RAP complaint in progress in St. Clair County. The complainant was watching two spotted fawns in a field near his house when he heard two gunshots. At the same time one of the fawns bucked like it was hit and they ran off. The CO responded and stopped two vehicles leaving a nearby field. He contacted two young males who stated they had permission to be on the property to target shoot. After a little more questioning, one subject admitted that when they were down target shooting, they walked around the property and were plinking. One subject admitted to shooting at a pheasant and the other shot at a groundhog. CO Kiel took their information and released them. The CO continued to walk the property and with direction from the complainant, searched the area where the complainant saw the fawns. CO Kiel located a spent .17 caliber rim fire shell casing. He could not locate the deer. The following day with the assistance of CO Ben Lasher, the COs searched the property again and still found nothing. The pair went to the subjects' residence and

questioned them again. One subject finally admitted to shooting at the deer. More follow-up will be conducted and warrants will be sought for both subjects.

CO Ben Lasher received a complaint of a subject who had a juvenile mute swan in a cage at the St. Clair County Fair. The CO responded and located the swan in a cage and located the alleged owner who stated her brother found the abandoned bird on the Belle River. The CO explained the violation and seized the animal.

CO Mark Ennett was conducting a marine patrol inside Plum Creek when he observed an angler on the shore, beyond the fence erected at the Edison Fishing Pier. From the patrol boat CO Ennett began to interview the angler about the location he was fishing from and the fish in the bucket. The angler then began to sort the fish, including one bass that he threw back into the water. CO Ennett told the subject to leave the bucket alone, and beached the boat nearby. Upon checking the fish, three undersized smallmouth bass were located, including the one the angler had thrown back into the water. CO Ennett ticketed the angler for possession of three undersized smallmouth bass. He also gave a warning for recreational trespass for fishing on land beyond the pier.

CO Mark Ennett checked a boat that had three anglers on board. When asked about the sizes of the catfish they had taken they began to give each other "the look", that indicated a problem. Upon examining the fish, five undersized catfish were noted. The boat owner took responsibility and was ticketed.

CO Lacelle Rabon was on patrol along the shoreline of the Detroit River when he observed two anglers. Upon CO Rabon being observed by the anglers, they began to scurry around. Both anglers had a license to fish and both had a total of five smallmouth bass. CO Rabon observed a plastic bag with ice and two undersized smallmouth bass underneath their vehicle. Both subjects were questioned about the bass and one angler admitted he caught the two undersized smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers at the Belleville Dam when one angler quickly grabbed his bucket and attempted to dump his fish into the river as the CO approached. The angler was instructed to stop after one bluegill fell onto shore. A check in the bucket revealed that the angler was attempting to dump his two undersized smallmouth bass into the river. CO Drexler also learned that the subject was wanted on 12 outstanding warrants. The subject received a ticket for the fish and was arrested and lodged on his warrants.

While conducting a marine patrol, CO Mark Ennett was approached by two PWC operators who reported another PWC was being operated very poorly, and the operator was not wearing a PFD. CO Ennett located the PWC with one adult male, a juvenile male and a female on board and saw the operator was not wearing his life jacket. The operator said this was the first time he had ever operated a PWC and did not know the

rules. CO Ennett ticketed him for the violation and gave him a warning for failing to have a paper registration on board.

CO Lacelle Rabon was checking anglers along the Detroit River shoreline when he contacted an angler who boasted about his catch of smallmouth bass. When the CO asked to see his catch the angler proudly displayed the four bass in his basket. Three of the bass were undersized, two were 12 inches, and one was 10 inches. The fourth bass was 17 inches. Enforcement action was taken regarding the three undersized smallmouth bass.

CO Brandon Kieft and Intern Brad Rolfe followed up on a dumping complaint in the Bald Mountain Recreation Area. The names of two possible subjects who had dumped a trailer full of roofing shingles were provided to CO Kieft by the recreation area manager. One of the subjects, who owns a roofing business, denied any involvement, even though a "family" trailer was found near the scene of the dumping with shingle evidence inside. His younger brother and employee eventually admitted to the violation. It was ordered that the shingles be picked up and disposed of properly and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft and Intern Brad Rolfe were on marine patrol on Tipsico Lake in Oakland County when they contacted a subject who was operating a watercraft that hadn't been registered since 2001. The operator stated that the watercraft was a friend's and he didn't know it was a violation. A ticket was issued for operating an unregistered watercraft.

While working Holloway Reservoir, CO Linda Scheidler received a complaint from a campground visitor of vessels coming within 100' of shore. She used her range finder and measured a subject on a PWC going by with a faster than slow, no-wake speed at 66'. The vessel driver said she was born in 1988 and had taken a boater safety class. The CO asked to see her certificate and she said it was at home. CO Scheidler searched through her dispatch and no record existed of the subject ever taking boater safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Szyska had a bench trial in Macomb County on a subject who shot a turkey over a bait pile from an elevated platform with a shotgun (the second story of the subject's residence), and did not tag the turkey. The subject pled guilty to taking the turkey illegally over bait and was sentenced to fines and costs and \$1,000 reimbursement to the state for the turkey.

While on patrol in Ray Township, CO Todd Szyska observed two mini-bikes driving with traffic in the opposite lane. The CO turned the patrol vehicle around, activated the emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop of the mini-bikes. CO Szyska found that both subjects were 15 years old and that neither of them had driver's licenses. Both subjects had cell phones and tried to call their parents for a ride home. After a while and the considerable heat conditions, the CO decided to load them up and their mini-bikes and transport them back to their parents. Their parents did not know they had

taken off as they had told them they were going to a friend's house. CO Szyska explained to the parents that the boys were five miles away from home as they had taken back roads to get to where they were pulled over. He further explained the law violations and warnings would be given as the CO would leave it up to the parents for punishment. The parents assured the CO that there would be two mini-bikes for sale and other punishments would follow.