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DISTRICT 1

Conservation officer (CO) Zach Painter responded to a complaint of gunshots followed by bullets traveling near a residence in Gogebic County. CO Painter talked with the complainant and identified a direction from which the gunshots came. CO Painter contacted a family that had just moved to the area and learned that the two teenage boys had been shooting their guns earlier in the day. CO Painter advised the family that the manner and direction in which they were shooting was unsafe due to a busy county road and multiple residences in the backdrop.

COs Byron Parks and Ethen Mapes responded to a side-by-side rollover near Victoria. Two injured subjects were transported to the hospital after the driver swerved to hit a deer and lost control.

CO Anna Viau assisted Crystal Falls Police Department with a rollover traffic crash in Crystal Falls. Officers from each agency worked together to secure the scene and ensure occupants of each vehicle were able to quickly get to an ambulance.

CO David Miller was dispatched to a breaking and entering in progress complaint at a remote camp in Houghton County. CO Miller and a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper arrived and found an individual sitting on the couch completely naked near a loaded shotgun. The individual could only give his first name, and continuously repeated, "I messed up." It was later discovered that the individual had put his vehicle in the ditch a few days earlier and walked to the camp and had been staying there ever since. He did not know the owners of the camp and had been helping himself to the alcohol stored in the camp. There was nothing else reported missing. The subject was lodged in the Houghton County Jail by the MSP on multiple charges including breaking and entering.

CO Cody Smith was on patrol when a motorcycle personal injury accident was aired. CO Smith responded to the scene, assisting a sheriff's deputy with the injured rider. The rider was thrown from their bike when a deer ran into the roadway striking the side of their bike. The rider was taken by ambulance for evaluation of injury.

CO Cody Smith was patrolling Keweenaw Bay when he observed a vessel trolling with six lines out. Upon approaching the vessel, CO Smith observed only one angler onboard the vessel. A check for marine safety equipment and a fishing license came back good. CO Smith asked why there were six lines out, to which the angler stated, "I'm just testing things out for the weekend." CO Smith then asked if there were lures on each rod, the angler stated yes. CO Smith had the angler reel in their lines and a citation was issued for running six lines which is double the legal amount for one angler.

DISTRICT 2

CO Steve Butzin received a complaint of an individual possessing a spotted fawn in Escanaba. CO Butzin went to the location and found a fawn wearing a dog collar and chained to a stake in the front yard. Further investigation found that the individual had the fawn for over a week, and he claimed he was waiting for the mother to return. CO Butzin asked the individual what he had been feeding it. The individual stated he fed it human breast milk. The fawn was taken from the individual and turned over to Wildlife Division. The individual received a citation for possessing a live game animal.

While on routine marine patrol, COs Robert Freeborn and Mike Evink were checking a busy inland lake when they checked a boat trolling away from the rest of the boats. Once the COs got closer to the boat, they immediately recognized one of the anglers. The COs asked if they had any luck. The angler driving stated that he was not answering any questions from the COs and continued fishing. The COs then asked for their fishing licenses. The angler in the front of the boat produced a valid license, while the angler driving stated he was not going to show one. The COs advised that he needed to produce a valid fishing license when asked by a CO. The angler refused again and was advised he would be arrested if he did not. The angler stated, "Go ahead, bring me to jail." The COs ordered the boat back the shore where MSP was waiting. Since the jail was currently not accepting people at this time, the subject was issued a citation and appearance date for failing to display a fishing license.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin were on patrol when they observed an unlicensed ORV. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver appeared to be under the influence. Standard Field Sobriety Tests were conducted, and the operator failed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch received a complaint of two rotten deer carcasses stinking up a neighborhood. After CO Lynch gathered evidence and conducted numerous interviews, CO Lynch suspected one of the deer was poached during the 2019 firearm deer season. CO Lynch developed three suspects and subsequently, COs Steve Butzin and Lynch interviewed the first suspect. The first suspect confessed to illegally taking the deer CO Lynch suspected was poached. The first suspect was with two other people riding around in a truck and shining for deer. The suspect shot the deer after legal shooting hours by illuminating the deer with the headlights of the truck leaning over the hood of the truck and without a license. The COs later tracked down the truck and rifle used in the poaching. CO Lynch then interviewed a second suspect who confessed to driving the truck that night, illuminating the deer with the headlights, and provided the rifle to the first suspect. COs Butzin and Lynch interviewed a third suspect that was in the truck. The third suspect was deemed to have just been along for the ride. A report will be submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review for the charges of taking a deer outside of legal shooting hours, taking game with the aid of artificial light, taking a deer without a license, shining with a weapon in possession, taking game from upon a motor vehicle, possessing a loaded/uncased firearm upon a motor vehicle, and shining during November.

While checking anglers at the Ford River Access site, CO Andrea Dani was told by multiple anglers that only one angler was successful. Anglers stated the man across the river on the bridge yelled in excitement several times. CO Dani went to the bridge to check the angler. CO Dani asked to see the angler's catch. He opened a cooler containing three smallmouth bass. CO Dani observed one of the bass to be under the legal-size limit of 14 inches and measured it to be 11.5 inches. The angler stated he kept the bass because it swallowed the hook. A check with Station 20 showed a prior for keeping undersized bass. A citation was issued.

CO Evink assisted MSP troopers with a fight in progress at a local campground. Parties were separated and the troopers issued an appearance ticket for assault.

COs Colton Gelinis and Sgt. Calvin Smith were on marine patrol in the Les Cheneaux Islands when a call came out over the radio reporting a raft with 11 people on it drifting out toward Lake Huron. The occupants on the raft were unable to get back to shore due to the water current and winds that day. CO Gelinis and Sgt. Smith responded to the call approximately four miles away. CO Gelinis and Sgt. Smith were able to rescue the raft and bring all the occupants back to shore safely. The water temperature that day was 55 degrees.

CO Justin Vinson received a complaint from Tahquamenon Falls State Park of a group camping at the closed Two Hearted Campground. CO Vinson contacted the two individuals who had passed several signs and barricades indicating the park was closed. The individuals claimed they did not see the signs and did not know the park was closed. When asked if they had paid and posted the campsite as if the park were open, they said they did not. Citations were issued for camping in a closed campground.

CO Justin Vinson responded to a house fire near the Luce/Mackinac County line. Fortunately, no one was inside the building during the fire. CO Vinson assisted the Portage Township Fire Department with traffic control.

COs Justin Vinson, Cole VanOosten, and Sgt. Calvin Smith conducted a group ORV patrol along the shoreline of Lake Superior. ORV traffic along the beach and through the protected dunes is a recurring problem in the area. The traffic causes erosion and threatens fragile wildlife populations such as the Piping plover. Several contacts were made, and no violations were observed.

CO Cole VanOosten was patrolling northern Mackinac County when he located a couple fishing in a designated trout lake. CO VanOosten observed the individuals catch several fish and throw them into a bucket nearby. When contacted, the individuals stated that they may have had one fish that was undersized because it had swallowed the hook. After measuring the fish, it was determined that five out of the seven brook trout caught were under the 10-inch minimum size limit for that lake. A citation was issued for possession of undersized brook trout.

DISTRICT 3

CO Nathan Beelman was on ORV patrol at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) fields when he observed two dirt bikes operating in the closed area. The operators were contacted and stated that they were unaware that it was a closed area and that they had ridden there in the past. The operators were followed to the area they parked, and it was observed from the driveway that multiple "No ORV" signs were visible. The group was ticketed for operating in a closed area.

During a marine patrol on Lake Michigan, CO Andrea Albert came across a single kayaker about one-half mile from the shoreline in ten feet of water. Even though it was a calm warm sunny day, the surface water temperature was in the low 50s. The kayaker did not have a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) and was using a sit-in style kayak. CO Albert explained how dangerous it is to be that far from shore in 52-degree water that is over a person's head and how it is impossible to get back into a sit-in style kayak in deep water. The kayaker agreed it was not the safest thing to be doing. A ticket was issued for no PFD and CO Albert made sure the kayaker made it safely to shore.

While checking anglers at Elk River in Elk Rapids, CO Andrea Albert found three anglers who failed to purchase fishing licenses. They claimed they had never purchased a license before and had never fished before. A license check found that one of the anglers had previously purchased fishing licenses for three years. This same angler also provided a false date of birth when CO Albert was trying to identify him. Tickets were issued for fishing without a license.

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint from the Antrim County Sheriff's Department of a subject who had several turtles taken from the wild in her possession. This person was also hoarding domestic animals. CO Albert contacted the suspect at her residence with Antrim County Animal Control officers to address the violations. CO Albert found five snapping turtles possessed out of season and two painted turtles. The turtles were being kept in extremely unsanitary conditions and in very small containers. The largest snapping turtle was about two feet in length and was being kept in a plastic tote that it just fit in and therefore was unable to stand, walk, or turn around. The subject claimed she had the turtles for years and never had purchased a fishing license to take or possess turtles. CO Albert seized all the turtles and issued a ticket for the illegal possession. The turtles were released into appropriate turtle habitats. The Animal Control officers seized several cats, chickens, and one rabbit being kept in unlawful conditions.

COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert stopped four ORVs being operated on the US 131 right-of-way near Mancelona. The lead operator said they had driven to town to get fuel legally on county roads but decided to take a different way home. He said he was following other ORV tracks, but CO Erratt pointed out they were driving on mowed grass with no other ORV tracks or indication that it was a roadway. CO Erratt ticketed the lead operator for operating an ORV on a public highway and warned his friend and their sons for the same violation.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tom Oberg received a call from a ranger at Otsego Lake State Park advising there was a boat that had been sitting in their boat launch for over a week. CO Cherry responded and obtained information from the boat to locate the owner. While attempting to locate the owner, the COs located a social media post in which the owner bragged that he could keep his boat at the launch because there were no park rangers due to COVID-19. The COs located the subject and issued a ticket. The boat was removed.

COs Kyle Cherry, Tom Oberg, and Sgt. DePew served felony and misdemeanor arrest warrants to an inmate who was already lodged at the Otsego County Jail after being arrested by a CO on a separate offense. The newly authorized charges stemmed from an incident last November which included felon in possession of firearm and host charges relating to the poaching of a deer.

CO Kyle Cherry responded to assist an Otsego County deputy on a report of a car that had crashed into a logging truck on the freeway. While the Otsego County deputy was completing his investigation for operating while intoxicated, a large number of needles were located in the vehicle. Further, it was suspected that the driver had thrown contraband into the ditch and tree line. CO Cherry walked into the tree line near the crash scene and located a bag containing needles filled with heroin. The driver was arrested on multiple drug-related charges.

COs Tom Oberg and Kyle Cherry were notified by Otsego County Central Dispatch of two out-of-state mushroom hunters who were lost in the Pigeon River Country in Otsego County. The lost individuals luckily were able to obtain enough signal on their already almost dead cell phone to call central dispatch and give an approximate Global Position System (GPS) coordinate. COs Oberg and Cherry drove to the location and located the vehicle that belonged to the lost individuals. The COs used their patrol vehicles to drive towards the individuals until they were unable to any longer due to the terrain. The COs then walked over a mile and were able to locate the two lost individuals in a field. The COs evaluated their health and transported them back to their vehicle in good condition.

CO Tom Oberg received a complaint from a DNR park ranger at a nearby state forest campground where a large amount of household trash was dumped inside one of the outhouses. The park ranger was able to locate some mail mixed in with the trash that displayed a name and address. CO Oberg responded to the address and contacted the property owner. The property owner stated that over the winter, he had a bunch of trash that he wanted to get rid of and decided to dispose of it at the campground. He stated the dumpster was locked, so he put the trash inside the outhouse. CO Oberg advised him the dumpster was locked because the campground was closed for the season and secondly, the dumpster is only available for campers who pay their fee to camp at the campground when it is in operation. CO Oberg issued a ticket for littering.

CO Tom Oberg, Sgt. Mark DePew, Otsego County Sheriff's deputies, and Otsego County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to Otsego Lake after a report there was a boat that had fishing gear in it but was unoccupied. The reporting party

believed the operator had fallen overboard. The COs and officers responded and located the boat which did not display a proper registration or any other information on the boat to determine the owner. A thorough search around the lake was done, but nothing else was located. The boat was posted to multiple social media pages in an attempt to find the owner. The COs were able to obtain a name from Mercury Outboard Motors after retrieving the vehicle identification number off the motor that was on the boat. CO Oberg responded to the address and located the individual in good health. The individual stated it was his boat and had no idea that it had drifted off his boat lift. The individual was thankful for the efforts put in to find him.

CO Eric Bottorff was on patrol near a sturgeon spawning area on the Black River when two subjects were seen fishing in the closed stream during the spawning closure. When the subjects were contacted, they were both fishing within ten feet of a "No Fishing" sign, and their car was parked directly under another "No Fishing" sign. One angler also had no fishing license. Tickets were issued to both subjects.

CO Sidney Collins visited a citizen she assisted a month ago. CO Collins responded to a welfare check on an elderly woman. The woman did not attend her doctor's appointment. Knowing this was unlike the woman, the doctor called and had officers check on the woman. CO Collins and a Montmorency County Sheriff's deputy found the woman on the bottom of her stairs outside. She had fallen four days earlier and could not move. The woman was unconscious but breathing when the officers arrived. Her dog was laying at her side, keeping her warm throughout the nights. CO Collins heard the woman was back to her residence after her dog was picked up from the shelter. The woman was in the hospital for a month and a half. Knowing the woman had no family, CO Collins visited her. She was in good spirits and very thankful to still be alive.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz was patrolling in Montmorency County when he observed a vehicle in front of him drive off the roadway multiple times. CO Liestenfeltz eventually initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle had a state-wide warrant out of Ingham County. CO Liestenfeltz placed the subject into custody and lodged him at the Montmorency County Jail.

CO Jon Sklba responded to a complaint of an unoccupied vessel in Bell Bay. Upon investigating the scene, several personal items, including a fishing license, were located. CO Sklba, Presque Isle Sheriff's deputies, and MSP troopers responded to the scene and began searching the area for the missing boater. One of the deputies was able to locate the subject at his residence. The subject fell out of the vessel the night before and walked several miles back to his residence. The subject was suffering from hypothermia and had several lacerations from walking over rocks and through thick brush. The subject was turned over to medical staff and transported to the hospital.

CO Jon Sheppard was second on scene of a personal injury accident. CO Sheppard assisted with CPR and deployed an Automatic External Defibrillator. Unfortunately, the subject did not recover and was pronounced dead. CO Sheppard assisted the MSP with the scene investigation and traffic control.

CO Jessie Curtis assisted MSP troopers with a domestic assault complaint near Ossineke. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the suspect had an active arrest warrant out of Montmorency County. The suspect was arrested and lodged by MSP troopers.

Acting Sgt. Paul Fox was off duty when he was requested by local sheriff deputies to be on the lookout regarding a suspect who was harassing his ex-wife. The suspect was near the CO's residence. Acting Sgt. Fox later observed the suspect return to the victim's residence. Acting Sgt. Fox assisted deputies and an MSP trooper who arrested the suspect for stalking and probation violations.

DISTRICT 4

While on patrol in Benzie County, CO Patrick McManus noticed a vehicle behind him travelling at a high rate of speed and passing vehicles aggressively as it approached his location. Once the vehicle caught up to the him, it began passing at the bottom of a valley, ascended uphill over a double-yellow line (no passing zone). The vehicle aggressively went around CO McManus, continuing the high rate of speed. Because there was on-coming traffic rapidly approaching, CO McManus had to slow down so the other vehicle could pull in front of him and avoid a head-on collision. Not only did the driver admit to traveling at least 75 mph in a 55 mph zone and passing in a no-passing zone, but they also provided CO McManus a false driver's license. After CO McManus identified that the license he was given was fake, he obtained the operator's real driver's license and wrote a citation for careless driving. A report pertaining to the fake driver's license has been turned into the Benzie County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Scott MacNeill assisted the Manistee Sheriff's Office and US Coast Guard (USCG) Station Manistee with a vessel on Manistee Lake that had run aground after they encountered engine trouble. The vessel was occupied by two adults and four children who had called for help after being unable to get off the boat as it was being pushed with strong winds and waves into the rocky shoreline. CO MacNeill and a deputy from the Manistee Sheriff's Office were able to utilize the smaller DNR patrol boat to get close enough to secure a line to the crippled vessel and pull it away from the rocky shore. Once out in the deeper water, the USCG took over the towing efforts and were able to get the vessel and its occupants safely back to the boating access without incident.

CO Brian Brosky, along with members of the MSP and Mason County Sheriff's Office, responded to a wellbeing check and an attempt to locate a kayaker on the Pere Marquette River. Officers were advised that a kayaker needed to be checked on as he kept flipping over and appeared to be intoxicated to the point that he may be in danger. Officers checked several locations along the river and talked to several persons on the river to find the individual. The kayaker was eventually located by a Mason County deputy and CO Brosky at an access site four hours downriver from where he was supposed to get out of the river. It turns out that the kayaker was behind the rest of his

float party, and when he arrived at the takeout point, the other members had dispersed and the rest were out of sight at the access site, and he continued several more miles downriver before exiting close to sunset. The kayaker admitted to drinking a few beers and not having a cell phone, which ultimately led to his lengthy trip. He thanked the officers involved for their response and help and contacting his friends who were still out looking for him.

CO Brain Brosky and Sgt. Grant Emery were working an ORV trespass complaint in Mason County when an ORV arrived at their location and trespassed onto the property. Sgt. Emery was able to signal the operator to stop by hand, and he complied. The operator was interviewed, and he was told that he drove past several no trespassing signs on the private property. The operator apologized and said he had no excuse for the trespass and told the COs that he understood the consequences. The operator was subsequently cited for the trespass and continued on his way. CO Brosky had issued three other citations at the location earlier in the day which continues to see trespassing violations even though the property is posted with dozens of no trespassing signs.

CO Jeff Ginn received a complaint of an angler who had been trespassing on a private portion of a designated trout stream. The complainant was able to get a picture of the vehicle with the suspect's face reflected in the driver's side mirror. CO Ginn was unable to locate the suspect as he no longer lived at the address listed on the license plate. While conducting general patrol, CO Ginn observed vehicle tracks pulling over at every stream crossing. CO Ginn followed the tracks of the vehicle for several miles, observing it consistently stopping at every bridge or stream crossing. CO Ginn eventually caught up to the vehicle, which pulled over as soon as they observed CO Ginn following. CO Ginn contacted the vehicle to address their suspicious activity. CO Ginn identified the driver and passenger, who were dressed in waders and had fishing equipment. The passenger was identified as the suspect from the original trespassing incident. The information will be forwarded to the Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Josh Reed heard a call from MECEOLA central dispatch about a domestic assault that had just occurred in the Morley area. A ten-year-old male had punched his mother in the face and had taken her sport utility vehicle (SUV) from the residence. As there were no other law enforcement in the area, CO Reed headed that direction. Updates from dispatch advised that the juvenile male had driven by the residence a couple of times and had headed eastbound and then in an unknown direction. Upon arriving in the area, CO Reed noticed a dark colored SUV go through a stop sign at a high rate of speed and go sideways. Other vehicles were present on the roadway, and the SUV in question began driving towards the other vehicles at a high rate of speed. CO Reed kept a half mile to three-quarters of a mile distance between the SUV with lights and siren activated to alert other vehicles on the roadway. The juvenile driver of the SUV was driving in a reckless manner almost hitting one of the vehicles on the roadway. The SUV quickly turned around in the roadway and headed back towards CO Reed's patrol truck. CO Reed immediately pulled over to the far side of the shoulder and the SUV went by CO Reed's patrol truck at approximately 80 mph. The SUV and the juvenile driver then turned down a gravel road back towards his residence. CO Reed stopped at

the juvenile's house and began ordering pedestrians off the road so they would not be hit. A short time later, a truck came to the residence and advised the SUV had just crashed. CO Reed immediately responded along with a Mecosta County Sheriff's Office detective. The juvenile male had made it out of the SUV unharmed. The complaint was then turned over to the Sheriff's Office and EMS.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mathew Zultak responded to a golf cart complaint in Richfield Township of Roscommon County. While in the area of the complaint, he talked with the operators of multiple golf carts that matched the description given. CO Zultak noticed an open beer between the legs of one golf cart operator. He also noticed the operator's glossy eyes and slurred speech. Standardized field sobriety tests were performed, and the operator was found to be intoxicated. Breath test results were over twice the legal limit. The operator was lodged in the Roscommon County Jail.

COs Casey Pullum and James Garrett were contacted in Oscoda County for a tuber who missed his take-out on the Au Sable River and had not returned to his group at the landing. It was late evening and the air temperature was 59 degrees. While responding to the area, CO Pullum located the subject walking on the roadway about a quarter mile from the landing. He gave him a ride back to his group which consisted of two adults and two children. They told the COs they had flipped their inflatable raft upstream and walked to the landing. While identifying the individuals in the group, one of the adults came back with felony drug warrants out of Lenawee County. The subject was arrested on the felony drug warrants and lodged in the Oscoda County Jail.

Fourteen conservation officers from District 5 conducted a group patrol in Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties for the Gambler 500. The COs made hundreds of contacts, arrested two drunk drivers, issued 49 citations, responded to one complaint, and gave 93 warnings. The event organizer was also located and cited for holding an event on state land without a permit. The law enforcement presence made a tremendous impact on the criminal behavior at the Gambler 500 and increased the safety of all who attended the event.

Sgt. Jon Wood took up a position of surveillance over a problem wetland on state land in rural Clare County and was able to stop two side-by-side Utility Terrain Vehicles as they illegally operated through the wetland. When asked why they were on the closed pipeline, the operator of one of the machines stated that he saw the trail on his Garmin mapping device. Sgt. Wood explained that Garmin does not decide which trails are open or closed and that proper ORV trail maps are available on the DNR's website. In addition, Sgt. Wood pointed out the 'closed' signs that both operators had just driven by when they turned off the proper trail. Both operators were cited for the illegal operation and educated on using the proper maps and obeying posted signs.

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the owner, CO Person tagged the vehicle and would follow-up in a few days. CO Person returned to check the vehicle with CO Joe Myers and found the vehicle was still there. A wrecker was called to impound. While conducting the inventory the COs found what appeared to be a vial of methamphetamine and two pipes. Illegal weapons were located as well as suspicious electronics. Follow-up investigation and attempted owner contact continues.

CO Joe Myers was called by the Midland County Sheriff's Office to assist with an unknown missing person in the Au Sable State Forest. The subject had left all his possessions in his vehicle and taken off into the woods with a shotgun. CO Myers was able to utilize his tracking and search and rescue training to assist in finding the location of the subject. After a lengthy search, the man was located unharmed but without a firearm. CO Myers interviewed the subject regarding the whereabouts of the firearm. The subject was unable to remember where he put the firearm in the woods because he stated that he got scared and "threw it into the woods." The CO was able to narrow down the section of creek and woods the man walked but was unable to locate a firearm at this time.

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CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted the USCG with an implosion perimeter. CO Bucholtz held a position on the outer walls of the Harbor Beach Harbor in Lake Huron as the local Detroit Edison plant was imploded/destroyed. The USCG, Harbor Beach Police, the Huron County Sheriff's Office, and CO Bucholtz cleared the harbor of boaters and held the perimeter until the tower and buildings had been safely imploded.

In Tuscola County, CO Joshua Wright witnessed an ORV operating on an M road which is a state highway, with two passengers and no helmets well after dark. When CO Wright stopped the ORV, he could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the operator. A field sobriety test was performed, and it was determined that the suspect was under the influence. At the Tuscola County jail, the suspect gave a breath test and it was at .21.

While patrolling through southern Isabella County, CO Mike Haas witnessed a four-wheeler operating down a public roadway. The operator seemed to notice the CO's truck and sped off the road, onto a vacant farm lot, and parked the ORV between two barns. CO Haas contacted the gentleman who stated that he was unfamiliar with the four-wheeler and was attempting to shift the gears and turn around, CO Haas pointed out that it appeared that the gentleman was trying to hide. After some discussion, the gentleman admitted to seeing the CO and attempting to avoid him. The man was

operating on a public roadway with a suspended license, without a crash helmet or ORV license on the machine and was also trespassing. A citation was issued to the gentleman to address the various violations.

During an early morning marine patrol on a windy Isabella County lake, COs Mike Haas and Josh Jackson contacted a group of anglers fishing from kayaks. It was discovered that multiple anglers failed to have PFDs on their vessels and two anglers did not have valid fishing licenses. Citations were issued to address the safety and fishing violations and the group was escorted back to the boat launch to ensure they exited the water safely.

COs Josh Jackson and Mike Haas were conducting a late evening ORV patrol in the Flat River SGA when CO Jackson observed a four-wheeler operating down the middle of the roadway illegally carrying multiple riders. While attempting to stop the ORV with his patrol truck's emergency lights and siren activated, the operator of the four-wheeler sped away and entered the SGA forest around a locked gate. CO Jackson called out the incident over the radio and gave a description of the four-wheeler. CO Haas thought the ORV description sounded familiar and drove to a residence in the area where he had issued a citation to a gentleman a month earlier with a four-wheeler matching CO Jackson's description. The residence was dark, but CO Haas noticed fresh looking ORV tracks in front of the house. The COs parked their trucks near the gate where the ORV had entered the SGA forest and were able to follow the tracks a mile to the residence CO Haas had been staking out earlier. The COs located the suspect four-wheeler hidden in a garden behind the shed at the residence. The ORV had fresh vegetation stuck in it and the engine was still hot. After interviews with various members in the household, CO Jackson was able to identify the people that were on the machine and obtain full confessions. The operator of the ORV admitted to fleeing from CO Jackson since he had a warrant and did not have a valid driver's license. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the man was advised and released for his outstanding warrant and he received multiple citations to address his driving with a suspended license, failure to stop for a peace officer, riding with too many passengers, operating over 25 mph, operating on the roadway, operating in a closed area, and the destruction of vegetation.

CO Dan Robinson received a complaint of individuals camping in a closed area in the Edmore SGA. CO Robinson had visited the camper a week prior and left a note on the door reminding the owners that they could not camp there after May 15th. COs Robinson and Mike Haas returned after learning the camper was still there. The individual was issued a citation for camping in a closed area and given a strict time frame for moving the camper and cleaning up the site before leaving.

CO Adam Schiller responded to a complaint of a stray bullet that struck and went through a pickup truck parked on private property. The bullet was suspected of coming from state-owned land. The local county deputies requested the help of the CO with the investigation. During the investigation it was determined that the bullet did not come from state land, rather someone discharged the firearm while on the private property at the truck.

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In Tuscola County, CO Joshua Wright witnessed an ORV operating on an M road, which is a state highway, with two passengers and no helmets well after dark. When CO Wright stopped the ORV, he could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the operator. A field sobriety test was performed, and it was determined that the suspect was under the influence. At the Tuscola County Jail, the suspect gave a breath test and it was at .21.

While patrolling through southern Isabella County, CO Mike Haas witnessed a four-wheeler operating down a public roadway. The operator seemed to notice the CO's

truck and sped off the road onto a vacant farm lot and parked the ORV between two barns. CO Haas contacted the gentleman who stated that he was unfamiliar with the four-wheeler and was attempting to shift the gears and turn around. CO Haas pointed out that it appeared that the gentleman was trying to hide. After some discussion, the gentleman admitted to seeing the CO and attempting to avoid him. The man was operating on a public roadway with a suspended license, without a crash helmet or ORV license on the machine and was also trespassing. A citation was issued to the gentleman to address the various violations.

During an early morning marine patrol on a windy Isabella County lake, COs Mike Haas and Josh Jackson contacted a group of anglers fishing from kayaks. It was discovered that multiple anglers failed to have PFDs on their vessels, and two anglers did not have valid fishing licenses. Citations were issued to address the safety and fishing violations and the group was escorted back to the boat launch to ensure they exited the water safely.

COs Josh Jackson and Mike Haas were conducting a late evening ORV patrol in the Flat River SGA when CO Jackson observed a four-wheeler operating down the middle of the roadway illegally carrying multiple riders. While attempting to stop the ORV with his patrol truck's emergency lights and siren activated, the operator of the four-wheeler sped away and entered the SGA forest around a locked gate. CO Jackson called out the incident over the radio and gave a description of the four-wheeler. CO Haas thought the ORV description sounded familiar and drove to a residence in the area where he had issued a citation to a gentleman a month earlier with a four-wheeler matching CO Jackson's description. The residence was dark, but CO Haas noticed fresh looking ORV tracks in front of the house. The COs parked their trucks near the gate where the ORV had entered the SGA forest and were able to follow the tracks a mile to the residence CO Haas had been staking out earlier. The COs located the suspect four-wheeler hidden in a garden behind the shed at the residence. The ORV had fresh vegetation stuck in it and the engine was still hot. After interviews with various members in the household, CO Jackson was able to identify the people that were on the machine and obtain full confessions. The operator of the ORV admitted to fleeing from CO Jackson since he had a warrant and did not have a valid driver's license. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the man was advised and released for his outstanding warrant and he received multiple citations to address his driving with a suspended license, failure to stop for a peace officer, riding with too many passengers, operating over 25 mph, operating on the roadway, operating in a closed area, and the destruction of vegetation.

CO Dan Robinson received a complaint of individuals camping in a closed area in the Edmore SGA. CO Robinson had visited the camper a week prior and left a note on the door reminding the owners that they could not camp there after May 15. COs Robinson and Mike Haas returned after learning the camper was still there. The individual was issued a citation for camping in a closed area and given a strict time frame for moving the camper and cleaning up the site before leaving.

CO Adam Schiller responded to a complaint of a stray bullet that struck and went through a pickup truck parked on private property. The bullet was suspected of coming from state-owned land. The local county deputies requested the help of the CO with the investigation. During the investigation it was determined that the bullet did not come from state land, rather someone discharged the firearm at the truck while on the private property.

DISTRICT 7

While on marine patrol, CO Matthew Page observed a ski boat towing without an observer weaving in and out of fishing boats. CO Page stopped the vessel and a citation was issued for the safety violation.

CO Matthew Page followed up on a littering complaint of someone throwing several bags of trash into and along a trout stream. CO Page determined who the trash belonged to and, after interviewing the individuals, they were given a short period of time to clean up the garbage before further enforcement action was taken. The trash was cleaned up upon return.

CO Tyler Cole was patrolling an area in Van Buren County where many ORV complaints had been called in referencing ORVs being operated on a roadway, too many passengers, underage/juvenile operation, and careless operation. Within ten minutes of patrolling the area, CO Cole spotted an ORV on the roadway with three subjects on the machine, none of which were wearing helmets. CO Cole stopped the ORV and contacted a father and two children. The father stated that he lived just up the road and was taking his kids for a ride. CO Cole educated the father on the issue of having the ORV on the roadway as well as the importance of wearing helmets. Approximately one hour later, while patrolling the same area, the same subject was seen operating the ORV on the roadway, this time while holding an infant in his arms. The subject was stopped for a second time. The subject stated that he was still not aware of what roads were open/closed. CO Cole again educated the father on what roads were open/closed and issued citations for all violations witnessed.

While patrolling near the Cornish SGA, CO Tyler Cole spotted an ORV operating on the roadway. CO Cole attempted to stop the ORV, but lost sight of it while cresting a hill. CO Cole continued to patrol the area and spotted the same ORV and operator sitting in between two rows of grapes within a vineyard. The ORV was stopped, and the operator was contacted. The operator stated that he did not see CO Cole attempting to stop him and was working for the farmer, trimming vines within the vineyard. When asked where his tools were to conduct the work and who the farmer was that owned the property, the subject stated "I forgot" to both questions. Citations were issued to the subject for operating on the roadway and operating with no helmet.

CO James Nason responded to a 911 call from two individuals lost in the Fort Custer Recreation Area. CO Nason and Park Officer Brian Armstrong began searching an area that was close to the subjects' last known location and tracked approximately 1.5 miles

into the wooded trail system. CO Nason and Officer Armstrong were able to locate the exhausted, disoriented, and mosquito-bitten couple at a trail intersection. The male and female were escorted back to their vehicle several miles from where they were found. Both subjects were extremely grateful and admitted to “biting off a little more than they could chew.”

CO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint of two personal watercrafts (PWCs) harassing swans on Duck Lake in Allegan County. With assistance from the Allegan County Sheriff's Department - Marine Division, the CO boarded one of their vessels and located the two PWCs matching the original description. Prior to making contact, the CO observed the PWC operator towing a subject without an observer. When contacted, the CO discovered the operator was under 16 years of age and did not have a boater safety certification. The juvenile subjects were escorted back to their residence where a discussion on PWC laws was had with the parent in charge. The parent was cited for allowing underage operation on a PWC.

CO Carter Woodwyk had photographs of a vehicle being driven off-road in the Allegan SGA. A check of the license plate came back showing it was improper and belonged on a different vehicle. With assistance from CO Jeff Robinette, contact was made with the registered owner of the license plate who advised they sold the vehicle a few years back and gave the subject's name. CO Woodwyk followed up with this individual who stated he sold it to another subject shortly after purchasing it. CO Woodwyk followed up with this next individual who advised his friend must have taken the plate off the vehicle from his property and placed it on his own vehicle. CO Woodwyk finally contacted the original suspect who utilized this license plate on an unregistered vehicle. The suspect admitted to taking the plate off the truck and improperly using it on his Jeep because he could not get it registered due to the current pandemic.

CO Sam Schluckbier received a complaint of two anglers keeping undersized Smallmouth bass on the Kalamazoo River. CO Schluckbier responded to the area within a few minutes of receiving the call. The subjects began packing up as soon as the CO arrived at the river's edge. While checking one of the subject's bucket of fish, the second subject jumped in his vehicle and drove away at a high rate of speed. CO Schluckbier chased the angler down within a couple of miles. During the traffic stop the subject claimed he became nervous that he kept the wrong fish and decided to leave in a hurry. A vehicle search revealed four under-sized Smallmouth bass were being kept in a plastic bag. The angler admitted to knowing he was breaking the law. The fish were confiscated, and a citation was issued for possessing the under-sized fish. A warning was issued for speeding.

CO Sam Schluckbier followed ORV tracks in the Allegan SGA and came upon a truck and ORV. As he pulled up to the two vehicles, one of the subjects fled into the woods. The other subject was detained until the fleeing subject decided to return after being driven back by mosquitos. The owner of the vehicle stated that he ran because he was underage, and he possessed drugs and alcohol inside the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed several bags of marijuana, cigarettes, and alcohol. The owner of the dirt bike

claimed he did not know the laws and assumed he could ride his bike anywhere he wanted. Citations were issued to the subjects for the underage violations.

COs Casey Varriale and Justin Ulberg have patrolled the Rogue River SGA in Kent County for illegal shooting activity. Throughout the patrols, the COs have written several citations for target shooting after hours, target shooting in a closed area, and target shooting at unapproved targets.

COs Casey Varriale and Justin Ulberg received a complaint of target shooting after hours in the Rogue River SGA. CO Varriale contacted an individual shooting a revolver. CO Varriale advised the violator the shooting range was closed and checked the pistol into Law Enforcement Information Network. The pistol was not registered, and the individual stated he borrowed the gun from a friend but gave very little information of who the friend was. During a short investigation it was determined the suspect was a felon and could not be in possession of a firearm. The firearm was confiscated, and a report was written and submitted to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Anna Cullen and Jackie Miskovich were on marine patrol in Muskegon County when they observed an individual operating a kayak in the middle of the lake. The COs contacted the kayaker and found out they did not have a proper PFD on board. Additionally, the individual travelled from the other side of the lake and was planning on going to Lake Michigan. Due to the safety violation, CO Cullen issued a citation to the individual and ensured that he got back to shore safely.

CO Anna Cullen responded to a PWC accident in Muskegon County. The accident involved two PWCs who were jumping wakes and collided, sending all passengers overboard. CO Cullen assisted city police and fire personnel in retrieving the individuals from the water, gathered statements from witnesses, and completed the boating accident report. Thankfully, all passengers were wearing PFDs. However, one person was hospitalized with neck and back injuries.

COs Jackie Miskovich and Anna Cullen were patrolling Bear Lake on Memorial Day when they observed a dingy that looked to have faded registration numbers with no current registration sticker. The COs stopped the dingy and performed a check. They found that there were not enough PFDs on board and there was no record that could be found on the registration numbers listed on the vessel. A citation was issued for not having enough PFDs onboard and a warning was given for the unregistered dingy.

While on patrol in Muskegon Township, CO Jackie Miskovich observed a moped that was continuously swerving into oncoming traffic. CO Miskovich performed a traffic stop and, after contacting the individual, it was found the driver had been drinking. CO Miskovich asked for assistance from Muskegon Township Police Department and together the officers were able to confirm the individual had two felony warrants and a misdemeanor warrant. It was also found that the moped the individual was driving was stolen. CO Miskovich arrested and transported the individual to the Muskegon County

Jail where they were lodged on warrants as well as other violations. The moped was sent to impound and later picked up by the owner.

DISTRICT 8

CO Katie Baker observed a vehicle fail to yield at a stop sign. While trying to catch up to the vehicle, she observed it fail to yield at a second stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver immediately exited the vehicle and was overly nervous. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen. CO Baker was quickly joined by the MSP narcotics team who had been looking for the vehicle throughout the day. The detective reported the driver was a well-known methamphetamine dealer in the area. The suspect was arrested and lodged by the Corunna Police Department at the Shiawassee County Jail. During an inventory search of the vehicle, CO Baker located over an ounce of an unknown white powdery substance in the glove box. The case was turned over to the MSP MAGNET team who are seeking charges for the offense.

CO Katie Baker conducted a follow-up investigation on a subject found to be in possession of approximately 80 turtles. A reptile specialist conducted a species inventory which resulted in the subject possessing 15 Michigan native species including red-eared sliders, map, and painted turtles. Charges were submitted against the suspect for possession of an over-limit of turtles.

CO Nick Wellman was on marine patrol on Rose Lake when he conducted a stop on a PWC. During the stop, CO Wellman noticed a cover was missing from the back of the machine and that it was taking on water. Within seconds, the PWC was sinking. CO Wellman got both passengers of the machine into his patrol boat and quickly tied a line to the sinking PWC to keep it from completely sinking. CO Wellman brought the PWC and the passengers safely back to shore.

CO Jason McCullough took members of the Marshall Fire Department, Marshall Police Department, and Calhoun County Sheriff's Department on the Kalamazoo River to explore additional access points for potential future water rescues on the river.

DISTRICT 9

CO Christopher Knights was working at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area when he got flagged down by a witness that someone had injured themselves by Trail 8. CO Knights spoke with one of the rangers who contacted the individual and stated that he was unable to walk and had been lying off the trail for over an hour. CO Knights arrived at the trailhead and before walking in, he contacted EMS and White Lake Fire Department. CO Knights stated he would contact them again when he finds the injured person so they could get a GPS location for where they could walk in. CO Knights and the ranger walked in and found the man. His family had already arrived on scene and he was lying on a cot. CO Knights made sure the family and the injured person were stable. They stated they were fine and just needed to get him out of the woods. CO Knights gave them a couple options, he can either try and walk out or we could continue to have EMS

and fire arrive for assistance. The individual stated he could not walk, so CO Knights advised EMS of the situation and waited for more assistance. EMS and fire arrived, another ranger met them at the trailhead and walked them to the scene. CO Knights sent most of the family back to their vehicles and advised the immediate family could stay and make sure he was taken care of. EMS arrived with a stretcher and the patient was lifted and carried out of the woods through the trail system. EMS was waiting at the main road and the patient was lifted into the vehicle for transport. CO Knights made sure the patient had his phone to communicate with family due to no one being allowed at the hospital. The family thanked all the staff for their help and would wait for a phone call when they could pick up the individual.

COs Christopher Knights and Jacob Griffin were driving south on I-75 when a vehicle going approximately 93 mph drove past them. Both COs watched the vehicle for a couple miles and witnessed it change lanes without using a blinker, tail-gating, and brake checking other vehicles trying to pass. CO Knights activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop. CO Knights approached the vehicle and advised the passenger why he was stopped and asked for all his pertinent information. CO Knights questioned him as to why he was driving so recklessly; the driver stated he was cut off by another car and he was trying to catch up and do the same thing. CO Knights advised the driver of the situations he could have created if an accident happened. The driver acknowledged and stated the situation got the better of him. CO Knights completed his stop and issued the driver a careless driving ticket. The driver apologized for his actions.

CO Christopher Knights got a call from a county park supervisor in Oakland County. The supervisor stated individuals were out at Addison Oaks County Park and looked to have an over-limit of pan fish as well as a bucket of snails. CO Knights made it to the park and located the family next to the water. The family did not speak English very well, so CO Knights called over one of the younger children who looked to be a teenager. CO Knights asked if he spoke English, the teen stated yes, and he was able to assist CO Knights by interpreting. CO Knights dumped two of the five-gallon buckets and counted 112 fish. CO Knights also noticed a five-gallon bucket almost full of Chinese mystery snails. These snails are an invasive species and are not allowed to be possessed. CO Knights worked with the young teen to translate and advise the men they were over-limit of fish by 12 fish. He also explained to them that it was illegal to keep the snails. The men took a couple minutes and with the assistance from the teen, they understood the laws. CO Knights advised he would be issuing a citation for the over-limit of fish and snails. CO Knights issued one individual two citations who stated he was the one who took the snails and over-limit of fish. After explaining the ticket to all three men and the teen, CO Knights went over the fishing guide with the teen and showed him the page with the size and limits for future fishing and gave him the guidebook.

CO Luke Robare checked two anglers returning to the Lake Ponemah boat launch. CO Robare contacted the anglers at the dock and asked to see their fish. Each man had a large bucket filled with fish. CO Robare asked the men how many fish they each had,

and both claimed they did not know because they did not count them. CO Robare counted the panfish of the first angler and he had 20 fish over his limit. The other angler was found to be 37 fish over his limit as well as possessing two undersized bass. CO Robare issued each angler a citation.

Sgt. Jason Becker was on patrol in the Holly area and heard a complaint over the radio for MSP that a subject was riding a dirt bike at a high rate of speed on a local road. Sgt. Becker was nearby and observed the operator operating on the road without a helmet. After he stopped the dirt bike, Sgt. Becker noticed that the dirt bike did not have an ORV license. Sgt. Becker advised the subject that all Oakland County roads are closed to ORV operation. The subject advised Sgt. Becker that he had recently been issued a citation for not having an ORV license by a conservation officer up north. Sgt. Becker issued the subject a citation for operating without a helmet and not having an ORV license and gave a warning for operating on the road.

Sgt. Becker worked a shift at Dodge 4 State Park. The park was near capacity most of the day. Sgt. Becker and park staff responded to a complaint of a fight on the beach. The involved subjects were located and after multiple witness interviews, the involved parties were evicted from the park.

CO Bob Watson received a tip from the RAP Hotline regarding two men who were over their daily limit of panfish in Lake St. Clair. CO Watson was nearby and able to respond quickly and, because of a very helpful complainant who was able to provide photos of the suspects and the suspects' boat registration numbers, CO Watson was able to locate the suspects' vehicle parked at a nearby launch. CO Watson recognized one of the suspects as a frequent violator who has seven prior DNR convictions, four of them being fishing related. CO Watson was assisted by CO Breanna Reed who was also able to respond very quickly. CO Reed began searching for the suspects and quickly located them fishing in a canal off Lake St. Clair. CO Reed observed the men catching multiple panfish. While conducting surveillance, a neighbor approached CO Reed and thanked her for being there and informed her this was the fifth day that boat had been fishing in the canal. While CO Reed observed the men, CO Watson launched his patrol boat to contact the suspects. The suspects were contacted in Lake St. Clair on their way back to the launch. CO Watson escorted the men in their boat back to the launch where CO Reed was waiting. When asked how many fish the two men had caught, one of the suspect's responded, "About 40." The two men were in possession of 106 bluegill and sunfish in combination. The case is under prosecutor review.

CO Jaime Salisbury was on ORV patrol when he found three kids riding on the roadway, one of which did not have a helmet on. CO Salisbury stopped the ORVs and found out the operators were only 12, 13, and 15 years old. CO Salisbury gave the individual without a helmet a ride and followed the others back to their residence. At the residence CO Salisbury contacted the father and informed him of the violations. CO Salisbury issued a citation for allowing a minor to operate an ORV unsupervised.

CO Brad Silorey received a RAP complaint from DNR dispatch regarding several anglers keeping bass at a park in Macomb County. CO Silorey responded and located the suspects. CO Silorey contacted the suspects who were in possession of multiple catfish and several largemouth bass on stringers. CO Silorey asked the suspect who claimed possession of the stringers how long he has been fishing in Michigan. The angler stated about 30 years. CO Silorey asked the angler if he knew what the season date and size-limits were for bass. The angler claimed to not know any of Michigan's fishing laws. A citation was issued for possession of bass out of season and a warning for possession of undersize bass.

CO Joseph Deppen received a complaint of someone keeping a large snapping turtle in a pot in Mount Clemens. The caller was not able to give an exact address but stated it was downtown near the river. CO Deppen responded to the area and was able to get a possible apartment complex from the caller. CO Deppen pulled into the lot and saw a large cooking pot with a turtle sticking its head and claws out of the top looking concerned and trying to escape. The suspect had placed two large flowerpots on top to keep the lid from being pushed off by the large snapper. CO Deppen noticed a subject come outside and check on the turtle. As the subject picked up the turtle, CO Deppen contacted him. The man said he was going to cook the turtle for supper. CO Deppen told the subject that snapping turtles were not in season and the subject changed his story and said it was his friend's turtle and he was just watching it for him. CO Deppen secured the snapping turtle in his patrol vehicle. The subject was cited for possessing a snapping turtle during the closed season and possessing a snapping turtle without a fishing license. The turtle was released in the nearby river.

CO Kris Kiel stopped a juvenile operating a side-by-side at a high rate of speed on the roadway. The juvenile eventually stopped just short of his residence. A citation was written to his father for allowing a juvenile to operate an ORV unsupervised. Warnings were issued for operating on the roadway and an unlicensed ORV.

CO Brad Silorey was checking shore anglers at a local metro park. CO Silorey contacted an angler and asked if he had any success yet, to which the angler stated, "No." After the angler stated no, his eye immediately shifted to a stringer that was hidden in the grass directly in front of him. CO Silorey walked over to the stringer and asked the angler what he had, and he stated that he just had the one fish. CO Silorey pulled up the stringer with a fish basket attached with a largemouth bass in it. After questioning the angler on the size of the bass, he stated that he did not measure it. CO Silorey measured the bass to be only 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inches in length. CO Silorey issued the angler a citation for possessing an undersized largemouth bass.

COs Joseph Deppen, Brad Silorey, Breanna Reed, and Ariel Young participated in a group surveillance of anglers. Multiple citations were written for possession of smallmouth bass during the closed season, possess/use live aquatic invasive species, fishing without a license, and littering.

CO Brandon Hartleben was checking vessels at the Wampler's Lake boat launch while working a parks detail at W.J. Hayes State Park. A jet ski came into the launch without any numbers, letters, or a validation decal. CO Hartleben contacted the operator at the launch who advised he was out of Ohio and had lost his temporary registration. After further investigation, the operator had an expired temporary 60-day registration out of Ohio from last year when he purchased the jet ski but had never formally registered the vessel. A citation was issued for operating an unregistered watercraft.

CO Andrew Monnich was checking kayakers off County Line Road when he observed three jets skis in the lake across the street. One jet skier was not wearing a PFD. CO Monnich attempted to flag the individual down who drove by, noticed who the CO was, and took off. CO Monnich was able to follow the driver down the lake shore and into a cove where he was with the other jet skiers. A separate PWC was observed with an individual failing to wear a PFD. The original driver again left the area, but CO Monnich was able to contact the other machine without a PFD. A citation was written for no PFD. The original driver was never found.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were conducting a marine patrol on Round Lake when they observed subjects fishing from a vessel. They witnessed one angler on the boat catch a nice bass, take pictures, and release the fish. Contact was made with the boat and the COs asked if they had caught anything. The angler in the front said, "No, not yet." When questioned about the fish they just watched the angler catch, the angler said, "Well, my cat just died today and I usually do not fish, but today I did. Further check in the vessel also revealed that they did not have PFDs for all on board. Citations were issued for fishing with no licenses and failing to provide PFDs.

CO Brandon Vacek was patrolling Pointe Mouillee SGA in Monroe County. The CO contacted several subjects returning to a boat launch with their kayaks after sunset. CO Vacek checked each member of the group for a PFD. Three of the subjects were not carrying a PFD on their kayak and stated they were not aware that it was required by law. The CO issued a citation to each subject without a PFD for failure to provide a PFD on a kayak and educated the entire group about Michigan marine safety laws.

COs Brandon Vacek and Keven Luther worked a group marine patrol on the Huron River in Monroe and Wayne Counties. Several citations were issued for failure to provide a PFD on a kayak.

CO Ariel Young was patrolling back to her residence on I-96 when she observed a speeding motorist weaving in and out of traffic without using turn signals. CO Young observed the careless behavior and determined the motorist was well exceeding the speed limit and initiated a traffic stop. Upon interviewing the motorist, CO Young determined that the driver did not have a valid driver's license and the car was uninsured. CO Young issued citations for careless operating and no proof of insurance and subsequently towed the vehicle.

CO Christopher Knights was working Belle Isle when he came across a woman on Riverbank that looked like she was injured. CO Knights pulled over and the woman stated she had flipped her bike and injured her head, legs, and arm. CO Knights noticed all the injuries and advised the woman to move to the shade and he would provide medical treatment. CO Knights first asked if she needed EMS or felt like she had a concussion, she stated, "No." CO Knights then put on his medical gloves and began bandaging up the injuries. CO Knights advised her to sit for a few minutes and let her significant other know to call 911 if she faints or needs further medical assistance. CO Knights stated that he would check back with her in a few minutes. Upon returning to the patient, CO Knights checked, and she acknowledged she was ok and rode her bike out of the park.

COs Jaime Salisbury and Ed Rice patrolled Belle Isle Park on a busy Sunday. Citations were issued for multiple traffic violations including speeding, operating without license, and OPERATING an ORV without a helmet. Multiple subjects were found to have warrants. All the subjects with warrants were advised and released.