

Bi-Weekly Report
12/15/19 through 1/11/20

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer Josh Boudreaux and Sgt. Mark Leadman responded to Big Shag Lake in Marquette County to check on a truck that had fallen through the ice. A subject had been plowing snow and attempted to plow a road onto the lake which had very poor ice conditions. A video was being shot of the vehicle as it attempted to plow snow and captured the moment the vehicle broke through the ice and sank in approximately 25 feet of water. The sole occupant was able to crawl out safely and return to shore. CO Boudreaux did an interview with TV6 News to cover ice safety and the legal obligation to have a vehicle removed after falling through the ice. A local tow company was hired to assist in removing the vehicle as it was towed back to shore under the ice and removed at the shoreline.

CO Josh Boudreaux assisted the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team, the Marquette County Sheriff's Department, and Michigan State Police (MSP) serve a search warrant and arrest warrant on an individual at his residence. The suspect was taken into custody on three arrest warrants held by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The subject was taken into custody without incident.

CO Josh Boudreaux and a Marquette County Sheriff's deputy attempted to locate an individual for which both officers had arrest warrants. After observing the residence for nearly an hour with no movement, the officers hiked in toward the residence for a closer look. When the officers approached the house, a vehicle suddenly fired up and began attempting to reverse out of the drive at a high rate of speed. The officers quickly approached the vehicle and were able to take the suspect into custody on nearly 10 warrants for violations ranging from unlawful disposal of solid waste, malicious destruction of property, trespassing, and various other charges.

CO John Kamps checked two ice anglers on a remote lake in Marquette County. When the CO was approaching the two anglers, one of them dropped his ice fishing pole while the other casually walked over and reeled in the line for him. Upon contact it was determined that the individual who dropped the pole was fishing without a license and that the other was in possession of an undersized pike. Subsequently the individual with the undersized pike had a felony assault warrant out for his arrest. Both individuals were given citations for the fishing violations. The individual with the warrant was safely placed in custody and transported to the county jail.

CO Boudreaux followed up with an individual he had contacted on December 22 in reference to placing too much deer feed without a supplemental feed permit. CO Boudreaux informed the individual of the reasoning behind the law and explained the hazards for feeding within 100 yards of a major county road. CO Boudreaux instructed the woman that if she was able to get her feed in compliance by the first of the year, he would be willing to work with her on the issue. Upon following up with the woman, CO

Boudreaux discovered she had done nothing to remedy the situation. A citation was issued for exceeding the allowed recreational feeding quantity. This was one of many ongoing deer feeding complaints being addressed in Marquette County.

CO Cody Smith was observing a three-way trail intersection in his patrol truck when three snowmobiles came by, blowing right through the intersection and stop sign. The riders didn't touch their brakes or look for oncoming traffic. CO Smith activated his patrol trucks' lights, but the snowmobiles had already passed through and failed to see them. CO Smith jumped onto his snowmobile and began pursuit of the three sleds. CO Smith finally caught up to the sleds nearing a second stop sign at another intersection. The sleds did not slow down or stop for this stop sign as well. CO Smith was then able to get around the sleds making a stop asking the riders why they had blown through the stop signs. The riders stated that they had not seen the stop signs or the yellow stop sign warning signs. Citations were issued to all three riders for careless operation of their snowmobiles.

COs Cody Smith, Brian Lasanen, Doug Hermanson, and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked a group patrol in Hancock near a cross country ski trail. The trail crosses the snowmobile trail in multiple locations and has had snowmobiles running down the trail despite being posted for no vehicle traffic. Many sleds were checked throughout the patrol for sound compliance, registration, and trail stickers. Citations were issued for failure to have a trail sticker and one subject for exhaust emissions exceeding 88 decibels.

While patrolling through Iron River, CO Anna Viau observed an old snowmobile operating along a snowmobile trail. CO Viau did not see a Michigan trail permit, so she followed the snowmobile to a location on a city street in Iron River. Upon contacting the operator, CO Viau discovered the snowmobile had registration that had expired in 2000 and a Michigan trail permit from 1996. The operator's driver license was also suspended. When CO Viau ran the subject's file, she learned that he had several prior convictions for driving with a suspended license. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Iron County Correctional Facility. Charges are pending for the three violations with the Iron County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Shannon Kritz received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint from a subject who found a deceased deer on his property. CO Kritz arrived at the complaint location and found that the blood trail from the deceased deer led back to a neighboring property. While patrolling the area, CO Kritz and the complainant located a new, fresh blood trail that also started at the neighboring property. CO Kritz interviewed the landowner who denied knowing anything about deer being shot from his property. CO Kritz then interviewed the landowner's son who admitted to shooting three deer for nuisance purposes despite not having a deer damage permit. A report has been submitted to the Menominee County Prosecutor's Office for charges.

While patrolling with Sgt. Brian Bacon, CO Anna Viau received a call about a dog stuck in a large body-gripping bobcat trap in Iron County. The officers rushed to the scene, while talking on the phone to the dog owners, explaining how to open the trap. By the

time the officers arrived, the owners were able to cut the dog out of the trap with a hacksaw, after which they rushed the dog to the vet. Thankfully, the dog survived with only minor injuries. The trap had been set illegally on the ground but was properly tagged with the owner's information. The officers contacted the trap owner at his residence and received a confession to setting the trap illegally. Charges are pending with the Iron County Prosecutor's Officer.

CO Jeffrey Dell encountered multiple Off-road Vehicle (ORV) riders riding down a county road at a high rate of speed. None of the riders were wearing helmets. The riders were stopped, and citations were issued.

CO Zach Painter conducted a snowmobile patrol in Gogebic County, working with several MSP troopers to target careless driving. CO Painter observed two snowmobiles fail to stop at a stop sign and MSP Trooper Fezatt was able to stop the snowmobiles. CO Painter and Trooper Fezatt noticed several signs of impairment while talking with the operators and requested both operators to perform Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). After conducting SFSTs, both operators were placed under arrest for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated and for careless operation of a snowmobile.

CO Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked a snowmobile patrol in the South Range area to target careless operation and sound violations. One snowmobile was tested and returned with a reading of 101 decibels, far above the legal 88 decibels limit. The subject was cited for the sound violation. Other violations addressed during the patrol included careless operation, failure to display a trail permit, and failure to display a current registration.

COs Doug Hermanson, Brian Lasanen, Cody Smith, and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a group snowmobile patrol near Hancock. The COs teamed up with the Houghton County Sheriff's Department to address careless operation, sound, and trespass complaints in the area. Officers conducted multiple sound meter tests and cited one operator. Other violations addressed in the patrol included failure to purchase a trail permit, failure to display a trail permit, failure to register a snowmobile, and failure to display a valid registration.

DISTRICT 2

While on patrol CO Justin Vinson responded to a snowmobile accident on snowmobile trail #9 and County Road 455. The accident involved two suspects colliding with each other and one of the subjects sustained a broken leg. On arrival CO Vinson rendered first aid until paramedics arrived; he then interviewed those involved and investigated the crash. The investigation revealed one subject operating carelessly resulting in losing control of his sled and crossing onto the left side of the trail, at which time the oncoming rider collided with him. A citation was issued for careless operation.

COs Justin Vinson and Cole VanOosten patrolled northern Luce County for snowmobile activity. The two COs observed an individual take a turn at a high rate of speed and lose

control. While attempting to stop the operator, CO Vinson observed the man operate on both sides of the trail. A stop was conducted, and the man received a citation for careless operation of a snowmobile.

CO Andrea Dani responded to a snowmobile personal injury accident in Alger County with Captain Waldron of the Alger County Sheriff's Department. Friends of the injured driver were able to transport her off the trail to a nearby store. The driver described being unable to negotiate a right-hand curve in the trail, which caused her to cross to the opposite side of the trail, hit a tree, and fall off the snowmobile. The snowmobile was totaled in the incident; however, luckily the driver suffered only minor injuries of bruising to the face. An accident report was filed with the Alger County Sheriff's Department.

CO Chris Lynch located a suspicious record from a taxidermy inspection in Delta County. COs Steve Butzin and Lynch followed up interviewing the hunter. The hunter confessed to shooting an 8-point buck without a license. The crossbow used to kill the deer was seized and a report will be submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Chris Lynch successfully served an arrest warrant on a suspect who shot an illegal deer second offense, discharged a firearm within the safety zone of five residences without permission, and trespassing.

CO Chris Lynch conducted a taxidermy inspection and located a suspicious record about a fisher. CO Lynch interviewed the trapper and received a confession that the fisher was trapped out of season, not tagged, and was never sealed. The fisher was seized, and a report will be submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Chris Lynch conducted a taxidermy inspection and located a suspicious record about an 8-point buck. COs Steve Butzin and Lynch interviewed the hunter who confessed to shooting the deer without a license. The crossbow and illegal deer were seized. A report will be submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin conducted a meat processor inspection and located a suspicious record about an 8-point buck. The COs interviewed the hunter who confessed to shooting the 8-point without a license. A report will be submitted to the Menominee County Prosecutor's Office for review.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin conducted a meat processor inspection and located a suspicious record about a 4-point buck. The COs interviewed the hunter who confessed to not shooting the 4-point buck but loaning his deer license to another. The second suspect was interviewed who confessed to borrowing a deer license of another. He borrowed a deer license because he had a deer combination license and was in violation of the antler point restrictions. A report will be submitted to the Marquette County Prosecutor's office for review.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin responded to a call of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in progress. The COs were first on scene and administered CPR, rescue breathing, and used an automated external defibrillator. The victim unfortunately passed away at the scene.

COs Mark Zitnik and Colton Gelinis conducted a stationary snowmobile patrol in Grand Marais on a busy Saturday. Seven citations were issued and over 15 warnings were issued, including failure to attach trail permit, failure to display snowmobile registration, no possession of trail permit, and no possession of snowmobile registration. Riders reported being happy to see the COs keeping the trails safe. Grand Marais locals have reported recent concerns with the influx of snowmobilers in the area regarding trespassing and operating unsafely, and they were glad to have the officers patrolling the area.

COs Rob Freeborn, Mike Evink, and United States Forest Service (USFS) Dave Tembreull patrolled local snowmobile trails on a busy weekend. During the patrol, the COs stopped a group of snowmobilers that failed to stop at a stop sign. A citation was issued to one of the snowmobilers for careless operation while the rest were given warnings. Later in the patrol, the COs were stopped along the trail checking oncoming snowmobiles when a snowmobile rear ended USFS Tembreull's snowmobile causing it then to side swipe another oncoming snowmobile. While there was some damage to two of the snowmobiles, there were no major injuries. A citation was issued to the snowmobiler who caused the accident. This should be a reminder to all snowmobilers to maintain a safe distance, not ride in the snow cloud of the sled in front of you, and to travel at reasonable speeds.

CO Todd Sumbera was patrolling around Cedarville when he noticed a single set of vehicle tracks heading down a two track. He followed the tracks on a hunch that somebody was road hunting due to prior complaints in that area. A quick canvas of the area confirmed individuals were still in the area. After a few minutes passed, a truck pulled up to an intersection and drove down a powerline that is closed to wheeled vehicles. As CO Sumbera conducted a traffic stop on the truck, the passenger started reaching into the back seat and was directed to stop as the CO approached the driver's window. An investigation revealed an uncased firearm in the motor vehicle. A citation was issued for transport of an uncased firearm and a warning was given for operating in a closed area.

COs Todd Sumbera, Cole VanOosten, and Sgt. Calvin Smith conducted a sound meter patrol for snowmobiles in northern Luce County. Three snowmobilers were cited for snowmobiles that exceeded noise emission levels of 88 decibels. Two more citations were issued for fail to display registration. Overall, activity was fair with most users riding safely.

COs Justin Vinson, Todd Sumbera, Cole VanOosten, and Sgt. Calvin Smith took part in a group snowmobile patrol focusing on snowmobilers operating under the influence of alcohol in western Chippewa County. Traffic was moderate, as many trails were still

recovering from storm damage received over the new year. Later that evening the COs responded to a domestic violence dispute that occurred in Hulbert. The COs, along with MSP troopers, investigated the scene which resulted in the suspect being arrested on multiple charges.

COs Justin Vinson and Cole VanOosten were patrolling through the village of Newberry when they observed an individual operating a snowmobile on the wrong side of the road. A traffic stop was conducted, and contact was made with the driver of the snowmobile. It was immediately apparent that the operator had been drinking as the COs could smell a strong odor of intoxicants. Field sobriety tests were conducted, and it was determined that the driver was nearly two times over the legal limit. The COs also determined that the operator was suspended and did not have a driver's license. The driver was lodged in the Luce county jail for his third drunk driving offense.

DISTRICT 3

CO Tim Rosochacki was contacted by the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department late at night to assist with a motorist who had taken a passenger vehicle down an unmaintained county road and became stranded. CO Rosochacki arrived on scene and took his patrol snowmobile down the road and located the subject. The subject stated that he had driven down the road to go fishing and became stranded in the deep snow. CO Rosochacki gave the subject a ride to the waiting deputies. The subject's car was left for the night until a wrecker could get to it the following morning. CO Rosochacki warned the subject for fishing in a closed river.

COs Dan Liestenfeltz and Tyler Sabuda assisted an elk hunter tracking a wounded cow elk in Montmorency County during the elk hunt. The elk was tracked for several hours before it was located by the group on state land. The elk was all by itself and the hunter was able to identify it as the wounded animal. Before the hunter could get a shot, the elk spooked which led to a 45-minute track through the woods. Eventually, the hunter was able to take a final shot on the animal ending in a successful elk hunt.

While on patrol in Montmorency County, CO Jon Sheppard received a trespassing complaint near Atlanta. CO Sheppard went to the property and met the landowner who showed fresh footprints that appeared to be following elk prints and a blood trail. CO Sheppard made several phone calls to find out if any hunters had wounded an elk in the area. There was one hunter with a guide tracking an elk in the area. After noticing that the property was not posted properly, CO Sheppard contacted the guide who admitted that he had tracked the elk through the property. CO Sheppard then warned the guide against trespassing on any property he did not have permission to be on. CO Sheppard spoke to the landowner and advised him of the proper ways to post his property.

While on patrol in Montmorency County, CO Sheppard stopped in at the Atlanta check station where he received a complaint of a suspicious deer carcass next to a gut pile from an elk. The complainant was not sure of the exact location due to the lack of cell signal in the area but gave CO Sheppard a description of an area near Tomahawk

Lake. After several hours of searching the area, CO Sheppard found the carcass and gut pile in a clear cut. After a short investigation, CO Sheppard determined that the carcass and gut pile were being used as coyote bait.

CO Kyle Cherry responded to the scene of a snowmobile injury accident on an Otsego County trail. CO Cherry arrived on scene shortly after an MSP trooper to find a man lying in the trail. The man had hit a bump in the trail, lost control, and rolled his snowmobile. The man was experiencing head and knee pain. The CO and the trooper secured the scene until Otsego County EMS arrived and the man was safely transported to the hospital.

CO Kyle Cherry was on patrol in Otsego County when he heard a Be On the Lookout (BOL) for a male subject who was involved with an incident that was being investigated by the Otsego County Sheriff's Office. CO Cherry, along with an MSP K9 unit, began searching the county for the subject who also had an outstanding drug related felony warrant for his arrest. CO Cherry was able to locate the suspect's vehicle and he contacted the subject along with the MSP K9 unit. The subject was turned over to Otsego County deputies and was arrested on his felony warrant.

DISTRICT 4

CO Richard Stowe encountered a vehicle wedged between two sand banks in a dry creek bed while on patrol in Grand Traverse County. The driver informed CO Stowe that he was just out for a ride and slid off the bank and became stuck. CO Stowe pointed out that they were approximately 75 yards off the state forest road/snowmobile trail and not on a road at all and had driven through the wash out at least once to get where they were stuck. A citation was issued to the driver for operating a motor vehicle where prohibited.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop on a rural roadway cutting through public land. As CO Killingbeck walked up to the vehicle, a deputy who was speaking with the driver, motioned for CO Killingbeck to check the back seat. CO Killingbeck was able to see a cocked crossbow in the backseat along with a gun case. Upon opening the back door of the vehicle, the officers observed an uncased shotgun directly behind the front seat. CO Killingbeck determined that the shotgun was loaded with slugs and that there was also a muzzleloader in the back seat as well, which was loaded and had the percussion cap in place. One subject told CO Killingbeck that they were small game hunting and the other told CO Killingbeck that he was under the impression that he could hunt deer with a firearm until January 1 in Newaygo County. CO Killingbeck advised the subjects that firearm season was not open in Lake County, which was where they were stopped, and that firearm deer season had ended in northern Newaygo County as well. CO Killingbeck advised both subjects that no matter where you are in Michigan, it's illegal to operate a motor vehicle with loaded and uncased firearms in it. Both subjects were arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail for possessing loaded and uncased firearms in a motor vehicle.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, along with a Lake County Sheriff's deputy, was sitting at an ORV trail crossing checking ORVs when a subject rode up and asked for help as a member in his group had just hit a tree. The officers responded to the scene after requesting EMS be dispatched. CO Killingbeck contacted the victim and assessed the subject's injuries. CO Killingbeck bandaged and splinted the subject's injuries and transported the subject out of the rural area he was in to a nearby road where care was turned over to EMS.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and CO Amanda McCurdy had bench trials in Benzie County for arrests made during the fall fish runs on the Betsie River. After both the prosecution and defense gave their testimony, the judge found all the defendants guilty of their charges. One defendant received 60 days in jail for committing recreation trespass in addition to several hundred dollars in fines and costs.

CO Amanda McCurdy was on patrol when Benzie County Sheriff's Department requested additional units for a foot pursuit, which resulted in the search for a suspect. The individual had been involved in a traffic stop earlier that day and provided false identification to the Benzie County Sheriff deputy, so it was unknown that the suspect had a felony warrant. Once the falsification was discovered, Benzie County deputies attempted a second traffic stop on the subject later that afternoon, at which point the individual fled from his vehicle and into thick swampland. CO McCurdy responded to the area and assisted with an extensive foot patrol through difficult terrain to locate the individual. The suspect was eventually located, taken into custody, and lodged on additional felony charges.

COs Josh Reed and Angela Greenway were both dispatched to a large fire in Newaygo County, Norwich Township. Big Rapids Fire Department covers Norwich Township and they requested DNR due to the nature of the fire. There was a large pile of tires burning in a field behind a house. The fire department stated that when they got there the fire was fully engulfed. It appeared it had smoldered all night. The homeowner stated that the oil pan from his tractor got a hole in it and leaked oil; then his battery shorted out, and the spark started the fire. The homeowner also stated that he allows people to bring tires and garbage, and then he burns it and sells the metal for scrap. He stated that he needed money for propane, so he planned on burning the tires. There were several other piles of burned tires around the property. A warrant will be sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Angela Greenway responded to a BOL of a driver heading north while driving in the south bound lanes of US 131. The driver had caused two separate accidents, running the other vehicles off the road causing injury to one operator. CO Greenway located the vehicle and a stop was made. The operator was insistent she was traveling in the correct lane. She seemed a little disoriented. A Mecosta County Sheriff's deputy arrived on scene. CO Greenway performed sobriety evaluations and administered a preliminary breath test. The subject was arrested and lodged for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

CO Tim Barboza was checking out of service with central dispatch when he heard a BOL called out nearby of a possible drunk driver. Moments after the vehicle was called out, it was reported to have crashed into a ditch. CO Barboza checked back into service and responded to the accident to secure the scene. CO Barboza checked for injuries and began processing the scene until sheriff's deputies arrived. No injuries were sustained in the accident and the driver was taken to jail for driving under the influence of alcohol.

DISTRICT 5

COs Ethan Gainforth and Joshua Wright responded to assist the Clare County Sheriff's Department with a breaking and entering (B&E) incident that had just occurred. The footprints in the snow led back to a residence. The deputy and COs received consent to enter the house and remove the subjects that were involved in the B&E incident that occurred across the road. Two arrests were made, and numerous stolen items were recovered from several open cases in the area.

COs Jeremy Cantrell and Josh Wright witnessed a vehicle driving erratically on the shoulder of the road in Clare County. By the time the COs were able to turn around, the vehicle had made it to a major roadway. The COs observed the vehicle operating almost completely in the other lane. COs Wright and Cantrell initiated a traffic stop. Through the investigation it was determined the suspect was on probation and required to take a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) upon request of an officer. SFSTs were conducted and a PBT was administered. The suspect was placed into custody and lodged in the Clare County Jail. Charges were submitted for the suspect's fourth operating while impaired charge.

CO Ethan Gainforth assisted the Clare County Sheriff's Department on a domestic violence complaint. The suspect had run out the back door when officers arrived. CO Gainforth drove around the block and located the subject and was able to detain the suspect for the sheriff's department. The suspect was lodged in Clare County Jail for domestic violence.

CO Josh Russell responded to a suspicious person complaint at a local storage unit business in Gladwin County. CO Russell assisted the local deputies with locating the suspect who claimed he was paying for his unit. The suspect was homeless and had several outstanding arrest warrants out of Gladwin County. The subject was taken into custody by the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department.

DISTRICT 6

COs Jill Miller, Josh Jackson, Jay Person, and Quincy Gowenlock assisted Montcalm County Sheriff's Department and the MSP with a search for a missing 5-year-old boy. Several hundred volunteers also joined the search. The search was called off when the boy was found deceased in a pond near the home.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol checking anglers near the Zilwaukee Township launch when he checked an angler pulling his boat out of the water. CO Beuthin checked the angler's fish and found that one walleye was not of legal length. The CO asked the angler if he knew that the size limit was 13 inches. The angler told the CO that he did know it was 13 inches. The subject was issued a citation for possessing an undersized walleye.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol in Saginaw County when a BOL for a gray Pontiac Grand AM came out over central dispatch. The suspect driver was wanted by the Frankenmuth Police Department for brandishing a firearm at Bronner's. The CO was in the area, located the vehicle, and conducted a traffic stop. The pistol was found under the driver's seat. CO Beuthin then placed the driver under arrest for carrying a concealed weapon. After checking the pistol through the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), it was found to be stolen. The driver was also arrested for the stolen firearm and for driving with a suspended license. The driver was lodged in the Saginaw County Jail.

CO Joshua Wright was first on scene of a house fire in Tuscola County. When he arrived, there were flames coming out of windows and it was unknown if any occupants were inside. CO Wright busted out windows and called out for any occupants. None were located and no vehicles were found in the garage. The owners were found safe in a nearby town. The house was a total loss and one pet was lost.

Late in the evening, CO Adam Schiller received a complaint from the RAP line. The complainant stated that someone was shooting at deer from the roadway in northern Isabella County. CO Schiller contacted CO Mike Haas who was at his residence, done working for the day. The two COs met up and headed to the complaint area. After checking the area, the COs located a freshly cut corn field with fresh truck and boot tracks in the roadway near the field but did not locate the suspects or suspect truck. Eventually the COs located a truck driving down a nearby road that matched the complainant's description of the suspect vehicle. Two untagged deer were visible in the back of the truck and a traffic stop was carried out. Multiple citations and warnings were issued to the subjects in the vehicle to address transporting untagged deer, failing to attach and validate kill tags, taking deer after legal hunting hours, taking deer from a motor vehicle, and for recreational trespassing.

CO Mike Haas recently caught up with a hunter from Gratiot County who was suspected to have harvested an antlered deer without a deer license. Several attempts had been made by multiple COs to contact the suspect, but he always seemed to be somewhere else and appeared to be avoiding the officers. The suspect told CO Haas that he had been busy with work and didn't have time over the past month to call the COs back. CO Haas had received numerous photos of the suspect with a large, mature buck and presented the evidence to the suspect. The suspect admitted to harvesting the deer during the opening days of Michigan's firearm season without a deer license. He hadn't purchased a deer license since 2015 and failed to wear hunter orange while rifle

hunting. The deer was seized, and charges are pending with the Gratiot County Prosecutor's Office to address the illegal harvesting of the deer.

COs Jill Miller and Chad Foerster, along with a trooper and a sheriff's deputy, responded to a call of an extremely large deer caught in a window egress at a Bay City home. The officers used some plywood, a mattress, and a dog catch pole to remove the large buck from the egress without harm.

CO Joe Myers was on patrol when he received information regarding a dead 7-point buck that a man found on his property while retrieving firewood. The CO arrived on the scene to find what looked to be a recently killed 7-point buck in almost the middle of January. The CO was able to determine that the deer had been dead for about one week, at which time there was no open deer season. CO Myers was able to find some tracks and followed them to a bait pile. Later in the evening, the CO contacted a possible suspect. During the interview the suspect confessed to shooting two deer over the bait pile, hunting without a license, not tagging the deer, shooting the deer during the closed season, and trespassing. Warrants are pending.

In Sanilac County, CO Mark Siemen received a complaint that a subject was firing a gun from a vehicle while coyote hunting. The caller stated the hunter had stopped him on the road and would not let him continue until the hunter had retrieved his hunting dog. The two argued for a while and the caller stated he told the coyote hunter that he was reporting him for shooting from his vehicle. While patrolling in the area, CO Siemen was able to locate the vehicle. Before contact with the driver, CO Siemen could see him moving erratically in the vehicle. CO Siemen quickly approached the vehicle and could tell the hunter had just unloaded his gun which was uncased. CO Siemen spoke with the hunter about the information received and he became upset. He was issued a citation for the uncased firearm at that time and additional charges are pending for discharging a firearm from a vehicle, impeding traffic, and fail to wear a safety belt.

CO Quincy Gowenlock was on patrol in the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA) when central dispatch broadcasted a domestic violence call near Saint Charles. Dispatch went on to explain the suspect had threatened to shoot the victims. CO Gowenlock responded with a Sheriff's deputy and a village officer. Upon arrival on scene, the suspect exited the residence without issue. An investigation was conducted, and the report was turned over to the Sheriff's Detective Unit for follow up.

CO Quincy Gowenlock was conducting a trapping patrol, checking ditches near Birch Run, when he came across an elderly man running down the street. Upon contact, the male subject advised he was running to an unknown place to see if "they" had his stuff. While conversing with the elderly man, the CO noticed his story wasn't making any sense. CO Gowenlock asked the man if he was robbed and he said yes and that he wanted a ride to a destination down the road but could not tell CO Gowenlock the location. As the CO continued to unravel the story, an elderly woman drove up and stopped. It turned out the woman was the man's wife. The wife advised that her husband suffered from dementia. His wife went on to explain that he had lost his wallet

somewhere in the house and he was running to the bank to see if they had his money. The CO spoke with the elderly man and was able to get him to agree to get in the car with his wife and was transported back home.

DISTRICT 7

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling White Lake when she observed a vessel in the water. After further surveillance, it was found they had not activated their navigation lights after sunset. CO Cullen observed the vessel for approximately 45 minutes after sunset; the vessel's operators still did not activate their navigation lights. CO Cullen located where the vessel had launched from and was able to contact the fishermen as they trailered their boat. A citation was issued for the safety violation.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling around White Lake when she observed a vessel in the water with an expired registration. The individual who owned the vessel advised they knew it was unregistered and continued to take it fishing. The last registration year for the vessel was 2013. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Anna Cullen was following up on a RAP complaint regarding anglers taking over-limit of pan fish in a known fishing location on White Lake. CO Cullen contacted several anglers in the area. One individual was found to be over their limit of blue gill. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Casey Varriale received a trespassing complaint in the city of Lowell in Kent County. CO Varriale assisted Lowell Police Department with a deer that was shot and not tagged on the complainant's property. CO Varriale tracked the suspect down and notified him of the violation. The suspect stated he did not have time to tag the deer and offered to donate it to a friend. CO Varriale explained that he must tag the deer he shot. The suspect was also notified that he was trespassing and illegally discharging a firearm within city limits. The suspect was cited for the violation.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in the Rogue River SGA in Kent County where he discovered a suspicious vehicle parked in the woods with the doors unlocked and keys in the ignition. CO Varriale ran the license plate in LEIN and discovered the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was impounded and information sent to MSP for further investigation.

CO Sam Schluckbier stopped a dirt bike that was operating on a public roadway in Allegan County. The driver was holding onto his 9-year-old son sitting in front of him on the bike. Neither the driver nor the son was wearing a helmet. The driver claimed he only drove a short distance, but eventually admitted to operating several miles from their house before CO Schluckbier stopped them. The driver was cited for the violations and walked the dirt bike back to his residence.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer were on patrol when they located a vehicle in a field picking up a bow hunter. The COs contacted the hunter and the hunter provided

someone else's hunting licenses. Further investigation revealed that the hunter also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The hunter was placed in custody and was transported to the Berrien County Jail by the MSP. Citations were issued for the violations.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer contacted an individual pulling out of Andrews Hunter Access Program land. Upon contact, the COs observed an uncased muzzle loading rifle on the subject's back seat. Upon further investigation it was found that the firearm was still loaded. One citation was issued for failing to enclose firearm in a case in a motor vehicle.

CO Matt Page followed up on an illegal deer case involving an individual who allegedly shot two bucks on opening day of firearm deer season and did not have a license. After checking the suspect's license purchase history, it was found that he had purchased a license the following day. An interview was conducted and, in addition to shooting the bucks without a license, the individual, when asked about hunting without a license, stated that his father's tags were used on the bucks that he had shot. When asked why, he stated that his father was going to Florida and would not need them. The deer were seized along with the unused kill tags and a warrant request is being sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer located an 8-point antlered deer at a taxidermist in Berrien County that they followed up on. The COs contacted the individual whose tag was on the antlers and a confession was gained that the individual had loaned their tag to someone else to use. The COs followed up with the suspect and gained a confession that he had borrowed the kill tag of another to take a third antlered deer during the 2019 deer season. Charges for taking an over-limit of antlered deer and using a kill tag of another are being sent to the Cass County Prosecutor's Office for approval.

CO Robert Slick received a complaint of a baited box blind on commercial forest property. The complainant stated there was a bait pile near the road and deer were being hit because of it. CO Slick responded to the area and was able to locate a bait pile in front of a small wooden box blind. Upon further investigation CO Slick found a small trail leading to a house next to the property. CO Slick was able to contact the homeowner and obtain a confession for baiting and shooting a deer over the bait. Charges are being sought with the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in the Bass Lake Recreation Area looking for ORVs in the closed area when a group of small game hunters walked by him. CO Slick noticed that one hunter only had on orange gloves. CO Slick contacted the group and confirmed that the hunter did not have any more hunter orange. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Anna Cullen interviewed an individual suspected of illegally harvesting two antlered deer. Evidence gathered through the investigation showed the suspect had taken an eight and a nine-point. As a result of the interview, a confession was received for the

illegal harvesting of the two antlered deer. Charges are being sought in the respective county.

CO Anna Cullen was in the area of a medical call in northern Muskegon County. CO Cullen, along with the medical team, responded to a female who was unresponsive and not breathing. CO Cullen assisted medical personnel and helped get the patient safely into the ambulance for further transport.

CO Jackie Miskovich presented to a class of high school sophomores. While there the kids had a good time looking at the fur kit. The kids also had many questions regarding the job, such as training involved, education, and what conservation officers do daily. Overall, the kids had a good time and asked pertinent questions during the presentation.

COs Jackie Miskovich and Anna Cullen were working the late waterfowl season when they watched a boat motor to the shore that contained two individuals. Contact was made and licenses were checked, it was found that one of the guns was uncased and loaded, and the owner had not signed his federal waterfowl stamp. A citation was issued for the uncased and loaded firearm in a motorboat.

After the completion of deer related cases from this fall, CO Jackie Miskovich was able to donate 10 venison chops and 17 ground venison bags to the Men and Women's Rescue Missions in Muskegon. Both Rescue Missions were happy to take in the meat and to be able to provide for the men and women that visit the centers.

CO Sam Schluckbier responded to a report of a large structure fire in Otsego Township. Multiple law enforcement units and fire departments responded to the scene of a barn containing approximately 250,000 hen chickens. CO Schluckbier assisted with traffic control and blocking off roadways to the fire.

CO Sam Schluckbier was near a two-vehicle rollover accident that occurred in Allegan County. Upon arrival, CO Schluckbier found that a pickup truck rear ended a mail truck, pushing it into the ditch. The mail truck was engulfed in flames and the driver was trapped inside. The fire department on scene was able to put the fire out but were unable to save the driver. CO Schluckbier assisted with interviewing witnesses and blocking traffic.

COs Chris Holmes and Jason McCullough had just cleared an interview of a suspect who was involved with a tree stand and game camera theft case. CO Holmes heard the Kalamazoo County Dispatch put out a shots fired call approximately four miles to the south of their location. As the COs were responding, an updated dispatch stated there was a man down in a restaurant parking lot. The officers assisted with securing the scene and then joined the perimeter units, looking for the suspect. A 52-year-old Kalamazoo man was shot and killed. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety is investigating the homicide.

DISTRICT 8

CO Nick Wellman finished an investigation regarding a possible over-limit of bucks taken in Branch County. CO Wellman was assisted throughout the investigation by COs Jeff Goss and Jim Nason. After several interviews, it was found that the subject had killed a 6-point in bow season, then a 7-point on opening day of firearm season. After he had killed his two bucks, he then returned to the woods the evening of November 15 and killed a 10-point for his third buck. He then had the landowner go purchase a license for the deer. Charges are being sought through Branch County.

CO Nick Wellman was called into service to handle a hunter casualty incident that took place in Branch County. The hunter was getting back into his vehicle when he left his hammer cocked on his muzzleloader and the primer cap still in place. He placed the muzzleloader into his passenger seat, and it went off, striking his hand and his leg. Upon investigating, two additional loaded guns were in the vehicle. The man will make a full recovery and was cited for having loaded/uncased firearms in the vehicle.

CO Nick Wellman responded on Christmas Day to assist Branch County with a suicidal man who was naked on the ice of Union Lake with a knife. CO Wellman retrieved his kayak and responded to the area. The man was safely removed from the ice and the issue was handed over to the Branch County Sheriff's Department.

CO Nick Wellman responded to a concerned farmer's call of six deer all dead in one of his fields. CO Wellman investigated and was able to determine that several weeks earlier, a nearby tree had fallen, taken down the powerline, and electrocuted the deer that came near it. Interviews with Consumers Energy and local residence helped determine the matter.

CO Katie Stawara followed up on a recreational feeding complaint located while on patrol. Contact with the homeowner resulted in the roommate having placed the feed. The roommate explained he wanted to try hunting, so he bought a bow and placed the feed out to simulate the feeling of "Buck Fever." When asked about the large floodlight aimed at the feed pile, the suspect stated it was strictly so he could view deer at night. He did not have a valid deer license. Files were run on all household members, resulting in three warrants. All returned as advise and release. A citation was issued to the suspect for recreational feeding and a verbal warning provided to the homeowner for shooting red squirrels without a base license.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a RAP complaint received from a woman who woke up to find blood and drag marks behind her house. CO Thorn followed the tracks and located a gut pile from a deer, then continued and came to a house with boot prints and drag marks leading to the garage. CO Thorn contacted the residents and gained a confession from the man at the house of tracking and retrieving a deer on the neighboring property without permission. CO Thorn investigated further and found that the blood began where a bait pile had been placed. The man then admitted to shooting the deer from his kitchen while the deer was feeding on bait that he had placed in his

backyard. The deer was seized and donated. Charges will be requested through the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Nick Wellman and Jeff Goss responded to a call of possible domestic violence in progress in southern Branch County. The COs and an MSP trooper went to the front door and as they approached, heard what sounded like a woman screaming inside. CO Wellman knocked on the door and announced himself. After there was no immediate response, CO Wellman attempted to breach the door. After the first attempt, the male half opened the door. After the investigation, the male half was arrested for domestic violence second offense for choking his wife and holding her against her will.

CO Nick Wellman received a complaint from a landowner that there was a blood trail and drag marks from a deer leading up to the road off his property. The landowner thought that someone had been road hunting. CO Wellman went to the scene and backtracked the drag marks and then backtracked the blood trail which led to the back of the neighbor's residence. The blood stopped by two feeders, two mineral blocks, and shelled corn scattered on the ground on the suspect's and the complainant's property. CO Wellman contacted the homeowner and, after a lengthy interview, received a confession on three illegal deer along with several lesser violations including recreational trespass, baiting, and failing to validate kill tags. Charges are pending through Branch County.

COs Nick Wellman and Jeff Goss went to interview a subject who was a suspect in an illegal deer case. The man had never purchased a buck tag for the 2019 season but rather had purchased five antlerless tags. The buck he brought to his taxidermist had someone else's tag on it. Upon interviewing the subject and getting consent to search his cell phone, CO Wellman started going through the 2019 photos and adding up deer that were killed by the subject. In all, the COs confirmed that man had killed nine deer this past season, seven does, a large 8-point, and a large 11-point. All deer were killed between October 28 and January 1 with several different weapons. In all, out of the nine deer that were killed, four of them were taken unlawfully. The two bucks were seized, and charges are being sought through the Branch County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau was waved down by a citizen near the Dearing Road on-ramp to I-94 westbound and was advised that a vehicle with its windshield completely covered in snow was running people off the road. The vehicle description given matched a vehicle description called in from a terminated pursuit from Ingham County and Blackman Township Police Department a short time prior. Sgt Bahlau continued westbound and located the suspect vehicle and was soon joined by Albion Police Department. A stop was initiated by Albion Police Department, but the vehicle refused to stop and continued to drive west on I-94. The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department used stop sticks at the 20 Mile Road bridge to disable the vehicle which crashed after going up an embankment. The suspect gave up and no injuries reported. It turns out the suspect was on parole and had carjacked the vehicle he was driving earlier in Ingham County.

DISTRICT 9

CO Bobby Watson was on patrol at a local shooting range located within a state game area. CO Watson observed two individuals shooting multiple different firearms and firing at a large cardboard target. CO Watson observed the shooters finish target shooting, pack up their firearms and begin returning to their vehicle. CO Watson contacted the shooters at their vehicle to question them as to why they didn't pick up any of their shell casings or their shot-up targets which had been left behind. CO Watson issued a citation for littering.

COs Breanna Reed and Brad Silorey were checking several ice fishing anglers in Macomb County. CO Breanna Reed contacted an angler who told her that he had about 10 to 12 pan fish. CO Reed noticed that the bucket he had was holding several more fish. Upon counting the fish, it was determined that the angler had 22 pan fish in his possession. CO Reed told the angler that it is important to keep track of the fish he keeps so he does not catch an over-limit. The angler understood. Later that day, CO Reed noticed that the angler was still fishing in the same marina. She contacted him and asked if he was able to catch the rest of his limit. CO Reed counted the pan fish and this time it was determined that the angler had an over-limit. A citation was written for taking an over limit of pan fish.

CO Brad Silorey checked the waterfowl refuge at Belvidere in Lake St. Clair for waterfowl hunting activity on the two-day waterfowl season split. CO Silorey observed a boat with decoys out, in the middle of the bay, and watched the hunters shoot at ducks. CO Silorey contacted CO Kris Kiel to launch the patrol boat. While in route, multiple complaints came in for the illegal activity. The COs contacted the hunters. They were both cited for hunting waterfowl in a refuge and the two ducks they had shot were seized.

CO Joseph Deppen discovered a deer taken in the core Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) area during a processor inspection. The deer did not have a CWD tag attached to the rack. Further investigation revealed the hunter did not have a license until after he had shot the deer and brought it back to Macomb County. CO Deppen obtained a confession from the hunter outlining the taking of an 8-point buck without a license, transporting a deer outside of the CWD zone without being tested, and transporting a deer without a valid kill tag attached. The case was turned over to COs in Ionia County.

While on wildlife patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vehicle passing him on the highway. The vehicle was traveling 102 mph in a 70-mph zone. CO Deppen conducted a traffic stop and the subject was cited for speeding.

CO Justin Muehlhauser assisted Argentine Township. on a complaint where dogs were seen at a local store and trying to cross a busy road. The caller was concerned for their well-being and thought they might get hit by a car. CO Muehlhauser was familiar with the call as a resident was recently cited locally for allowing the dogs off the property. The CO also received a complaint that these same dogs were observed chasing and harassing deer. The resident was located and thoroughly explained the laws regarding

dogs chasing deer. The officers agreed to pursue charges locally and the CO explained that any further chasing of deer would result in the owners being prosecuted and the dogs may have to be removed.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking hunters in Macomb County and noticed a vehicle parked back in a field. While checking the hunter's licenses, CO Deppen noticed the hunter did not have a proper deer license for Macomb County. Just before shooting hours ended CO Deppen heard a shot from the woods. Forty-five minutes later, the hunter emerged without the deer. CO Deppen asked the hunter about the shot and the hunter said that he thought he missed so he didn't look for the deer. CO Deppen and the hunter returned to the woods and started a track from the deer stand. Drops of blood and blood droplets were found approximately 60 yards from the deer stand. The deer was tracked for over half a mile and the blood ran out. CO Deppen and the hunter returned to their vehicle. CO Deppen educated the hunter on proper licenses and issued a citation for take/attempt to take antlerless deer without a license.

CO Justin Muehlhauser responded to a domestic complaint in Gaines Township to assist MSP. Upon clearing the scene, CO Muehlhauser noticed a little girl walking down the road crying. The CO stopped and asked if she was ok. She said yes but she was looking for her dog which had just run away. She just saw him and called to him, but he continued to run away. The CO advised that he keep an eye out for it and return it if it was found. A short distance away, the dog was spotted in the back yard of a residence. The CO and the MSP trooper were able to catch the dog and return it to the little girl. She was very relieved and appreciative of the officers.

Genesee County Central Dispatch advised of a call for shots fired in Fenton Township. The caller stated that two men were shooting at something between two ponds. The area is closed to hunting under a local hunting control (LHC). CO Justin Muehlhauser responded along with Fenton Police Department. The subjects were contacted in the field and the officers discovered that they were hunting squirrels with pellet guns, which does not violate the LHC. The men possessed valid licenses and were within their limits. The officers explained the reason for the contact and that although it may be legal, it probably isn't the safest place to hunt.

CO Ben Lasher took complaints of deer being shot after dark during the Christmas holiday. Three deer were found dead in two fields next to one another and all appeared to be shot with a large caliber firearm. While patrolling the area in the early hours of the day, a vehicle was seen to be shining after 11 pm and before 6 am and a traffic stop was made. During a search of the vehicle, a bolt-action .450 was found in the back seat with the stock sticking out of the case. The driver and passenger were ticketed for shining with a weapon in possession, shine after 11 pm and before 6 am, and a verbal warning for an uncased gun. The long gun was seized and entered into evidence.

CO Keven Luther contacted two subjects from a DNR Station 20 complaint regarding two suspects shooting at swans of the shore of Celeron Island in the Detroit River. CO Luther was assisted by CO Brandon Vacek. The two COs interviewed the two subjects.

One of the two confessed to shooting a mute swan. The two individuals then retrieved the swan off the shore of Celeron Island. A report will be turned in to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for charges.

CO Brandon Vacek responded to a call for assistance at Sterling State Park in Monroe County. A Park Ranger had observed a motorhome in a parking lot. The suspect in the motorhome had dumped material from the waste storage tanks on to the campground property. CO Vacek was assisted by US Border Patrol while conducting an interview with the subjects in the motorhome. The driver admitted to dumping a small amount of waste from the RV into a ditch. The subject was issued a citation for unauthorized dumping and depositing litter on public property. The subject and motorhome were escorted out of the park by the CO.

While on patrol for the late waterfowl season, CO Tom Peterson encountered a group of duck hunters and noted multiple violations during the check. One subject had an unplugged shotgun, no state waterfowl license or base license, was in possession of toxic shot, and had never completed hunter safety. The individual was cited for possessing toxic shot while waterfowl hunting, unplugged, and hunting without a state waterfowl license. The individual was warned for not completing hunter safety and not possessing a signed federal duck stamp. The subject was only in possession of the temporary federal e-license. Another hunter in the group was also warned for not possessing a signed federal duck stamp.

CO Tom Peterson helped stranded motorists and assisted MSP with a traffic crash in the Groveland area. CO Peterson came across a minivan partially submerged in a wetland and checked the van for occupants. The van was still running with no individuals to be found. The CO found a cell phone and empty car seats. He was able to track down the registered owner of the vehicle and was able to get him to return to the scene and determined no injuries occurred, at which point the MSP arrived on scene and took over investigation. The driver was cited with failing to report an accident and fail to maintain safe speed causing accident by MSP.

CO Christopher Knights was patrolling Oakland County checking some private property in Oxford when he noticed a car parked on private property. CO Knights checked the car and the plates and noticed cell phones and keys left in the car. CO Knights waited at the car after hearing some voices in the distance, after a few minutes, two individuals came out of the woods and returned to their car. CO Knights met both and asked why they were trespassing. Both stated they didn't know it was private property and were just checking areas for something to do. CO Knights walked both subjects to the front of their car and showed them the "No Trespassing" signs next to the passenger door. CO Knights also showed them the no trespassing signs that lined the road across from their car. CO Knights advised both subjects about trespassing laws. CO Knights issued both subjects citations for recreational trespassing.

CO Luke Robare was checking walleye anglers at the Holloway Dam when he noticed four walleye laying in the dirt near the feet of two anglers. CO Robare approached the

anglers and performed a check of their fishing licenses. CO Robare proceeded to ask the anglers if they had any fish in their possession. The anglers stated that they had caught the four walleye that were on the ground. CO Robare proceeded to measure all the walleye and all four fish measured shorter than the 15-inch size limit. CO Robare asked the anglers if they knew the size limit for walleye. Both anglers stated that the statewide size limit for walleye was 13 inches. The anglers were each issued citations for possessing undersized walleye.

COs Ben Lasher and Breanna Reed were patrolling the Capac area when they saw three subjects at the back of a truck and appeared to be counting numerous squirrels and/or rabbits. They also had uncased long guns sitting on the tailgate. When contacted, the subjects had that classic look of someone who just got caught doing something wrong. One ticket was issued for hunting small game without a license and warnings given for uncased gun in a motor vehicle, no hunter safety certificate, and failing to produce license upon request.

CO Ben Lasher was given information about a militia group planning to use the one road end that is closed to target practice in the Port Huron Game Area. COs Lasher and Breanna Reed contacted the group before they started their training and explained the area rules and directed them to a better area to shoot. The contact went well, and additional information was given about the game area in general.

CO Breanna Reed was patrolling St. Clair County when she noticed a truck and a trailer that was located at a closed boat launch. The trailer had been backed into the water and left. A citation was issued for enter, use, or occupy when posted against.

CO Joseph Deppen interviewed a subject about a suspected illegal 10-point deer. The subject confessed to shooting the 10-point deer without a license. The subject's phone was seized as evidence and the subject was given a copy of the search warrant. The iPhone will be turned over to the MSP crime lab and charges are pending.

CO Joseph Deppen was headed home one evening when a vehicle blew through a red light right in front of him. CO Deppen conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was given warnings for no insurance in vehicle, running the red light, and fail to wear a seatbelt. The driver received a citation for no operator's license on person and having an unrestrained child jumping around the car, not in a car seat. CO Deppen made the driver secure the child properly in a car seat and the driver was released.

CO Bob Watson was greeting people and answering questions at the DNR booth at the Ultimate Fishing Show in Novi when the show manager approached CO Watson and requested assistance in removing a man from the show. CO Watson confronted the man who was very intoxicated and was refusing the leave. CO Watson dealt with the man for a short time before the Novi Police Department arrived and escorted the man off the property.

CO Brandon Hartleben conducted a warrant transport from the Detroit Detention Center in Wayne County to the Monroe County Jail for a 2018 fish without license warrant out of Monroe County. The transport went without incident and the subject was lodged in the Monroe County Jail.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither received a call from an individual who witnessed two hunters walking across a field with no hunter orange on. The COs responded to the location and observed two hunters walking across the field hunting. The hunters were contacted, and both admitted to leaving the orange at home, they were cited for not meeting the hunter orange requirements.

COs Eric Smither and Andrew Monnich worked a trapping complaint they received from Station 20. A landowner had found a snare on his property before January 1 without a trap tag. CO Smither checked the area where the landowner found the snare and located another one and was able to find a trap tag with a driver's license number. The COs ran the driver's license number and were able to get an address for the suspect. The COs checked the suspect's residence and found that he was checking traps on another property down the road. The COs contacted the suspect who admitted to setting snares for coyotes before season as well as unlabeled snares and trespassing. A report will be written and sent to the Lenawee County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll responded to an individual who was hitting his girlfriend with a hammer while driving down I-75. CO Ingersoll and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department received information that this was happening on the Swan Creek exit off I-75. Before the officers arrived, the driver had fled northbound along Interstate 75. The officers were able to catch the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle had a shattered back window and a rear passenger window was also broken out. After the investigation was complete the officers were able to take the driver into custody without incident. The driver was lodged by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, and charges are being sought through the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll responded to a medical incident where there was a male subject who was not breathing. CO Ingersoll was advised by the male's girlfriend that she came home and found him unresponsive in a chair. CO Ingersoll was assisted shortly after arriving by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department with providing medical care. All attempts were unsuccessful, and the male individual was pronounced deceased at the scene. It was later determined that the male subject suffered from medical issues, the case is being handled by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.