

**Bi-Weekly Report
3/8/2020 – 3/21/2020**

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) John Kamps responded from his residence to a personal injury vehicle crash. It was reported that the individual rolled the vehicle and was unconscious in the vehicle. CO Kamps arrived on scene to find a single passenger unconscious seated at the wheel. CO Kamps was able to get the driver back to consciousness and provide medical attention until EMS personnel arrived and took over.

CO Cody Smith checked a group of anglers on Petticoat Lake in Baraga County. CO Smith counted 14 tip-ups and one subject was using a jigging rod. Three adults and one child were present. One of the anglers admitted to the three lines over the legal limit. One of the anglers also could not produce a valid fishing license. Citations were issued for using too many lines and for fishing without a license.

CO Anna Viau checked several people fishing on Iron County lakes one Saturday. On one lake, CO Viau had been regularly checking an ice shack which had been left out on a lake for most of the winter but did not have any identification on it. On this particular Saturday, the owner of the shack was fishing from it. CO Viau contacted the angler and advised him of the violation. He also did not have identification on one of his tip-ups. CO Viau gave the man a citation for no identification on his ice shack, and a warning for no identification on his tip-up.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling on M-28 near Deer Lake when he noticed a motorist stuck on the side of the road. After CO Zitnik assisted the gentleman with getting his vehicle unstuck, he asked the driver where he was from, and the driver gave CO Zitnik a funny look but would not respond. Thinking this was odd behavior, CO Zitnik then asked the driver where he was headed. The driver stated he had been fishing on Munising Bay earlier in the day but admitted that he drove up from 400 miles south of the area and currently was on his way to Marquette to purchase toilet paper due to the pandemic panic.

CO Andrea Dani received authorization from the Alger County Prosecutor to charge a subject with failing to report an accident that occurred in early January. The crash involved a single vehicle leaving the roadway, sliding into a deep ditch, and colliding into multiple trees. No injuries were sustained in the crash, but the vehicle was totaled. CO Dani happened to be patrolling through the area of the crash the next morning, when she came across the driver attempting to remove the vehicle from the ditch.

CO Steven Butzin interviewed several individuals regarding several deer that appeared to have been taken illegally. One individual was found to have taken a spike horn buck

in violation of antler point restrictions. Another individual was found to have taken a 6-point buck without a license. A report is being submitted through the Dickinson County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink presented at their local high school, along with other DNR employees. The presentation was for careers in the DNR sponsored by the local conservation district. The COs talked about how to become a conservation officer as well as job functions. The COs opened the presentation to questions at the end.

DISTRICT 3

COs Dan Liestenfeltz and Jon Sheppard interviewed a subject in reference to his 2019 otter harvest. During the interview, the subject admitted to trapping the otter then purchased the fur harvester's license and otter tags after the fact. The otter was seized, and charges are pending with the Alpena County Prosecutor's Office.

Acting Sgt. Paul Fox received a tip about set lines being left out on Black Lake. Acting Sgt. Fox patrolled the lake, specifically targeting set lines. He observed a single unoccupied pop-up shanty. Upon inspection, a set tip-up inside the shanty was discovered. The responsible angler was located and, when interviewed, admitted to setting the set line and running the set line throughout the winter. A ticket was issued for failing to tend lines and a warning issued for no name on shanty.

DISTRICT 4

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, observed a motorcycle stopped in the middle of a roadway near an intersection. CO Killingbeck contacted the operator and discovered that the operator had just recently purchased the bike. The motorcycle was an ORV that could be made road legal and the operator told CO Killingbeck that he was planning on making the bike road legal. CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he was operating the bike as a road legal motorcycle or an ORV. The subject said he was not sure. CO Killingbeck advised the subject that a road legal bike needed plates and insurance, along with road legal tires, and the operator needs a motorcycle endorsement, all of which the subject did not have. The operator said that the person he had purchased the motorcycle from used it as an ORV. The bike did not have ORV stickers and the subject was not wearing a helmet or protective eyewear. CO Killingbeck educated the subject on ORV regulations, along with road legal motorcycle requirements, and issued a citation for failing to license an ORV.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while checking a fishing access site in the village of Baldwin, was flagged down by a citizen who told him that there was strange activity going on at a neighboring residence. The citizen was concerned about drug activity in his neighborhood and asked CO Killingbeck if he could spend time patrolling the area. CO Killingbeck, while in the area a short time later, stopped a vehicle for a motor vehicle code violation. CO Killingbeck contacted the operator, who said he did not have a driver's license on his person. A Lake County deputy, standing on the opposite side of

the vehicle, observed the subject handling a syringe. When asked, the subject said that the syringe was not his. Further investigation revealed that the subject had given a fake name, that he had several outstanding warrants for his arrest, and was driving while suspended. CO Killingbeck, upon arresting the subject and searching the vehicle, found the subject to be in possession of numerous syringes that appeared to contain an unknown drug. CO Killingbeck also discovered that the subject was in possession of ammunition and was a felon. The subject was lodged in the Lake County Jail on the warrants, for driving while suspended, and felon in possession of ammunition. The unknown substance found in the syringes was sent to the Michigan State Police (MSP) Lab for testing and was determined to be methamphetamine.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, stopped a vehicle for a motor vehicle violation. The vehicle was full of fishing gear and upon making contact CO Killingbeck was informed that the plates were expired and there was no insurance on the vehicle. The subject told CO Killingbeck that they were coming from downstate to fish at Tippy Dam. The subject said that he did not have money for insurance or plates but had enough to come fishing. CO Killingbeck discovered that the driver was in possession of open intoxicants and was operating with a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and released, and the vehicle was impounded.

CO Tim Barboza heard central dispatch call a deputy to check on a suspicious vehicle parked on 10 Mile and M-66 that was believed to be dumping litter. CO Barboza assisted the deputy in locating the vehicle and potential dump site. CO Barboza observed the deputy initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle and witnessed the passenger jump out of the vehicle and begin yelling. CO Barboza advised the passenger to sit back down in the vehicle and calm down. CO Barboza and the deputy located an open container of alcohol in the vehicle along with narcotics and scales. The driver of the vehicle was also operating on a suspended license. The driver was a minor and charges have been submitted. The passenger with narcotics by his feet was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and the passenger in the back with the open container was cited.

CO Ben Shively located a vehicle parked along a bridge at the White River in Oceana County, which is posted no parking. As CO Shively was approaching the vehicle, he observed an angler come up from the river and past two no trespassing signs toward his vehicle. CO Shively contacted the angler, who subsequently could not produce his fishing license. The angler had been checked by CO Micah Hintze two weeks earlier and was advised to obtain a replacement license or purchase a new 2020 license. The subject was cited for recreational trespass and issued warnings for fishing with no license in possession and illegal parking.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a harassment complaint in Newaygo County. A shore angler stated that a subject in a boat came right up along the seawall by the buoys where he was fishing from shore and started fishing the same spot. He said something to the guy that he cut him off fishing and a verbal altercation ensued. The complainant then states that the subject in the boat touched his side of the body and

said, "I have something for you." The complainant took that to be a threat with a gun. A gun was never seen by the complainant. CO Greenway responded and talked to both parties. CO Greenway searched the suspect and his boat but did not locate any weapons. A report will be submitted to the Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Jeff Ginn and Sergeant (Sgt.) Mike Bomay assisted MSP, local fire, and EMS on a personal injury motor vehicle accident where the passenger was pinned in the vehicle after the driver lost control and struck a tree. CO Ginn and Sgt. Bomay assisted AreoMed on clearing the landing zone and transporting emergency responders to the scene.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn received an early morning Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint regarding angler harassment in the Fife Lake area of Kalkaska County. The complainant advised a homeowner came outside and began yelling and shouting at him while he was drilling holes in the ice. CO Hearn responded to the residence and made contact with the homeowner. The investigation determined that no threats or physical altercation took place, only a verbal disagreement. The homeowner was educated on the rights of anglers and the laws pertaining to angler harassment. He subsequently apologized and commented that he was under more stress than usual due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

CO Chuck McPherson received a complaint about a pile of fast food bags dumped along a seasonal road in Roscommon County. Upon investigation, one of the bags contained a receipt with a name on it. CO McPherson was able to locate a matching suspect in the Traverse City area. CO Rich Stowe was contacted and was able to get a phone number for the suspect. CO McPherson met with the suspect and observed his vehicle's front and back seats were full of similar fast food bags. A citation for litter was issued.

CO Jeremy Cantrell received a call about a missing hunter in Missaukee County. The missing hunter had failed to return home the previous night after hunting. The hunter was last seen around 1:30 PM on March 7 at a hunt club in Kalkaska where he advised a friend he was going to hunt in northern Missaukee County near the Dead Stream Swamp. CO Cantrell, along with Kalkaska and Missaukee deputies, followed up on the complaint for several hours. At around 5:30 PM the search expanded to three COs, two deputies, and an MSP trooper. The search went on until dark with little information to go on other than the area where friends believed him to be hunting. A ping of the hunter's phone was successful, but he was not located in the area of the ping. The following morning, CO Cantrell organized a much larger search including MSP troopers, Missaukee and Kalkaska County deputies, local volunteers, a DNR pilot, and numerous COs. The COs searched hunting areas in Grand Traverse, Wexford, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Clare, and Gladwin Counties. The hunter was located around 1 PM by the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office off Naples Road in Kalkaska County where his truck

had become stuck on March 7. The individual stated that his phone died, and he had no way of charging it. Also, due to underlying health issues he did not want to risk walking out in search of help. The man and his dog were in good health and excited to be reunited with family and friends.

CO Jeremy Cantrell received a call from a Missaukee County deputy advising him of two individuals that had gotten stuck on an unimproved road in the Dead Horse flooding in Butterfield Township, Missaukee County. The deputy stated the two individuals had been stuck for about two hours. One occupant had a history of diabetes and the other was wet from falling into the water. The deputy mentioned they had no way to get back to the stranded vehicle and was wondering if CO Cantrell could assist. CO Cantrell responded with a four-wheeler and a snowmobile. Due to lack of snow, CO Cantrell utilized his four-wheeler to make his way back to the two individuals and their vehicle. While traveling back to the vehicle, CO Cantrell was unable to continue with the machine due to trees that were blocking the road, so he continued on foot for approximately one mile before reaching the individuals. The two were found in good health and assisted in getting back to EMS and checked out. The two males were cleared by EMS and the vehicle was set to be recovered the following day.

CO Kyle Bader attended a wild game dinner at a local church in Ogemaw County. The event occurred just before the major gathering and social distancing orders were put into place. There were between 150-200 people in attendance. CO Bader set up a display with the district fur kit and a variety of trapping equipment. Multiple contacts were made to answer questions and promote trapping.

CO Josh Russell was on patrol in Gladwin County when he heard a Be On the Lookout (BOL) go out over the radio for a stolen vehicle. CO Russell was not far from the last known location. The vehicle had just led Midland County deputies on a pursuit and was now in Gladwin. With help from central dispatch, CO Russell located the abandoned vehicle. CO Russell had the vehicle towed and transferred over to Grand Blanc Police Department where it was originally reported stolen.

CO Josh Russell was on patrol when a personal injury accident involving a tractor came over the radio. CO Russell responded to the scene with a Gladwin County Sheriff's deputy. The subject was no longer trapped under the tractor but had seriously injured his back. EMS arrived and CO Russell assisted getting the subject into the ambulance.

DISTRICT 6

CO Jason King conducted a marine patrol on the Saginaw River with COs Jill Miller, Seth Rhodea, and Mark Siemen. The COs were checking a group of anglers when they could detect the smell of marijuana in the air. The COs could see puffs of smoke coming from a vessel underway. CO King witnessed two occupants in the vessel passing what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette back and forth. The COs contacted the occupants of the vessel. File checks were run through Station 20 and one subject had four valid

misdemeanor warrants out of Calhoun County. The COs were instructed to advise and release. CO King issued a citation for marijuana use in a public place.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol when he received a call from Saginaw County Central Dispatch about a dog that was caught in a foot hold trap. CO Beuthin responded to a tree line along the edge of a cornfield to find several traps that had been set. Saginaw County Animal Control officers and another subject had released the dog which was taken to the vet and treated for minor injuries. CO Beuthin asked the subject who was standing near the traps if he had set the traps and the subject admitted he did. He was new to trapping and felt bad for accidentally catching the dog. All the traps were missing the subject's contact information which was explained to the man as being very important for several reasons. The subject was issued a citation for not tagging traps.

CO Joe Myers was on patrol during the Kawkawlin River closure when he noticed a vehicle parked in an area where he believed anglers were trespassing and taking walleye during the closed season. CO Myers walked until he found an angler. The angler had taken four walleye. Warrants are being sought.

During a late evening patrol in Midland County, COs Mike Haas and Josh Russell heard a Midland deputy call out a vehicle pursuit. The COs were not far from the area and headed toward the pursuit in order to assist. The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle crashed into a tree on a backcountry road. Numerous occupants fled the crashed vehicle and disappeared into the woods. The COs were able to reach the location quickly and assist with setting up a perimeter, a K-9 team arrived and tracked a long distance through the flooded woods. Eventually two suspects were apprehended and were believed to have been involved with a robbery incident that had occurred earlier in the evening in Isabella County. Various charges are pending with the Midland and Isabella Counties Prosecutor's Offices.

CO Dan Robinson and a ride-along were only a few miles away when a call came out for a domestic disturbance where two subjects had been assaulted by others in the house. CO Robinson arrived shortly after the call came out and located one of the victims by the curb complaining of hearing loss and head pain. The second victim was still in the house. CO Robinson entered the house where all the parties lived, and they were still yelling at each other. CO Robinson separated the parties and secured the scene until the other law enforcement agencies arrived. Once on scene the officers split up doing interviews and occupying two children who were in the back seat of a truck hoping they could go to the park. The case was forwarded to the Isabella County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Josh Jackson received a complaint through the RAP hotline of littering on state land. The complainant stated they had found a fresh pile of litter on state land and as they sifted through the burnt rubble, they found several names. CO Jackson located the dumped mess and found more suspect information, including several social security numbers and tax forms. Two suspects were contacted, and one had admitted to

dumping a burn barrel after it had filled up. The suspects agreed to clean the site and were cited for littering.

While on patrol in Saginaw County on the Tittabawassee River, COs Adam Schiller and Dan Robinson observed three fishing poles with planer boards attached to them sitting on the bank of the river. The COs positioned their patrol boat to watch the lines. The COs observed the lines for over an hour, and no one came to tend to the lines. The COs approached the bank where the lines were sitting in pole holders. An individual saw the COs from his house and came down on a four-wheeler. The individual explained that they leave these lines in all the time and were just away eating lunch. The COs informed the individual that fishing lines need to be in immediate control by the angler. A citation was issued for the unattended lines.

DISTRICT 7

CO Jackie Miskovich responded to a RAP complaint about deer feeding. After contacting the homeowner, she was shown to the backyard where a dish was located with bird seed on it, and a crate on top of it, which made it inaccessible to the deer. The subject was told he could continue feeding the birds and squirrels in that manner as long as it was not spread intentionally on the ground to entice deer.

CO Anna Cullen was investigating a carcass complaint in Muskegon County when she observed a dirt bike illegally operating on a roadway. CO Cullen followed the bike to a nearby residence and was able to contact the rider. Upon further investigation, it was found that the dirt bike did not have the proper stickers and was being operated by an individual with a suspended license. A citation was issued for the violations.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling Muskegon County when she observed a dirt bike illegally operating on a roadway. CO Cullen followed the bike into a nearby township two-track and was able to contact the rider. It was found that the dirt bike did not have the proper stickers and the individual was not wearing a helmet. When CO Cullen ran the individual's file, it was found that they had a suspended driver's license and had five active warrants. The warrants were all confirmed to be valid and an advise and release order was issued for all five warrants. A citation was issued for the illegal operation and the safety violation.

While on patrol in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg had a vehicle pass him at a high rate of speed on a busy expressway. CO Ulberg was able to utilize his state issued radar unit and discovered the vehicle was traveling at 107 mph. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a citation for the violation.

COs Richard Cardenas, Robert Slick, and Justin Ulberg conducted a marine patrol on the Grand River in Kent County during the spring steelhead run. Numerous boaters and anglers were contacted, and most were following state law. However, one vessel did not have the proper number of personal floatation devices for the number of anglers on board. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in Ottawa County when he heard a BOL for dirt bikes in the area of 76th Street and Warren Street. CO Slick responded to the area with CO Justin Ulberg and an Ottawa County Sheriff's deputy. The dirt bikes were riding on county road commission property. The deputy walked back on the trail to locate the bikes and try to push them out to COs Slick and Ulberg waiting on the road. The deputy was able to call the bikes over to him and COs Slick and Ulberg contacted the group. They were informed they were trespassing on the property and that ORVs are not allowed on the roads in the county. Upon further inspection it was found that multiple ORVs were not licensed. Citations were issued for the violations as well as multiple warnings.

CO Robert Slick received a call from Station 20 regarding two eagles that were stuck together. CO Slick responded to the location and found two eagles in a subdivision that appeared to be caught together with leg bands. While CO Slick was watching the eagles, he saw one going after the other and could see that it was holding onto the other's talons. CO Slick approached the two birds and they separated. CO Slick watched the exhausted eagles to make sure they recovered. After some time both eagles flew off on their own.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Allegan County when he received a complaint of three subjects fishing with illegal gear and possibly snagging steelhead at the Swan Creek Dam. He arrived at the dam shortly after the complaint was received and observed three subjects fishing with bright headlights and spotlights. When the CO contacted the anglers, two of the three were found to be fishing with treble hooks in a stream where only single-pointed hooks are allowed. Citations were issued for fishing with illegal gear.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Allegan County when he observed a fire emitting large amounts of black smoke. The CO stopped at the residence and located a subject standing near a fire pit burning an old recliner chair. The homeowner stated that he knew he was not allowed to burn this type of material but did not want to take the chair to the dump. A citation was issued for improper disposal of solid waste.

CO Jim Nason stopped two subjects operating ORVs illegally on the roadway and other safety violations. One subject without a helmet stated that he wasn't required to wear one if he was on private property. CO Nason agreed with the man but informed him that he was currently on a public roadway, which is also closed to ORV activity in the county. The subject stated that they were only "field hopping" and were only a short distance from their house. To ensure the subjects' safe return home, CO Nason accompanied the two men back to their residence, approximately two miles down the road. A citation was issued for no helmet on an ORV and a warning was given for operating ORV on roadway.

DISTRICT 8

COs Nathan Beelman and Jon Byars received a call from a local wildlife rehabber regarding a call she received from the Meijer Distribution Center in Eaton County. The rehabber stated that an employee at Meijer found a scorpion in a shipment of bananas and that the Meijer employee wanted to find a home for the scorpion. CO Beelman contacted DNR dispatch who had also received a call from another Meijer employee. The information was going to be passed along to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

CO Nathan Beelman was patrolling towards the district office on I-69 when a vehicle passed his fully marked patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed. CO Beelman paced the car at over 100 mph and observed the vehicle make multiple lane changes without the use of a turn signal. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver admitted that they knew they were speeding but had to make it to work in Lansing. The driver was unable to find their insurance paperwork or paper registration for the vehicle. The driver was cited for the speed violation.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a RAP complaint of someone shooting the trail marker signs at Sleepy Hollow State Park in Clinton County. CO Strawn responded to the park and conducted a follow-up investigation. CO Strawn located the trail marker signs and was able to collect some potentially useful evidence. If anyone has any information regarding the malicious destruction of property to the state land signs, please call and report the information to the Report All Poaching Hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

COs Nick Wellman and Kyle McQueer were walking into a local gas station to get water and snacks for their patrol when they noticed a man sitting on the floor. The COs finished getting their items and came up to the front of the store. The man then said to CO Wellman, "Can you help me out? I need you to take me to jail." CO Wellman asked him what he was talking about and the man said that he had just given the store clerk a fake \$20 bill and needed to go to jail. The COs confirmed this with the clerk who stated she had called 911 and thought the COs were there to take care of it. The COs detained the man and he was handed over to the responding MSP units when they arrived.

COs Nick Wellman and Kyle McQueer were driving to a taxidermy inspection when they noticed a man in the middle of US-131 with his four-way flashers on and his hood up. The COs stopped to check on the man and quickly realized the man's truck had broken down and that the man was deaf and unable to get help. CO Wellman shut down the south-bound lanes of 131 for a short period of time and the COs pushed the man's truck into a nearby gas station where he was able to get assistance.

CO Nick Wellman was on his pass day when he received a call from Branch Central Dispatch that some anglers had just called in a complaint that someone had shot a goose from their house and that it was now floating in the water. CO Wellman responded to the area and met with the complainants. After speaking to them, CO Wellman went to the suspected residence and contacted the homeowner. After about 15 minutes of denying any knowledge of the goose being killed, the man admitted to shooting the goose with his .22 caliber rifle out of his dining room window. CO Wellman retrieved the goose and collected evidence. In all, between wildlife charges and safety

zone violations, there were approximately 12 possible charges. Charges will be sought with the Branch County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 9

CO David Schaumburger was at the Wyandotte boat ramp checking walleye anglers returning to the ramp when he came across two anglers who stated they caught ten walleye. The CO counted the fish and the anglers had 11 fish. After the citation was issued for taking an over-limit of walleye, the anglers said they thought the limit had changed to six fish; however, the angler had no reason why they told the CO they had ten fish instead of 11.

CO Ariel Young on a previous patrol had inspected a local processor and had seized a deer head that was marked suspiciously. CO Edward Rice helped with gathering information by interviewing the subject to whom the tag on the deer belonged and finding out that the owner of the tag had loaned his tag to tag the deer that was shot by an individual who hunts his property. CO Young was able to contact the two individuals who were hunting with the tag owner and gained full confessions that they had borrowed the tag from the first subject. A report is being written and submitted to the Hillsdale County Court for prosecutor review.

CO Joseph Deppen was traveling down I-94 and was passed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver said he was on the way to the Department of Motor Vehicles to work out issues with his license. CO Deppen issued the driver a citation for speeding 93 mph in a 70 mph and the driver was released.

COs Joseph Deppen, Kris Kiel, Brad Silorey, and Sgt. Chris Maher conducted a group patrol for ORV activity in Macomb County. Several warnings were given related to ORV operation; however, multiple citations were issued for unregistered ORVs and ORV trespass.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a RAP complaint of a possible over-limit of perch on his way home from Belle Isle. The complainant stated that there was an angler at the Harley Ensign Access Site that was catching perch, three at a time, as fast as he could catch them and keeping all of them. CO Kiel located the suspect. While checking the angler's license, CO Kiel could see small yellow perch spilling out of a grocery bag, on the ground. He asked the angler what he had, and the angler stated, "I don't know, bass?" CO Kiel counted 64 yellow perch, 39 over the limit. The fish ranged in size from 2.5 to 8 inches. The subject was written a citation for possession of an over-limit of yellow perch and the over-limit was seized.

CO Bob Watson was patrolling the Port Huron State Game Area and recognized a vehicle as belonging to a suspect that had been building multiple structures and cutting and destroying large amounts of vegetation throughout the game area. CO Watson conducted a foot patrol until the suspect was located. During the search, a large white

pine had been discovered which had been recently felled. Upon making contact, the suspect admitted to cutting the large tree to build more "furniture" and stated he was doing it for the locals that utilize the game area and that they viewed him as a local hero. CO Watson issued a litter citation for the multiple stashes of camping goods that the man had hid throughout the area. This was the second time the man has been cited for these activities by CO Watson.

CO Bob Watson was patrolling the Black River and contacted two men squirrel hunting on private property that they did not have permission to be on. The entire property is fenced, yet the two men did not recall crossing a fence. One of the men was not wearing hunter orange and eventually stated he knew they were on private property and did not want to be seen. One of the men had two warrants out of Wayne County. The men were both issued citations for recreational trespass and the man with the warrants was advised and released as the jurisdiction could not pick up.

CO Breanna Reed was patrolling St. Clair County when she witnessed a four-wheeler operating with no ORV stickers. CO Reed contacted the individual and discovered that the rider was a minor who was operating without supervision. The minor stated that he was unaware he had to have ORV stickers due to it being his father's four-wheeler. CO Reed followed the rider for about three miles back to his residence. CO Reed contacted the father who was unaware that his son was not allowed to operate without his supervision. CO Reed issued the father a citation for allowing a minor to operate unsupervised and gave a warning for unlicensed ORV.

CO Jaime Salisbury received a RAP complaint stating that a man was standing on his deck and shooting at the geese on his pond. CO Salisbury was close by and drove to the suspect's home. When CO Salisbury asked the suspect if he knew why he was there, he said it must be because he was target shooting. CO Salisbury informed the man he was suspected to have been shooting at geese. The man immediately denied shooting at geese stating that he had gotten a ticket for that several years ago and learned his lesson. CO Salisbury asked to see where he was target shooting. When CO Salisbury was standing where the man said he was shooting from, he noticed a muskrat on the shoreline by the pond. Upon closer inspection it was discovered that the muskrat had a wound from a small caliber firearm. CO Salisbury gained a confession from the suspect saying he shot the muskrat because his grandkids swim there. Charges for taking a muskrat out of season and taking a muskrat with a firearm are being sought in Lapeer County.

CO Luke Robare was patrolling the Flint River during the walleye closure and received a complaint of some anglers fishing for walleye. CO Robare investigated the complaint and came across two individuals using artificial bait during the spawning closure for walleye. CO Robare contacted the pair of anglers and found that they had two walleye in their bucket. CO Robare issued citations for using artificial bait in a closed season and taking walleye out of season. One of the walleye that was in the bucket was a large female full of eggs. CO Robare was able to return the female walleye back to the river and revive her so she could go and spawn.

CO Justin Muehlhauser encountered two individuals fishing along the Flint River in Flint Township. Upon monitoring the anglers for a short period of time, the CO could observe both anglers using artificial bait during the closed walleye season. The CO contacted the subjects and explained that both were in violation of current gear restrictions. The CO ran files on the subjects, and it was determined that one angler had two outstanding warrants. The CO arrested the subject as the warrants were confirmed; however, he was later released on scene due to limitations at the jail due to COVID-19.

CO Justin Muehlhauser arrived to check anglers at Atwood Stadium in Flint. The CO watched an angler who appeared to be using a jig fish for walleye. He kept looking over his shoulder as he casted and retrieved. The CO quickly moved in to check the angler. The CO was able to get within ten feet and watched him cast an orange twister tail into the river. The CO contacted the angler and advised him to reel his line in. The angler informed the CO that he was just "practicing." The CO questioned the man who stated that he was aware of the regulations and had even been cited for artificial bait in the past. He didn't have a fishing license but couldn't resist trying to catch a walleye. He stated that he was planning on keeping one to eat. The CO discovered that the man had not had a fishing license since 2015 and confirmed a prior violation for using artificial bait during the closed walleye season. The angler was cited once again for the violation.

CO Mike Drexler was patrolling Washtenaw County when a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed. CO Drexler activated his dash mounted radar and the vehicle was found traveling at 91 mph. A traffic stop was conducted, and a citation was issued for speeding.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was patrolling Monroe County for ORV activity when he witnessed a side-by-side turn off Erie Road and start heading south down the railroad tracks. CO Ingersoll was able to stop the individual who made it approximately 100 yards down the railroad tracks. CO Ingersoll asked the driver what he was doing driving on the tracks, and he stated that he has been using them for years to ride on due to his backyard connecting to them. CO Ingersoll advised him that it was illegal to ride his side-by-side down the tracks, and it was also illegal to operate an ORV on the roadways in Monroe County. CO Ingersoll issued the driver a citation for failing to license his ORV. CO Ingersoll issued him warnings for operating on the roadway and operating along the railroad tracks.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was watching three individuals fish for panfish back in Erie Hunt Club's marsh. When he approached the individuals, one of the anglers hid his pole in his backpack. CO Ingersoll asked to see the anglers' fishing licenses, and two out of three were able to provide CO Ingersoll with their license. The angler who hid his pole advised he did not have one and thought CO Ingersoll didn't see him fishing. The angler asked if he could just purchase his license instead of getting a citation, and CO Ingersoll advised him it was a little too late for that. The angler stated he was written a citation in 2018 for fishing without a license and did not want the ticket. CO Ingersoll advised him

he was being issued a citation for fishing without a license, and the angler stated he learned his lesson and would be buying them from here on.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was checking anglers fishing on the Huron River in Hulls Trace access. CO Ingersoll contacted the two anglers, who stated that they did not purchase a fishing license this year. They advised CO Ingersoll that they were just out drinking enjoying the outdoors. CO Ingersoll confirmed that both anglers had not purchased a 2019 fishing license and was advised that both individuals had several warrants out for their arrest. The warrants were confirmed but were advised to be released; both anglers were advised to contact the proper courts and released on their warrants and issued citations for fishing without a license.

CO Eric Smither assisted Lenawee County Sheriff's deputies, Adrian Police Department, and Adrian Township Police on a search for an individual who fled after a domestic assault in a vehicle near the city. CO Smither and an Adrian Police officer checked a wooded area near where the individual had fled to and did not locate him. He was taken into custody shortly after by Adrian Police.

CO Brandon Hartleben worked a Belle Isle shift and during the shift, CO Hartleben and CO Breanna Reed picked up a subject with a DNR warrant from CO Chris Knights. The subject was transported to the Detroit Detention Center and lodged on the DNR warrant and 13 other traffic warrants he had out of the 36th District Court without incident.

CO Joseph Deppen was working on Belle Isle and noticed three individuals walking on a nature trail on the backside of the of the zoo. CO Deppen then noticed the individuals trespassing in the zoo. CO Deppen radioed Sgt. Jason Becker and together they escorted the three trespassers out of the zoo. The individuals were minors and they were in possession of marijuana and nicotine. In lieu of writing citations, the COs called the minor's parents and had them dole out the punishment they deemed fit. The parents were thankful for the discretion of the COs and ensured that the minors would be punished. The marijuana and nicotine were destroyed by the minors, disposed of in the nearest trash bin and released to their parents.

DISTRICT 21

EIS Dist. 21 reports the conviction of a 53-year-old Iosco County man. The investigation began with a referral from Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Materials and Management Division (MMD) about a waste transfer station, Sunrise Disposal in Oscoda, operating outside of solid waste laws. MMD staff had extensive inspection records for over a year of Sunrise Disposal violating regulations such as open dumping of solid waste, uncontained and uncovered waste piles, no dust control measures in place, and failing to inhibit vermin. MMD's efforts to assist Sunrise Disposal with coming into compliance were unsuccessful.

Det. Dan Lee of the DNR's Environmental Investigation filed charges with the Iosco County Prosecuting Attorney, who charged the suspect on August 5, 2019. The

prosecuting attorney allowed the suspect time to come into compliance with the regulations. The suspect failed to meet the requirements, and on March 3, 2020, he plead guilty to the charges. He was fined \$350 by the court.

Det. Dan Lee reports this case which originated through a complaint to EGLE Water Resources Division (WRD) regarding a possible unpermitted seawall.

The investigation began with a citizen's complaint to EGLE WRD about a possible unpermitted seawall. The violations took place on three separate private properties in Baldwin Township, Iosco County. WRD staff investigated the complaint and found a newly installed seawall which had not been permitted. Further investigation by Det. Dan Lee, of the DNR Law Enforcement Division Environmental Investigation Section, and WRD found that two other adjacent properties also had newly installed seawalls that had not been permitted. All three seawalls had utilized broken concrete in their construction, which is a prohibited material. All three landowners provided Det. Lee with contracts they had signed. In order to come into compliance with Great Lakes Shoreline Protections regulations, all three landowners were required by WRD to remove the broken concrete and replace it with approved materials.

The suspect was charged with six misdemeanors and arraigned on June 6, 2019. The charges include three counts of Great Lakes Shoreline Protection, altering bottomlands without a permit, and three counts of Great Lakes Shoreline Protection, using unauthorized materials.

During court proceedings the suspect failed to appear for a court date and was charged with contempt of court in addition to the other charges.

On December 17, 2019, the suspect plead guilty to three charges of building a seawall without a permit and for the contempt of court, fail to appear. The three charges for unauthorized materials were dismissed.

On February 22, 2020, the suspect was sentenced to fines and costs totaling \$1,975. He was ordered to spend two days in jail and ordered to pay restitution to the landowners of \$21,500.