

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officers (COs) Ethen Mapes and Zach Painter were on patrol in Ontonagon County and stopped a large group of ORVs. While talking with the operators, several signs of intoxication were observed with one subject. Standard field sobriety tests (SFSTs) were given to the subject and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI).

COs Shannon Kritz and Jeff Dell received a complaint about a bear that was registered by somebody other than the licensed hunter. The COs interviewed the licensed hunter and her husband who registered the bear. The licensed hunter struggled to describe where she was when she shot the bear or identify the sex of the bear. The COs went to the camp where the bear was taken but the evidence did not match up with the wife's story. The COs proceeded to interview a witness who also claimed the license holder shot the bear. The next day, the COs obtained a search warrant for the camp and the cell phone of the witness. COs Dell and Kritz were assisted by Sgt. Brian Bacon and CO Anna Viau with executing the search warrant of the camp. Three days later, CO Kritz received a phone call from the witness saying that his father wanted to confess and tell her what happened. CO Kritz re-interviewed the couple and the license holder admitted to loaning her bear tag to her husband who proceeded to confess to shooting the bear the day before the season opened and using his wife's tag. A report will be submitted to the Dickinson County prosecutor for the violations.

CO Jeremy Sergey was the guest speaker at Northern Michigan University's Criminal Justice 212 class. CO Sergey used "Zoom" to speak to 35 students about becoming a conservation officer and answered numerous student questions.

DISTRICT 2

COs Andrea Dani and Mark Zitnik were on patrol during bear season near a camp when they heard a gunshot and subsequently contacted the hunter. The hunter was excited to see the COs, as she was completely alone. Her husband and son were downstate for the youth hunt. The hunter advised this was not her first or biggest bear, but that she would appreciate a hand tracking and transporting the bear back to the camp. The group worked together to locate the bear and the COs assisted in loading the bear onto the hunter's four-wheeler.

CO Robert Freeborn served a warrant on a subject who loaned his deer kill-tag to another last season.

CO Robert Freeborn was first on scene of a traffic accident involving a semi-truck versus car. The driver of the car fell asleep and crossed the centerline and side-swiped

an oncoming semi-truck. Luckily, no one was hurt. The Michigan State Police (MSP) handled the report once on scene.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin were on patrol when a vehicle began swerving in and out of its lane of travel. A traffic stop was conducted and upon investigation of the driver, it was determined he was on parole for possession of cocaine and the passenger had a warrant out for her arrest. A search of the vehicle was conducted, and a substance was located. Upon testing the substance, it tested positive for methamphetamine. The passenger was placed under arrest for her warrant and lodged in the Delta County Jail and a report is being submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review for the charges of possession of methamphetamine and violation of the conditions of parole.

COs Steve Butzin and Chris Lynch received a complaint of an individual shooting a Great Blue Heron out of a residence in Masonville Township. COs Butzin and Lynch searched the area of the complaint and located a deceased Great Blue Heron that appeared to be several days old. An interview was conducted on a suspect who ultimately confessed to shooting the protected bird with a rifle while in violation of eight different safety zones. A report is being submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Steve Butzin and Chris Lynch were on patrol during the early teal and goose season in the Gladstone area when they observed several waterfowl hunters headed out to go hunting in the middle of the day. COs watched the hunters from a distance for a while and observed the hunters shoot two birds, one being a grebe and the other a wood duck. When the COs launched their boat and went to the hunters' location, they observed that one of the hunters in the group was now missing. When asked if they had shot any birds, the hunters said they had not. Further investigation found that the third hunter took the two birds and began running through the tall cattails without waders attempting to hide the birds. Once the COs informed the hunters that they had been watching them for the duration of their hunt, they claimed they shot two teal and that the COs must have been mistaken. The hunters were found to be three minors hunting without supervision, two of the three shotguns being used were unplugged, one individual did not have a waterfowl license or federal duck stamp, another individual did not have a license in possession, one federally protected grebe was shot, one drake Wood duck was shot out of season, and the hunters were unable to provide two additional personal floatation devices (PFDs). The parents of the three individuals were called to the scene and received citations for allowing a minor to hunt while unsupervised.

CO Cole VanOosten was on routine patrol in Mackinac County when he observed a vehicle parked against the flow of traffic. When the vehicle spotted the CO, they started driving away against the flow of traffic and swerving all over the road. A traffic stop was made, and CO VanOosten immediately smelled the odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. SFSTs were conducted and the driver was determined to be under the influence

of alcohol and had a breath alcohol content of .278. The driver was arrested for OWI and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

CO Cole VanOosten assisted the MSP with an investigation involving multiple burglaries at hunting camps in northern Luce County. Several items were stolen from multiple residences; one of the items stolen was a Polaris ORV. A suspect was identified and contacted by CO VanOosten and Trooper Jeramiah Parks. During the interviews, CO VanOosten observed several ORV tracks around the residence and leading into the woods. When asked about the tracks, the suspect stated that those were from his buddy who brought up an ORV the previous weekend. When confronted with the fact that tracks from the past weekend would have been washed away from the recent rain, the suspect stated that the tracks must have come from people who had trespassed on his property earlier that day. CO VanOosten and Trooper Parks took wheelbase measurements and confirmed that the ORV matched the one stolen from the hunting camp. Despite this, the suspect denied any involvement in the burglaries. As the officers were leaving the residence, they noticed ORV tracks turning out of the driveway towards a dense swamp and footprints returning to the camp. The tracks led to the neighbor's house who stated that the suspect had driven an ORV matching the description of the stolen ORV to their house that morning to drop off a trailer he had borrowed. The officers followed the tracks further down the road approximately a quarter of a mile where they located the stolen ORV hidden in some dense vegetation. After further interviews, the suspect confessed to stealing the ORV and stated that the keys were hidden in a stump in the woods. The ORV was returned to the rightful owners and search warrants were served at the suspect's residence where additional stolen items were located that linked his involvement to five recent burglaries in the area.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert followed a fresh foot path into the woods and came upon a bear hunter in a verbal confrontation with a youth deer hunter and his mentor. The bear hunter was yelling at the deer hunters for being on the trail near his tree stand and bait. The deer hunters did not know the other hunter was in the area as they walked in from another direction. CO Albert defused the situation by explaining to the bear hunter they had just as much right to be in the area as he did. The bear hunter was complaining that someone had messed with his bait and stand and unfortunately, he was taking it out on the other hunters. A check of the location found the bear bait illegally containing glass, plastic, cement, and plywood. The bear hunter also had bait other than on the ground and failed to identify his tree stand as required by law. A ticket was issued for the illegal bait.

CO Andrea Albert, while patrolling the Jordan River Valley, ran a plate on a vehicle that came back to a nearby address that CO Albert recognized in which subjects with warrants for their arrest had recently fled from police by jumping into a canoe and paddling across a small lake to avoid arrest. The registered owner of the vehicle came back with a warrant for her arrest and CO Albert conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The stop found a 14-year-old was driving the vehicle without a license, the registered

owner was a passenger, and a third subject was one of the men who had fled from police via canoe. The male subject was wanted on multiple warrants and subsequently arrested and lodged in the Otsego County Jail. The female subject was advised of her warrant and released per the Charlevoix County Jail. A warning was given for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive.

COs Chad Baldwin, Nathan Beelman, Adam LeClerc, Duane Budreau, Brad Dohm, and Sgt. William Webster all participated in a United States Coast Guard (USCG) active shooter training exercise, in conjunction with the Beaver Island Boat Company on Lake Michigan. Overall, the exercise proved very valuable training for the USCG and for the COs.

CO Nathan Beelman was on routine patrol when he received a complaint from Charlevoix Central Dispatch regarding a subject netting a fish from Medusa Creek. CO Beelman and a Charlevoix County deputy responded to the area and located the suspect vehicle and four anglers. When CO Beelman contacted the anglers, one angler was very excited to tell CO Beelman about the large chinook salmon he had caught and how he was going to keep the spinner bait that he had caught it with. The salmon in question was located in the rear of the vehicle and still had the spinner placed perfectly in the corner of the mouth. The angler initially denied netting the fish and reiterated the same story. After further questioning and bringing up that a witness saw him net the fish, the angler admitted to netting the fish from the mouth of the creek. The fish was seized, and charges are being sought for using an illegal method to take a fish.

CO Tim Rosochacki located a dispersed campsite in the Pigeon River State Forest that had been there for some time and appeared to be abandoned. There was a large quantity of litter and wildlife had begun to make a home inside the camper. After locating several pieces of identifying information around the campsite, CO Rosochacki conducted several interviews and eventually located the responsible party. Upon contacting the male and female subjects, they admitted that the campsite was theirs and due to vehicle issues, they were not able to collect their belongings. The campsite had been there for roughly five weeks. In addition, the male subject had seven bench warrants for his arrest, but the local jail was currently unable to accept him. A ticket was issued for occupying a campsite for more than 15 days and they were directed to clean up the site within 24 hours, in which they agreed to.

CO Sidney Collins was patrolling Montmorency County when a Montmorency County deputy asked for assistance at a welfare check. CO Collins and the deputies did a welfare check on a subject who missed a doctor's appointment and was not contacting family members. When the CO and the deputies arrived, they saw several gunshot holes in the side of the house and several windows shot out. When the CO and the deputies attempted to enter the home, the doors were tied shut from the inside. Once inside the home, they found the subject deceased by apparent suicide. The CO and the deputies searched the residence and found several weapons. The subject was known to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

CO Sidney Collins was patrolling Montmorency County working elk season when a domestic was dispatched out to the county. CO Collins assisted a Montmorency County deputy with interviewing the victim. The victim stated they got into an argument over money and the subject physically assaulted her causing apparent injuries and scratches. The subject then left on foot before the CO and the deputies arrived but was located and arrested shortly thereafter for domestic violence and an outstanding warrant.

COs Jessie Curtis and Daniel Liestenfeltz were patrolling Wilson Township in Alpena County when they received a complaint of a possible drug overdose. The COs were the closest units available and first on scene. CO Curtis and CO Liestenfeltz rendered first aid until emergency medical services (EMS) arrived.

COs Dan Liestenfeltz and Pat McManus patrolled the Betsie and Platte Rivers in Benzie County during the fall salmon run. During their patrol, they observed two groups of subjects trespassing on a clearly posted piece of private property. Two tickets were issued for recreational trespass.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz was on patrol in Montmorency County when he was requested to assist the MSP Huron Undercover Narcotics Team on a vehicle that they observed driving very erratically on the roadway. CO Liestenfeltz initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle for numerous violations of the motor vehicle code. Upon contact with the driver, it was suspected that they may have been under the influence of narcotics. After a thorough investigation, CO Liestenfeltz placed the subject under arrest for operating under the influence of drugs. Charges are pending with the Montmorency County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 4

Cpls. Sean Kehoe and Troy VanGelderren assisted COs Jeff Ginn, Angela Greenway Josh Reed, Tim Barboza, and Sgt. Mike Bomay with a marine speed enforcement patrol on the Muskegon River during a large marine event. Vessels traveling more than 55 mph were cited for speeding. CO Ben Shively conducted stationary LIDAR measurements on speeding vessels from the shoreline while Great Lakes patrol vessels were staged in the area and utilized to stop and cite the operators.

COs from Districts 4 and 7 along with corporals from the Great Lakes Enforcement Unit (GLEU) patrolled the Muskegon River during Hot Boat weekend that draws thousands of recreational boaters. COs arrested the operators of two vessels for operating under the influence alcohol and issued citations for slow/no wake violations, operate personal watercraft (PWC) after hours, operate PWC within 100 feet of an anchored vessel at speeds greater than slow/no wake, minors in possession of alcohol, fail to supply sufficient number of PFDs for passengers aboard vessel, and damaged marine registration numbers.

COs Micah Hintze and Kyle Publiski were conducting a foot patrol on the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River and observed a group of anglers wading in the river near a deep hole, throwing large lead sinkers with multi-pointed hooks. After watching the unsuccessful group for some time, the COs contacted the individuals. One angler, who claimed to have made all the weighted hooks that were in possession and argued that the homemade weighted hooks were in fact legal devices to use. The angler stated the salmon would not bite, so this was the only way to catch them. Citations were issued for using unlawful fishing device.

CO Ryan Andrews was checking anglers along the Pere Marquette River when he noticed a group of men cross the river and walk directly between two no trespassing signs as they exited the river and walked up on the riverbank. CO Andrews then followed the men from the opposite bank, on public land as the group continued to walk on the banks of the posted private land on the opposite side, passing approximately eight more signs as they walked on land about a quarter of a mile up stream to where they wanted to fish. When CO Andrews contacted the group from across the river, the leader of the group seemed reluctant to comply with the CO Andrews' commands to come across the river to the CO. He offered several excuses to stay on the opposite bank. After explaining the options to the man of coming across, he eventually complied and crossed the river. The man continued to argue, including arguing about trespassing, even though he walked past numerous signs. He stated to the CO that he had been doing it for over 20 years and it had never been a problem before. He also stated that he was displeased with the CO for ruining their experience on the river. The man stated that this was a big day for his son as he was 18 now and was fishing with his first fishing license, CO Andrews then asked if he fished last year as well. After replying yes, he was educated that his son needed a fishing license the previous year as well. The man who was the leader of the group was issued a citation for recreational trespassing.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews checked an area along the Pere Marquette River that is shallow and narrow. When CO Andrews arrived, there were several people standing nearby with fishing gear near next to a truck parked along the side of the road. CO Andrews noticed that one of the individuals was wet from the waist down. The CO asked the men if they had any luck fishing and one replied no and the other yes. After a little confusion, the men pulled a large chinook salmon out from the toolbox in the bed of the truck. As the contact went on, they continued to seem nervous. The individual that caught the fish told a story of how he fought the fish and jumped in the water to net it and claimed it was legally hooked and that he removed the hook, however he could not remember where it was hooked or what lure he was using. Eventually he admitted that he never actually hooked the fish, he stated that he was down in the shallow water and caught the fish using his hands. The Individuals were also educated on the recreational trespass laws as they were trespassing to access the river through posted private property. Charges for illegal method of taking fish are being requested through the Lake County Prosecutor's Office.

While working the Pere Marquette River in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski observed two subjects using illegal gear and trying to snag salmon. As CO Publiski approached

the subjects, he told them to reel in their lines and walk to shore. As the subjects were walking to shore, one of the subjects turned his back on CO Publiski and cut his line dropping the illegal gear into the river. When the subject got to CO Publiski, he wanted to argue about the fact he was using illegal gear since his line broke on the walk back to shore. CO Publiski explained that since he intentionally cut his line, he would be receiving a citation for using the illegal gear and littering.

COs Brian Brosky and Ryan Andrews responded to a lost person call in Mason County. Local dispatch advised that two subjects were lost on the Pere Marquette River and needed assistance. CO Brosky was able to determine, from the subject's description, a location along the river in a swamp where they might be located. After coordinating with the sheriff's office, fire, and EMS personnel, and using siren blasts to pinpoint the location of the subjects, COs Brosky and Andrews were able to locate the subjects in a section of marsh along the river. The COs assisted the two subjects out of the marsh and woods, helped drag their four-person inflatable raft back to a location on a road where there were then transported back to their vehicle at an access point where they were supposed to have arrived four hours prior.

Sgt. Dan Bigger was contacted regarding an angler who had motored out of Frankfort Harbor heading towards Platte Bay when the motor on his vessel seized up, rendering him stranded in Lake Michigan. Sgt. Bigger was able to contact the angler by cell and get a better location. Sgt. Bigger was advised that the US Coast Guard (USCG) had been contacted as well as a tow service company, but both were at least four hours away from a response. The wind was picking up and the angler's anchor was barely holding. Sgt. Bigger teamed up with Lt. Jason Wicklund and was able to get on the water and begin searching within the hour. The angler was located a short time later, now adrift, in the Manitou Passage in three to four-foot waves. They were able to tow the vessel back to safe harbor, much to the relief of the angler.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Betsie River when he observed an angler sight casting for salmon. The angler made multiple casts jerking and pulling at the end of every cast. The CO continued watching the angler and witnessed him hook into a fish and yell for his friends to bring the net. Once netted the CO observed the fish was hooked below the dorsal fin. The anglers began celebrating and continued to do so for almost 2 ½ minutes without releasing the foul hooked fish. The CO contacted the angler and asked him about his fishing method to which he replied he had been "flossing." Enforcement action was taken for taking fish by means other than the mouth and failing to immediately return a foul hooked fish.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Headquarters Lake area during the youth waterfowl weekend when he located two waterfowl hunters. CO Ludwig watched the hunters for some time and observed both a youth and adult hunter fire on an incoming duck. The CO contacted the hunters where they had launched their canoe and questioned the adult hunter about his hunting activity. The hunter advised that he had shot at the bird because it had been crippled and wanted to finish it off. CO Ludwig advised that he had watched the adult hunter fire immediately after the youth hunter had and not given the

youth hunter a chance to follow up with a second shot. The adult hunter admitted that he had been wrong in doing so and knew he was unable to shoot at ducks. Enforcement action was taken for hunting waterfowl out of season and failing to have PFDs in a canoe.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Betsie River when he observed two anglers standing at the sign that indicates where fishing can begin on the downstream side of the weir. The CO observed the anglers make multiple casts into the no fishing area and hook into a fish that could not be landed. The CO contacted the anglers who advised they did not know that they could not cast into the no fishing zone. After enforcement action was taken for fishing within 300 feet of the weir, the CO was approached by a group of anglers who stated they had told the other anglers on three occasions that they could not fish on the other side of the sign and were happy that the CO had been on scene to address the issue.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen observed several groups of ORVs climbing Dollar Lake Hill just north of M-72 in Crawford County. CO Huspen contacted the operators who stated they had been climbing the hill for years. CO Huspen explained to the group that the hill has been closed to climbing with ORVs since the early '90s. The operators changed their story and advised it was their first time climbing the hill and they only climbed it to watch the sunset. Numerous citations were issued for operating in a closed area as well as for no ORV licenses.

CO Charlie Jones was on patrol in Garfield Township, Kankaska County when a call went out from dispatch of an ORV accident on Blue Lake Road just north of M-72. While in route, updates were given by dispatch of a possible fatal accident. CO Jones arrived on scene shortly after EMS and a Kankaska County deputy. The driver and passenger of the Polaris Ranger were not wearing a seat belt when an animal ran out in front of the vehicle. Over-correction of the vehicle resulted in loss of control into the trees and the passenger was thrown from the ORV. The driver was pronounced dead on arrival. The MSP arrived on scene to conduct an accident investigation.

CO Kyle Bader returned a call to a man who claimed he found a "Michigan rattler" in his mother's yard. A herpetologist at heart, CO Bader jumped at the chance to actually see a Massasauga rattlesnake in the flesh, and to possibly save an animal whose species is listed as threatened by the US Fish and Wildlife Services. When CO Bader arrived at the residence, the caller described the snake and said it was fairly small. The resident expressed her concern for her small dogs. CO Bader put her at ease by describing the non-aggressive demeanor and reclusive nature characteristic of the Massasauga. He didn't make her happy when he explained that female rattlers will usually have more than one baby at a time. CO Bader didn't locate the snake in the spot the caller indicated. Not satisfied, the caller got a shovel and rake and wanted to dig deeper. It didn't take long before CO Bader saw a small snake in the pile of excavated soil. CO Bader identified a young, vibrantly colored and beautifully patterned Eastern hognose

snake. The snake was removed and relocated to a location more favorable to both parties.

CO Jeff Panich contacted a group of bear hound hunters on the road in Alcona County. Members of the group indicated their party had a bear treed out on the federal land approximately one and a half miles in. CO Panich walked in, following the sound of the hounds, where he observed “no trespassing” signs. He heard a gunshot very close to him coming from the private property. He contacted the hunters at the kill-site and identified the shooter. He received admissions from the group that they had walked past the “no trespassing” sign and inquired if CO Panich knew the property owner. CO Panich, along with the assistance of COs James Garrett, Casey Pullum, and Sgt. Bobbi Lively, contacted the landowner and determined the hunters did not have permission to enter on or hunt on his property. The bear and firearm were seized, and charges are being sought on the shooter through the Alcona County Prosecutor’s Office for recreational trespass.

DISTRICT 6

While working down a two-track through the Stanton SGA, CO Mike Haas witnessed two men in full camouflage walking through the woods carrying small caliber rifles. The hunters walked onto the road and were surprised to see CO Haas waiting for them. CO Haas asked how their hunt went and asked to see their hunting licenses. The men produced their licenses and stated they had not gotten any squirrels during their hunt. CO Haas then asked the men if they knew what the problem was; the one man hung his head and admitted that he knew they were supposed to wear hunter orange. The hunter said he didn’t want the squirrels to see them, so they chose not to wear orange. CO Haas pointed out that other hunters that were hunting in the public area may also not have seen them and that posed obvious safety concerns. A citation was issued for failing to wear a required hunter orange garment.

During a late evening patrol in western Isabella County, CO Mike Haas staked out an area that was known for shining activity. After legal shining hours had ended for the night, CO Haas witnessed a vehicle driving slowly along a farm field shining a flashlight over the field. A traffic stop was carried out and it was discovered that not only was the driver shining after legal hours, he also had a slug-barreled shotgun and crossbow in his possession. A citation was issued to address the violations.

CO Mike Haas was patrolling a trail through the Flat River SGA when a truck met the CO head on. CO Haas and the driver of the oncoming truck had to slow down and move over to allow room to pass each other. CO Haas noticed the passenger in the vehicle throw something into the back seat of their truck when he realized they were passing a CO. CO Haas stopped next to the truck and spoke with the occupants of the vehicle. It was evident that the passenger was intoxicated, and CO Haas noticed a half-empty liquor bottle near his leg. The man admitted that he had been drinking from the container in the backseat that contained soda and liquor. A citation was issued to the suspect for having open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

While checking activity in a location in the Stanton SGA, CO Mike Haas heard a chainsaw. CO Haas followed the sound and located a truck parked in the woods with a man near by cutting and collecting wood logs. The man saw CO Haas approach and stated, "I hope I'm not doing something wrong." CO Haas informed the man that he was not allowed to operate his vehicle off the roadways and could not collect forest products from a state game area without a valid permit. The man received a citation for his violations.

CO Mike Haas was patrolling a parcel of state land in Midland County when he discovered fresh ORV tracks going around a locked gate and over a dirt berm. CO Haas located a man operating a side-by-side in the closed area a short distance away. CO Haas informed the man that he was operating in an area closed to ORV use and questioned why there were buckets containing pears and apples in the back of his ORV. The man assured CO Haas that he was not baiting deer but instead planning to dump his yard waste on the state land. The man received a citation for operating in a closed area and was advised to find another way to dispose of his yard waste.

CO Dan Robinson was working northern Isabella County for shining activity in an area with previous complaints. While observing an open field, a truck came into the area and was shining the field with the lights from the pick-up truck. A stop was conducted, and CO Robinson could smell alcoholic beverages in the car. As it turned out, the driver had attempted to hide a beer can under the seat, and it spilled all over the floorboard of the truck. A citation was issued for operating a vehicle with open intoxicants.

CO Josh Jackson received a call from a local fire chief who was concerned about a possible illegal burn. CO Jackson responded to a piece of property on a dead-end road where an old garage foundation lay. The fire was burning and releasing a dark cloud of smoke. According to a neighbor, the suspects unloaded a box truck, poured lighter fluid on the rubbish, set it aflame, and left the scene. CO Jackson noted paint cans, particle board, tires, and other miscellaneous items in the fire. After the local fire department put out the fire, CO Jackson was talking with neighbors when the suspects arrived in the box truck, back to the burn location. The two were interviewed and admitted to burning the rubbish, stating they were just trying to get rid of it. CO Jackson will be submitting a report to the prosecutor's office.

CO Jay Person was contacted by a subject who found two fresh deer carcasses in a hole on a property line. Upon investigation, CO Person found one deer with the head removed and the other, a small spike horn, was just processed for the loins. CO Person contacted the landowner who advised his grandson shot a 6-point in velvet on Saturday morning of the youth hunt. Upon speaking with the father of the youth, it was confirmed the youth had shot a 6-point, but they had no idea of the two deer carcasses dumped on their property. A DNA sample will be taken and submitted to the lab to confirm or deny the carcass at the dump site matches the 6-point taken by the youth. The investigation continues.

CO Jay Person and Sgt. Bob Hobkirk executed a search warrant on a lock box found in an abandoned vehicle on state land. A small vial of crystal substance was also located in the inventory search, which tested positive for methamphetamine. Upon opening the lock box, only stems and seeds of marijuana were found. A warrant will be sought through the Midland County Prosecutor's Office for the methamphetamine possession.

CO Joe Myers received a complaint of beagles running deer in southern Midland County. The dogs continuously chased deer over the span of almost two years. CO Myers investigated and conducted follow-up interviews. Charges are submitted to the Midland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Joe Myers was able to connect with Make-A-Wish Participant Collin, to teach and show him some safety procedures and equipment on his new boat.

CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to call of subjects shooting from their vehicle at the Crow Island SGA. CO Gowenlock arrived in the game area and while driving in on the two-track, he met the suspects driving out head on. A traffic stop was initiated and upon contact, CO Gowenlock noticed several uncased weapons in the back seat. When asked, the suspects did not know that the firearms had to be fully enclosed in a case. They also informed the CO that they were not shooting at wildlife or from the vehicle, they were target practicing. After verifying that they were target practicing, CO Gowenlock issued a citation for transporting uncased firearms in a motor vehicle to the driver.

COs Jason King and Quincy Gowenlock conducted surveillance on a subject waterfowl hunting in the Shiawassee SGA referencing a prior complaint. The COs contacted the subject and he was issued a citation for violating a state land rule.

CO Jason King was conducting a wildlife patrol for the early antlerless deer season in Saginaw County. CO King observed two hunters exit their ground blind and begin to walk the tree line back to the road. CO King observed one of the hunters not wearing any hunter orange. CO King contacted the subjects and issued a citation for no hunter orange.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol when he observed a vessel operating along the Bad River in the Shiawassee River SGA. The CO recognized the operator of the vessel and knew he had a suspended driver's license. The individual got out of the boat with three other individuals, proceeded to get in a truck, load the vessel on the trailer, and drive away. A traffic stop was conducted, the driver was taken out of the vehicle and detained while the CO confirmed his driving status. The individual was in fact operating a motor vehicle while he was suspended. Due to COVID-19 the Saginaw County Jail is not taking anyone except for felonies or operating under the influence of liquor so the individual was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and sent on his way with another person who had a valid license to drive the vehicle.

On Labor Day, COs Adam Beuthin, Joe Myers, and Sgt. Robert Hobkirk were patrolling the Saginaw River in Saginaw and Bay Counties. Many contacts were made and in total four citations for marine violations, one citation for no fishing license, and a citation for an illegal burn were issued by the COs.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted several waterfowl hunters and found one of the hunters to have a loaded firearm after shooting time ended and another with an unplugged shotgun. Additionally, the hunters failed to have PFDs on their watercraft. Citations were issued.

CO Seth Rhodea was on patrol during the early teal season when he observed two hunters shooting teal before legal shooting time started. Upon contacting the hunters, one was found to be hunting without all the required waterfowl licenses. Citations were issued.

While on patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz had two dirt bikes that were slow to stop. Upon stopping one of them, CO Bucholtz obtained a confession that the operator did see the CO but did not want to stop. The second dirt bike returned to the scene minutes later. Multiple citations were issued.

COs Matthew Neterer and Kyle Bucholtz responded to a call near Caseville of an inflatable raft with four juveniles on board that drifted away from shore. The caller was concerned because the raft drifted out of sight and no one on board had a cell phone. Upon arrival, CO Neterer spotted the raft on the horizon several miles offshore. CO Neterer and a Huron County Sheriff's deputy boarded a patrol vessel docked in Caseville and responded to the area while CO Bucholtz directed the patrol boat from shore. The teens were located a short time later and stated that their oar broke leaving them stranded. Strong offshore winds began to blow the raft towards the open water. The teens stated that several boats passed close by but didn't recognize that they were in distress. The teens and their raft were delivered safely back to their families waiting on shore.

DISTRICT 7

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling the Allegan SGA when he observed a familiar Jeep operating in the opposite direction. He had previously cited the owner for operating off-road in the game area and given warnings for being unregistered and uninsured at that time. The CO ran the license plate now attached to the jeep and it returned as invalid. After stopping the vehicle, it was discovered that the owner found a license plate to put on the Jeep which still was not registered, and the driver continued to operate the vehicle without insurance. The driver was issued citations for the registration and insurance violations and the Jeep was impounded.

CO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint of a father and son not wearing hunter orange who were out deer hunting for the Liberty Hunt. He located the hunters in their blind and found neither had hunter orange and they were hunting over bait in an area

closed to baiting. In addition, the youth hunter and the father both possessed shotguns in the blind. A citation was issued for the violations and the father and the youth hunter were advised on the legal ways to deer hunt.

During the early teal season, CO Sam Schluckbier conducted surveillance on a group of waterfowl hunters on an inland lake in Allegan County. He witnessed the hunters take several shots at several species of ducks that were not in season. He contacted the group when they began packing up for the day and found several of the hunters were using unplugged shotguns. One of the individuals was also in possession of lead shot. CO Schluckbier educated all of them on the importance of species identification while duck hunting and several citations were issued for the unplugged guns along with several hunting digests.

CO Sam Schluckbier contacted an angler and his dog trespassing on the shoreline of the Rabbit River in Allegan County. During the contact, it was found that the subject did not have a fishing license or a valid driver's license and had stolen a license plate to put on his truck to drive to the location. His mother was contacted to transport him home. The vehicle was left at the access until his father could arrive with a trailer. A citation was issued for recreational trespass.

CO James Nason assisted Kalamazoo County deputies on a late-night ORV accident that occurred on private property. It was discovered that a 26-year-old man riding a three-wheeler had collided with another man riding a mini-pit bike. The operator of the minibike was hospitalized for serious lacerations to his face.

CO James Nason responded to a felonious assault in progress where it was reported that a male subject had pulled a knife and threatened to cut the caller's throat. CO Nason was the first to arrive and was told that the suspect had fled on foot from the victim's residence. CO Nason returned to his patrol truck and was able to catch up to the suspect a quarter mile down the road. CO Nason recognized the suspect as a juvenile that he has checked numerous times fishing the Kalamazoo River. CO Nason detained the juvenile and turned him over to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's deputies who lodged him in the juvenile facility.

COs James Nason and Tyler Cole checked groups of anglers on the Kalamazoo River in Comstock. Upon asking for licenses, one subject could not produce a valid fishing license. When running the subject through Station 20 Dispatch, it was found that the man had multiple misdemeanor warrants out of Kalamazoo County for drug and weapons related offenses. The COs arrested the man on the warrants and turned him over to a county deputy to be lodged in the Kalamazoo County Jail. A warning was given for fishing without a license.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling the White Lake River Marsh during teal season when she observed a truck with a boat trailer parked at an undesignated boat launch. CO Cullen waited for the vessel to return and proceeded to check the hunters in the group. It was determined that one of the hunters, who was from out of state, did not have a

state waterfowl license and another hunter did not have a signed federal duck stamp. A citation was issued for hunting without a waterfowl license while a warning was issued for the stamp violation.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling a popular nighttime ORV location when she heard a vehicle approaching. CO Cullen stopped the vehicle due to trespassing on posted private property. It was further determined that the vehicle was not registered, and the driver was currently suspended. A citation was issued for operating a motor vehicle while suspended.

CO Travis Dragomer observed an angler fishing from a kayak upon Paw Lake in Berrien County. CO Dragomer conducted a check on the two occupants of the kayak. The one individual fishing did not possess a current fishing license and neither of the occupants had a PFD on board the vessel. One citation was issued for failing to provide PFDs and one warning was given for fishing without a license.

DISTRICT 8

CO Daniel Prince had an illegal deer case close from the 2019 deer season in the Howell 53rd District Court. The subject plead guilty to illegally killing an 8-point buck without a deer hunting license in the October 2019 archery deer season. The subject paid over \$5,500 in fines and reimbursement for the deer. The court revoked the individual's hunting privileges for the remaining 2020 hunting season plus five years.

CO Edward Rice received a complaint about a possible recreational trespass and negligent discharge of a firearm. CO Rice arrived at the complainant's residence and located a one-ounce ball from a muzzleloader on the dashboard of a pickup truck. The driver's side window was completely shattered. Upon further investigation, a hole in the roof and siding of a nearby garage was discovered. Based on the trajectory, CO Rice scanned a wooded area on an adjacent property for other evidence. A partial foot impression was located in the middle of a two-track. Photos were taken. CO Rice canvassed the neighborhood and spoke with several neighbors who stated they heard the shots but did not see anyone. Most neighbors stated it sounded like a normal Sunday morning. There is no suspect information currently, but the investigation is ongoing.

CO Todd Thorn received a call from a wildlife rehabilitator that he has been working with for years about a wildlife rehabilitator in Jackson County who was not properly taking care of the animals that she was taking in. CO Thorn responded to the rehabilitator's location in Jackson County and found that cottontail rabbits were being kept in a filthy building with mice, domestic rabbits, feces, and urine throughout the building. Two rabbit skeletons were found in the enclosure as well as at least one rabbit with a Botfly larva feeding on it. The rabbits were seized and taken to a credible rehabilitator where some of the rabbits were released and others were given care. Charges will be sought through the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Todd Thorn worked a late-night patrol in Ingham County on his way back from working on Belle Isle. He noticed a vehicle parked in a parking area in the Dansville SGA. CO Thorn made contact with the occupants and found that the person in the back seat was underage and had open intoxicants hidden between his legs. CO Thorn then saw about ten empty cans, matching the brand held by the minor, on the ground near the vehicle. The occupants cleaned up the cans and the underage drinker was issued a ticket.

CO Todd Thorn was the first to arrive on scene at a 911 call in which the complainant stated that he had received a text from his girlfriend who told him that she had just stabbed their son and was about to do the same to their other son. CO Thorn and two Eaton County deputies searched the house and found the boys safe in the house. The mother was found hiding in the back yard behind a garage. The case was taken by the Eaton County Sheriff's Office.

COs Katie Baker and Todd Thorn were patrolling along the Grand River when they observed a juvenile in a kayak wearing all camouflage. When the subject saw the COs, he quickly paddled to shore, grabbed a shotgun from a friend, and returned to the kayak with it in hand. The friend who provided the shotgun was observed running away with a second firearm in hand. Contact was made with both subjects. The juveniles admitted to waterfowl hunting without the proper licenses. In addition, one of the hunter's firearm was unplugged, there was bait located amongst their decoys, a speaker was being used for electronic calling, and both subjects were 16 without proper supervision. Contact was made with landowners and parents. A citation was issued for failing to provide a PFD on a kayak. Complaint warrants are being submitted for the other violations.

CO Katie Baker responded to a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint of an injured eagle in Maple River SGA. She located the injured raptor and found it wasn't an eagle but a juvenile osprey. The osprey was secured and taken to Wildside Rehab in Eaton Rapids. It is expected to fully recover.

CO Katie Baker was patrolling along US 23 when she observed a vehicle approaching from behind at a high rate of speed. CO Baker allowed the vehicle to pass where she then paced it at 104 mph in a 70-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted. The vehicle returned without any insurance. CO Baker allowed the driver to purchase insurance on scene and issued a citation for exceeding the freeway speed limit and failing to provide proof of insurance.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a complaint from a property owner who found a dead buck and multiple gut piles on his property. CO Strawn responded to the complaint location and contacted the complainant in the back corner of a farm field and a connected woodlot. While interviewing the complainant, CO Strawn observed a pair of men operating an ORV on the property. Upon making contact with individuals on the ORV, dried blood and deer hair was discovered on the rear cargo rack of the ORV. Assistance was requested from the Clinton County Sheriff's deputies who agreed to wait with the individuals on the ORV while CO Strawn continued to interview the original complainant.

and locate the deer and gut piles. During the investigation, ORV tracks leading from the gut piles and dead buck directly to the residence where the ORV belonged were discovered. CO Strawn conducted additional interviews and evidence recovery, discovering the men had taken three bucks from the property during the youth hunt. The bucks as well as illegal drugs were recovered during the investigation. CO Strawn is seeking charges for unlawful taking of deer, ORV trespass, and controlled substance violations.

While patrolling Eaton County, CO Larn R. Strawn noticed a cloud of heavy black smoke rising into the sky from a wooded area behind a house in Oneida Township. CO Strawn went directly to the area and discovered the homeowner was behind the house burning a pile of tractor tires and other debris. CO Strawn requested assistance from the Grand Ledge Area Fire Department. The firefighters put out the fire with nearly 2,500 gallons of water. CO Strawn issued a citation for the unlawful disposal of solid waste.

COs Jeff Goss and Jason McCullough located a bait site with a gravity feeder and approximately four hundred pounds of corn in the feeder and on the ground. On opening evening of the Liberty Hunt, the COs noticed the suspect's vehicle parked in the area. When the COs made contact, they found the man and his daughter in the blind hunting. After a ticket was issued for the bait and the corn was cleaned up, the man apologized to his daughter and were on their way to try to salvage what was left of her hunt.

CO Nick Wellman was asked to assist when the MSP got a tip that an inmate at the Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater was in contact with a female who was going to sneak up to the fence and throw contraband over the fence. The female was ultimately located in the woods near the fence of the facility and several grams of heroin and marijuana were located where she was hiding by an MSP K9.

DISTRICT 9

CO David Schaumburger received a complaint of waterfowl hunters hunting within the safety zone of numerous residences on the Huron River. CO Ariel Young assisted CO Schaumburger and found a pair of hunters hunting 107 yards away from a pair of residences. Contact was made with the hunters who stated that they should have brought a range finder out with them hunting as they thought they were outside the 150 yards. A citation was issued for hunting within the 150-yard safety zone.

CO David Schaumburger was sitting at a local ORV pit in Brownstown Township when he came across an ORV that was trespassing. The three occupants stated they were scouting for deer and they just happened upon this property. The CO asked if they had permission, which they did not. The CO issued a citation for failing to license the ORV and gave them warnings for trespassing.

CO David Schaumburger was driving on I-94 in a portion of the highway that was under construction and down to one lane when he viewed a vehicle driving in the closed lanes behind him. The CO stopped the vehicle and the driver said that he knew the lanes were closed but he was in a hurry to get to work. The driver was given a citation for driving in the closed lanes.

COs Ariel Young and Keven Luther contacted four ORVs operating on the right-of-way within Huron Township. Three out of the four riders did not initially stop for CO Luther. However, CO Luther was able to contact all four riders in the front yard of a nearby residence. While CO Luther started identifying all four riders, CO Young was documenting all the ORVs. One of the riders had a felony warrant. CO Luther issued two citations, one for no ORV decal and another for no helmet. All the riders were issued verbal warnings for operating on the roadway. After issuing the two citations, CO Luther transported the one individual to a nearby city jail for lodging.

CO Tom Peterson received a complaint of an individual trespassing on private development property with an ORV. The CO arrived on scene to find an individual frantically trying to start his ORV. CO Peterson contacted the individual and gathered his identification. The CO then notified the individual that he was trespassing on private land, in which the individual claimed he did not know that he couldn't ride at the location. CO Peterson had to advise the subject that his ORV would not start unless it was in neutral; the ORV immediately started after being placed in neutral. CO Peterson met the subject at the nearby road, where the COs vehicle and the subject's truck were parked. After educating the individual of the violations committed, he was issued a citation for ORV trespass.

COs Tom Peterson and Jacob Griffin were first on scene to a report of a missing 4-year-old autistic girl who had wandered away from her residence in a rural area in Oakland County. The MSP, COs, and nearby neighbors searched the area for the missing child. After approximately twenty minutes of searching, the girl was found hiding behind a garage at the residence directly across the street, only wearing a diaper. The child was unharmed and happy to be found.

CO Luke Robare was patrolling Genesee County fields for goose hunters. CO Robare encountered two goose hunters who were in a flooded bean field. CO Robare asked to check the hunters' guns for plugs and found that one hunter was in violation and was hunting with a shotgun that was capable of holding more than three shells. The hunter was issued a citation for the unplugged shotgun.

CO Luke Robare noticed a suspicious deer tag at the processor during the youth hunting weekend. CO Robare interviewed the father of the youth hunter whose tag was attached to a small buck. The father admitted that his child was not even with him when he shot the deer. He proceeded to buy a tag under his child's name and attach it to the deer. CO Robare will submit for charges on multiple violations.

CO Justin Muehlhauser received a call regarding some hunters who were hunting along the Shiawassee River. Some kayakers were on the river when the hunters shot and felt that the situation was unsafe. A brief altercation ensued shortly thereafter. The CO responded to the call in-progress and Sgt. Jason Becker assisted. The COs encountered a man and two youths participating in the youth hunt. The COs noticed violations immediately including, uncased firearms in a motor vehicle, failing to wear hunter orange, and failing to immediately validate and attach a kill-tag. CO Muehlhauser dug further; it was then determined that the deer was taken over a baited hunt site and the youth did not have a hunter safety certificate. The COs explained the multiple violations involved. Ultimately, the father was cited for taking a deer over bait and warned for the other violations involved. CO Muehlhauser will be seeking full reimbursement for the deer.

COs Justin Muehlhauser and Luke Robare were patrolling for ORV activity. The COs observed a small dirt bike operating toward them on Lahring Road in Argentine Township. As the dirt bike approached, it suddenly turned and accelerated away from the patrol vehicle and appeared to be fleeing. The COs initiated a stop on the ORV. When the operator pulled over, the COs addressed many violations including operate an ORV without a helmet, operate an ORV without a permit, careless operation of an ORV, and violating the Genesee County ORV ordinance. The operator was cited for the state law violations.

CO Ben Lasher was investigating someone being in the refuge on the Harsens Island Management Unit when he found a vehicle parked in front of a gate posted "No Parking." It appears the driver launched their kayaks and left the vehicle blocking the gate. One ticket issued for a parking violation.

CO Ben Lasher assisted Clay Township Police with a fatal hunting incident. Multiple charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office from both departments.

CO Jaime Salisbury was patrolling a problem area in the Lapeer SGA when he came across a set of fresh vehicle tracks driving through the woods around a gate. CO Salisbury opened the gate and followed the tracks in his patrol truck. After following the tracks for about a mile, CO Salisbury located the vehicle and operator fishing in a pond. CO Salisbury asked why they drove past the gate and the signs, the man stated it was too far to walk to the location to fish. CO Salisbury informed them that the nearest parking lot was less than 100 yards away and that it's not a far walk at all. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the man had a suspended driver's license, the vehicle did not have insurance, and the license plate on the vehicle was not valid. CO Salisbury informed the man he would need to find a ride because his vehicle was going to be towed. With the assistance of the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department, the man was taken back to his home and his vehicle was impounded for safe keeping.

CO Jaime Salisbury was patrolling late into the evening hours when he noticed a car driving a back road without a license plate. CO Salisbury conducted a traffic stop to address the issue. Upon contact with the driver, it was discovered that she did not have

a valid driver's license and the vehicle lacked insurance. CO Salisbury ran a file on the woman and discovered that she had multiple misdemeanor warrants out of different departments. The CO was told to advise and release on the warrants. Citations were issued for driving while license suspended and operating without insurance. The vehicle was then towed.

COs Jaime Salisbury and Jacob Griffin followed up on a complaint of a neighbor dumping fish on the property line near his house to harass them. After interviewing the man suspected of dumping the fish, it was discovered that CO Ray Gardner had already addressed this issue a year prior. After a lengthy discussion about the law and the requirements for burying carcasses, the man agreed to clean the fish up from the area. CO Salisbury is seeking charges for improper burial of animals from the Lapeer County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Kris Kiel and Brad Silorey set up on some groups of waterfowl hunters before the close of shooting hours. One group of two came out of the marsh a few minutes after hours and unloaded on the dyke. When contact was made, it was found that both hunters' shotguns were unplugged. One of the hunters said that he received a ticket for the same thing before. Citations were written for the unplugged shotguns.

COs Brad Silorey and Kris Kiel were on patrol assisting Macomb County Sheriff's deputies with a runaway suicidal subject in the woods. While patrolling the area, CO Silorey observed a subject come flying out of a driveway on a four-wheeler in a reckless manner. COs Silorey and Kiel were able to stop the careless operator who turned out to be only 15 years old. The juvenile was operating an ORV in a careless manner, without supervision, and no safety certificate on a public road. He also failed to wear a helmet and was operating unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken on the juvenile's father who was a nearby farmer. He was cited for allowing a minor to operate an ORV unsupervised and given warnings on the three other violations.

CO Mike Drexler was on patrol in Augusta Township, when he observed an ORV travelling at a high rate of speed on the roadway. CO Drexler conducted a traffic stop on the four-wheeler and the operator immediately pleaded with the CO that he could not go back to jail. A computer check revealed the subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Monroe County. Citations were issued for operating an ORV on the roadway and ORV without helmet. Enforcement action was taken on his outstanding warrants.

CO Mike Drexler has been checking a baited blind on public land since mid-August. During the youth hunt weekend, CO Drexler finally noticed a vehicle at the site and contacted a subject who was changing SD cards in his trail camera. The subject claimed he was unaware that baiting was illegal and stated he and his brother had placed the mineral block in the early part of August. A citation was issued for bait/feed deer where prohibited.

During the Liberty Hunt, CO Mike Drexler checked a piece of property in Scio Township that he has received complaints or issued citations on in years past. CO Drexler

observed a pickup truck parked way off the road tucked behind some cattails. While CO Drexler was checking the area for hunters, a man and his son walked out of the woods toward the CO. The apprentice hunter was using a shotgun and neither hunter had any hunter orange on as required by law. The father stated he had it and it was in the vehicle. A citation was issued to the father for failing to wear hunter orange.

CO Brandon Hartleben was launching his patrol vessel on Whitmore Lake when he noticed a personal watercraft (PWC) pass by the launch towing several subjects on tubes without an observer. CO Hartleben got clear of the launch and attempted to catch up to the PWC. CO Hartleben was able to locate and stop the PWC on the opposite side of the lake. CO Hartleben asked the PWC operator if he knew why he was being stopped, and the operator stated that it was because he did not have a spotter. CO Hartleben confirmed that was the reason for the stop and issued the operator a citation for towing three juveniles on a tube without an observer.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was checking waterfowl hunters at Allen's Cove in Luna Pier when he contacted a group of hunters pulling out of the marsh. The hunters had no luck but were still happy to be out of the house. CO Ingersoll conducted a safety check, and it was determined that one of the individuals did not have his PFD on his kayak. It was also determined that two out of the three hunters had unplugged shotguns. A warning was issued for the PFD violation and two citations were issued for the shotguns that could hold more than three shells/unplugged shotgun.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll received a complaint that an individual had found corn dumped next to a hunting blind. CO Ingersoll spoke to the complainant, who wanted to remain anonymous, advised CO Ingersoll using On X Maps where he had seen the bait. CO Ingersoll was able to locate the corn placed in front of a trail camera near the suspect's hunting blind. CO Ingersoll contacted the suspect at his residence and confronted him about the bait. The suspect advised he had dumped a 40-pound bag of corn and some apples about a week prior and just wanted to see what was coming in. The suspect advised he knew it was illegal to bait but was curious to see what he had on camera. CO Ingersoll will be submitting charges for baiting deer to the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Brandon Vacek was patrolling Pointe Mouillee SGA in Monroe County. The CO contacted two anglers fishing a small creek near the road. Both anglers stated the fishing was not very good that day. After a check of the anglers' fishing licenses, CO Vacek asked if there were any fish in their large cooler. The anglers stated they had a few sunfish, but the CO could check it if he wanted. Inside the cooler, CO Vacek discovered four largemouth bass under fourteen inches, one northern pike under twenty-four inches, and several sunfish. Both anglers were issued citations, one for possession of four undersize largemouth bass and the other for possession of the undersize northern pike.

CO Brandon Vacek contacted three subjects who entered the Pointe Mouillee wildlife refuge for hunting purposes. All three subjects were issued citations for unlawful entry, use, or occupancy where posted against.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, COs Jill Miller, Todd Thorn, and Brandon Vacek stopped a group of miniature dirt bikes. Citations were issued for operating the dirt bikes in an area posted against ORV use.

On the start of CO Jill Miller's Belle Isle shift, Station 20 called with a medical call of a subject who fell off his bike. Upon arrival COs Miller and Joe Deppen arrived on scene to a subject who was alert and conscious with a laceration to his head and cheek. The COs cleaned and bandaged the wound and turned the subject over to EMS upon their arrival.

During a Belle Isle shift, Station 20 received a call of subjects trespassing in the old zoo. COs Jill Miller, Joe Deppen, Andrew Monnich, and Sgt. Nickols arrived and walked the zoo to find the subjects. The subjects were located and escorted out of the area. Citations were issued to three of the teens and the three minors' parents were called.

While on a recent Belle Isle patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz was flagged down by a park visitor. The visitor advised CO Bucholtz she had just been in an altercation with her mother who was observed driving away from the scene. CO Bucholtz stopped the mother and discovered she was without a driver's license. A citation was issued for the offense.

CO Todd Thorn worked a shift on Belle Isle over the weekend. Several traffic stops were made for a variety of violations. One of the stops was the last motorcycle in a group of about 16 who were speeding and driving recklessly down Central Avenue. The driver who was stopped turned out to have a suspended license and ten warrants for his arrest. The driver was arrested but ended up bonding out before going to jail.

On a Belle Isle patrol, CO Ariel Young was on stationary patrol at an intersection known to have drivers run through without stopping at the stop signs. CO Young was not waiting more than a couple of minutes before her first driver ran the stop sign. CO Young activated her emergency lights and was following behind the driver when they blew through a second one. The driver then realized they were being pulled over and stopped. CO Young informed the driver the reason for the stop was disregarding two stop signs and the driver insisted they had stopped at both. CO Young informed the driver where she had been watching and that the driver did not stop at either stop sign. The driver was issued a civil infraction for disregarding a stop sign and issued a written warning for disregarding the second stop sign.

On Belle Isle patrol, CO Ariel Young had just put her patrol vehicle in park when a third vehicle completely disregarded the stop sign and CO Young, once again initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle was slow to stop but eventually came to a stop down the road. Upon stopping the vehicle, the license plate on the vehicle did not come back with any

record. CO Young contacted the driver who insisted that they had stopped. Again, CO Young informed the driver that they did not stop. The driver then began trying every excuse in the book with CO Young from being new to driving to having never been to the park before. CO Young talked to the driver about the stop signs and stop lights that they had likely encountered on the way to the island and asked if they had stopped at all those devices and the driver stated yes, that they are a very safe driver and always drive 30 mph. CO Young then asked the driver for the vehicle registration and they pulled out a plate and the registration together. After further questioning, CO Young was able to determine that the driver had just received the plate in the mail. CO Young discussed that the old plate should have been removed when they purchased the vehicle and that the new one should be on the vehicle, not in the glove compartment. CO Young then issued a citation for disregarding the stop sign and issued a verbal warning for improper plates and for being slow to stop. The driver then began begging CO Young to void the ticket because they could not afford to pay it. CO Young instructed the driver that if they wanted to fight the citation, they could do so at court.

CO Tom Peterson was working a shift on Belle Isle Park and observed a motorcycle operator doing wheelies near people and other vehicles. The CO performed a traffic stop on the individual. CO Peterson then asked the individual if he knew why he was being pulled over. He said he was not sure. The CO then informed him that he was operating his motorcycle carelessly and if he wanted to do wheelies, they needed to be done on a closed course or private property. The operator then said he thought wheelies were decriminalized. The CO then cited the individual for careless operation.

GREAT LAKES ENFORCEMENT UNIT (GLEU)

Cpl. Brett DeLonge and CO John Kamps assisted the Lake Superior Watershed Partnership with buoy maintenance. The Munising wave buoy, located approximately five miles northeast of Grand Island, needed a GPS repair and power reset.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge checked several boat access sites in southern Marquette County attempting to educate boaters of aquatic invasive species (AIS) issues. Few access sites were being used; however, several bear hunters were contacted, and one was given a warning for ORV violations.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge investigated an illegal ORV trail that was observed near a boating access site. After walking over a mile on the ORV trail, Cpl. DeLonge located over 200 live trees cut that ranged from two to six inches in diameter, an illegal deer blind, and illegal deer bait. The activity was taking place on public land and was turned over to local officers.

Cpl. Mike Hammill responded to a complaint of “many gillnets in Big Bay de Noc.” While on the water, Cpl. Hammill contacted a fisheries crew from Crystal Falls that has been sampling the Bay de Noc area for the past week. Cpl. Hammill looked at their net and it matched the description in the complaint.

Cpl. Mike Hammill received a complaint of a vessel on the rocks at the Cedar River Marina. Cpl. Hammill checked with the Menominee county COs to make sure they were aware of the situation. Apparently, the captain of the vessel became disoriented and did not see the five-foot break wall of rock. The captain and his wife were lucky, experiencing only minor injuries.

Cpl. Nick Torsky utilized one of the unit's small boats for a shallow-water salmon net patrol in St. Martin's Bay. Most nets have been removed, with only two fishers in two specific areas remaining. Nets were found to be complying.

Lt. Dave Shaw, Lt. Mike Feagan, Cpl. Nick Atkin, Cpl. Sean Kehoe, Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren, and Cpl. Nick Torsky took part in the virtual Lake Michigan Citizen Fishery Advisory Committee meeting. Cpl. Torsky also attended a virtual public meeting on the Lake Michigan commercial fishery in Wisconsin.

Several members of GLEU attended the Lake Superior Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee virtual meeting.

Cpl. Kevin Postma doubled with CO Mike Oleson and worked duck hunters on Munuscong Bay during the north zone's opening weekend. Numerous hunters were checked reporting low numbers of ducks. Several warnings were given for minor violations.

Cpl. Kevin Postma partnered with CO Todd Sumbera and performed a waterfowl patrol in the Les Chenaux Islands. Several contacts were made with one citation being issued.

Cpl. Kevin Postma and Cpl. Nick Torsky conducted an AIS patrol in southern Michigan. Numerous pet shops and food markets were inspected.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe, Cpl. Nick Atkin, and Cpl. Craig Milkowski patrolled south from Leland to Frankfort to assist in the search for a 12-year-old boy who was swept off the pier a few days before. The local search teams requested COs to search along the shore south of Point Betsie in the event recent waves took the body away from the pier. As the COs began their search, they were notified that search teams located the body right up next to the pier with side scan and ROV equipment. The officers then proceeded to the Frankfort pier heads to see if they could offer any other assistance.

Cpl. Milkowski and Cpl. Atkin assisted straits state harbor with depth soundings of the harbor and adjacent pier. The readings were taken to help determine lake levels at each dock for boaters' reference.

Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren attended the bi-annual Mason/Oceana County Water Safety Coalition meeting at the Hamlin Township Fire Department to represent the Department.

Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren met with members of the Wildlife Division (WLD) while they were working in the Pentwater Plains State Game Area to show them problem ORV areas that the WLD was able to berm up.

Cpl. Nick Atkin was on patrol checking commercial fish activity when he checked multiple waterfowlers hunting the veteran waterfowl and youth waterfowl hunting days. The hunters reported that they had a great hunt and enjoyed the special seasons. Cpl. Atkin conducted a waterfowl and marine safety check with no violations noted.

Cpl. Nick Atkin was on patrol when he checked multiple anglers in possession of limits of perch on the Saginaw Bay. A marine safety inspection was also conducted during the check; no violations were noted.

Cpl. Nick Atkin has checked multiple perch anglers fishing off bridges in areas where he has never checked perch anglers before. It is believed to be because of the high-water conditions. Anglers in these areas were excited about the new opportunities with some nice perch caught.

Cpl. Nick Atkin conducted multiple AIS inspections of local pet shops. The inspections were recorded in the collector app. During the inspections, no violations were located.

Cpl. Nick Atkin was contacted by the US Coast Guard (USCG) Saginaw River Station about questions regarding the upcoming waterfowl season. Cpl. Atkin answered the questions and advised the USCG to contact him if any assistance is ever needed.

Lt. Mike Feagan took part in a Microsoft Teams meeting with DNR and EGLE staff discussing program needs for Inland Lakes boating AIS.

Lt. Terry Short attended a virtual port security meeting covering Green Bay waters for northeast Wisconsin and the southern Upper Peninsula (UP).

Lt. Terry Short along with other department staff attended a meeting with the Eastern UP Citizens Advisory Committee chair and the attorney for the committee's legal committee to address concerns and issues brought up by the committee related to the proposed commercial fish statute.