

**Office of Law Enforcement**  
**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**November 5, 2014**

REGION I

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties. The following violation was discovered and addressed: deer hunting without a site specific windshield permit.

A District 1 CPO was called to mediate between two sport fishermen fighting over a fishing hole on the Rock River in Whiteside County.

CPOs took part in a Homeland Security Detail in the Quad City area utilizing a marked patrol boat on the Rock River.

A District 1 CPO investigated a tip on a suspended Whiteside County hunter that is allegedly bow hunting for deer.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a hunting without permission complaint in Lee County

A District 6 officer received a complaint of a fisherman taking short walleye on the Illinois River. When the officer met with the man he said he hadn't caught any fish. The officer looked in his bucket and all he had in it were minnows. The officer then noticed a hand towel in the man's tackle box. The officer picked up the hand towel and found a 10 ½ inch walleye wrapped up inside. A citation was issued.

A Sgt located two subjects hunting over bait in Lee County. They were both charged with hunting over bait and one was additionally charged with unlawful taking of a deer.

A Sgt. towed an abandoned camper at Castle Rock State Park and will attempt to locate the owner regarding a hidden VIN on the unregistered camper.

A Sgt and CPO investigated a serious personal injury ATV vs. dirt bike accident in Dana. The two subjects were riding in a cornfield and collided at a very high rate of speed. They were both transported to Pontiac Hospital and the dirt bike operator was later flown to a Peoria Trauma Center due to his serious injuries.

A District 6 CPO stopped a vehicle and arrested the driver for driving while license suspended. He was also cited for operation of a vehicle with suspended registration. The vehicle was towed and impounded. He and his passenger, a 30 lb Bengal Cat, were transported to the Matthiessen State Park Office where he was released on an I-Bond.

A CPO was patrolling Matthiessen Park Lower Dells talking to visitors about the waterfalls when he observed a male subject smoking what appeared to be cannabis. After further investigation it was found to be cannabis. He was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A District 7 CPO responded to a complaint at Anderson Lake's West Point Management Area referencing waterfowl hunters in a restricted area. The complainant stated there were hunters assigned to an adjacent stake but were hunting well outside the mandated 10 foot restriction. The complainant also informed the CPO that the hunters had fired in their direction several times and he and his partner were hit with some of the shot. A child was hunting with his grandfather and was complaining the pellets were hurting him. Upon investigation, the CPO handling the complaint identified the three hunters and issued appropriate citations for unlawful hunting in a restricted area.

A District 7 CPO was checking archery hunters and found two hunters were hunting without hunting licenses or permits in their possession. The hunters were made aware of their violations and why it could lead to more serious violations. (i.e. transporting untagged deer, failure to tag immediately, etc.) Written warnings were issued.

A District 6 CPO checked archery deer hunters in Winnebago County.

A District 6 CPO checked fishermen along the Rock River.

Two District 6 CPOs responded to a call of deer trapped in a fenced in area. Upon arrival the CPOs located one large buck stuck inside a 6 foot fence at a vacant building and lot. The gate on the fence was open enough for a person to walk through, but the buck could not fit or could not locate the opening. The CPOs attempted to corral the buck to the exit but the buck continued to run along the fence line slamming into the fence several times. After being chased for some time, the buck gained enough speed and traction to jump over the fence and escape.

Two District 6 CPOs used information from another District 6 CPO to apprehend a Winnebago County man archery deer hunting over bait. During the investigation it was also discovered the man killed a buck earlier in the season and failed to report it. The man was apologetic and admitted he did wrong. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 6 CPO responded to a call of a sick fox in Rockford.

A District 6 CPO located a hunter in an illegally left stand on public hunting ground. The hunter stated the stand was not his and he only found it that day and decided to use it. The stand had been under surveillance by several CPOs for the past weeks and was seized.

A District 7 CPO and DNR biologist contacted a Woodford County resident possessing three endangered/threatened reptiles at his residence. A total of 25 snakes were inspected which included Illinois native and non-native species. The three endangered/threatened plains hog-nosed snakes were seized since the owner did not possess an E & T species permit and enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO contacted an archery deer hunter in Peoria County hunting deer without a hunting license, habitat stamp or deer permit. Enforcement action was taken

A District 7 CPO arrested a North Carolina resident for unlawfully providing fraudulent information to obtain Illinois resident hunting privileges.

A District 7 CPO cited five individuals for unlawfully hunting on Caterpillar Inc. property without permission. In addition an 11 point white tailed deer was seized as evidence. The illegal white tail deer meat was donated to Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger. The meat will be donated to a food shelter.

A CPO received a call from Mercer County Sheriff's Department on Sunday November 2nd reference a dead Bald Eagle. The Mercer County Deputy and CPO determined the death was most likely caused by a vehicle collision. The Eagle will be turned over to the USFWS to be sent to the National Eagle Repository for Native American's to use in ceremonies.

A District 6 CPO identified the subjects in his hunting without permission complaint. Further investigation is needed before enforcement will be made.

A District 6 CPO arrested one individual for fishing without permission.

A District 6 CPO arrested one individual for carving into the canyon wall.

A District 6 CPO arrested one individual, issued nine citations for three counts of unlawful take of white tail deer, feeding white tail deer and hunting over a baited area. The individuals bow and arrows were seized on scene.

A District 6 CPO arrested an individual for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of less than 2.5g of cannabis at Starved Rock.

A District 7 Officer received a disposition from an over-limit of catfish where the subject had 10 fish over the legal limit. He was fined \$ 837.00

A District 6 CPO, while investigating an archery hunting complaint, discovered a baited tree stand. The CPO shared the information with other District 6 CPOs, who located the illegal hunter. The CPOs learned that that the hunter had shot a deer prior to this date and failed to check in that deer as required. The CPOs seized the antlers and issued citations and warnings for various violations.

While walking the woods in Putnam County, two officers encountered two hunters in an area known to be baited. After interviewing the two hunters and looking through past pictures the two hunters admitted to baiting. They also admitted to baiting in the past. According to Department records each of the hunters had killed two deer each in the last two years. Both hunters received citations for hunting by use or aid of bait, illegal take or attempt to take of whitetail deer and feeding or making food available for whitetail deer. In all each hunter received nine citations and both bows were seized as evidence and the Department of Natural Resources will be filing for forfeiture.

## REGION II

No activity reported.

## REGION III

A District 19 CPO in McLean County received a complaint from Moraine View SRA staff of individuals archery hunting white-tail deer in the park when the park was closed to deer hunting. The CPO located two men from Bloomington bow hunting. A compliance check determined one of the hunters had all required endorsements to bow hunt. The second hunter did not have a hunting license, habitat stamp, or archery deer permits. Also, he was in possession of his father's bow tags. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

Three District 19 Officers worked McLean and Livingston Counties for the upland opener. The officers checked numerous hunters and wrote one citation and six written warnings.

A District 19 officer was contacted by Clinton Lake SRA staff of a boat in the restricted area of Clinton Lake. The CPO found the boat and contacted the fishermen. The fishermen stated that they noticed the cable and buoy line but just went under it because they thought it was just for duck hunters. When asked if they read the sign they stated they did not. Enforcement action was taken.

## REGION IV

Adams County and Brown County CPOs issued multiple citations to two nonresident hunters for hunting with the aid of bait, hunting without licenses, and possession of rifles. The area was heavily baited with piles of acorns placed in a clover field, trophy rock and liquid minerals.

Brown County and Morgan County CPOs issued multiple citations to three subjects for hunting deer with the aid of bait in Brown County. The property was heavily baited with mineral licks.

A Jersey County CPO came across a suspicious vehicle parked on a field road. Upon approaching the vehicle, the female driver began making suspicious movements. She was found to be in possession of 2.5 to 10 grams of cannabis and 2 drug pipes. The subject pleaded with the CPO not to arrest her due to pending drug charges she faced. Upon running the subject's name, the CPO determined she had been arrested by the District Sergeant for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis approximately one week prior.

A Jersey County CPO stopped an ATV being operated on the roadway. The operator was in possession of a loaded, uncased 22 long rifle. He claimed to be coyote hunting. He was issued citations for hunting with the aid of a conveyance, transportation of a loaded/uncased firearm, hunting from the roadway, hunting without a license/habitat stamp and operation of an ATV on a public roadway.

A Jersey County CPO located an archery deer hunter in the restricted area of Pere Marquette State Park. The subject claimed to be tracking a buck he had shot in the public hunting area. The CPO assisted the subject in recovering the buck. Eventually, the subject admitted he had snuck into the restricted area to harvest the buck. While retrieving the buck to seize as evidence, the CPO located the subject's tree stand. He was cited for the unlawful take of a deer, hunting in

a restricted area, and hunting with an invalid archery deer permit (not valid on property where permission has not been obtained).

A District Sergeant received a report of a subject bragging about harvesting four deer in 2013. The subject additionally had reportedly been archery deer hunting without permits in 2014. A harvest records search revealed the subject only reported one harvest in 2013. A Jersey County CPO conducted an interview with the subject who admitted he harvested two deer in 2013. He additionally admitted he had been archery deer hunting prior to buying permits in late October.

A Jersey County CPO assisted a Brighton Police Officer with a DUI/child endangerment arrest. The subject was traveling from Alton to Jacksonville when he was observed by an off duty police officer at a gas station. He had a BAC of .20 two hours after the stop. The subject's 11 year old son was a passenger in the vehicle.

#### REGION V

A District CPO Investigated a non-resident hunter for the unlawful take of two bucks without permits.

A District CPO conducted surveillance of multiple baited tree stands.

A District CPO assisted a Perry County deputy who had a vehicle stopped due to a trespassing complaint. An investigation revealed that the subject in the vehicle had trespassed and caught multiple sport fish with a cast net. Two of the subjects were cited for unlawful use of a cast net to take sport fish and warned for fishing without permission and fishing without a license.

A District CPO responded to a report of a stranded vehicle in Pyramid State Park. Once the vehicle was located, it was determined the driver had ignored the "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign and became stuck in mud. The driver was cited for the offense and park staff had to assist with getting the vehicle out.

A District CPO cited two non-resident deer hunters for hunting without valid hunting licenses.

A District CPO charged a subject with unlawful take of two white tailed deer on Shawnee National Forest property in Alexander County. The subject harvested a buck and a doe with archery equipment, failed to tag immediately upon kill and prior to transport, and failed to register/check in harvested deer.

A District CPO charged a subject with hunting white tailed deer with aid of bait (deer cocaine) in Shawnee National Forest in Jackson County.

A CPO took a reported mountain lion sighting in Union County.

All District CPOs attended DT training, other training and meeting at Benton.

A District CPO met with a complainant in the Stonefort area. The subject showed the CPO areas that he believed deer poaching may be taking place do to the deer population decline.

A District CPO responded to a cold complaint of an out of state hunter in an area without permission. A description and plate was given to the CPO, but the truck had not been seen in a couple of days. A computer check found the hunter was only buying non-resident doe tags. The Virginia hunter was not located. The case is still being investigated.

Three Richland County subjects were caught by District 15 CPOs after going on a deer poaching spree. The subjects had killed 13 deer with a high powered rifle in southern Richland County. Eleven of the deer were bucks and one of them scored around 170". The majority of the deer had their heads cut off with the rest of the carcass being abandoned. Multiple charges are pending in this case.

A District 15 Sgt and Effingham County CPO responded to a deer poaching complaint in southern Marion County. Two subjects were caught with three bucks shot with a .243 rifle, two of them at night from a truck. Multiple citations were issued.

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REGION I

While investigating a complaint of unlawfully attempting to take deer by the aid of bait, a District 6 CPO received a phone call from the complainant stating he believed the illegal hunter may be in the tree stand. The complainant stated a vehicle was parked at the location of the illegal bait. The CPO responded to the scene and discovered a hunter who was hunting from the baited tree stand. The CPO issued a citation to the hunter for hunting deer by the aid of bait.

A District 1 CPO responded to a report of pelicans who were shot and dead by the roadside. The CPO responded to the scene for investigation. It was determined they were struck by a car on a road that ran between two ponds of water. No evidence of gunshot wounds existed. No enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO received a complaint from Jubilee College State Park in reference to someone dumping their household trash at a park garbage can. The site employee said this has been going on for weeks and this time he found some mail with their name and address within the trash bag. Contact was made with the responsible party and enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO continued an investigation surrounding several hunting without permission cases in Woodford and Peoria Counties.

A District 6 CPO traveled to District 9 to start working on the Deer Task Force. While working the deer task force multiple deer hunting violations were discovered including:

- A traffic stop on a hunter leaving the field that resulted in citations for uncased bow, illegal transportation of alcohol - driver, and written warning for expired driver's license, and improper lighting.

While patrolling Schuyler County multiple "window" on hunters in field and out of state hunters at hotels was conducted. A rifle was located in a vehicle with a loaded magazine in the center console of a truck parked alongside the roadway. The truck will be watched for possibility for hunting from the roadway.

An investigation ensued after an out of state hunter was found to have blood in the bed of his truck and no deer checked in. A later interview discovered a large buck was killed in Kansas three days prior and the vehicle had not been cleaned out. While investigating this incident possible violations arose around possible land owner Outfitting without permits.

While investigating a possible permit violation on a hunter using a crossbow, a very large pile of corn was located in a grass field approximately 25 yards from the base of a tree stand. The stand will be investigated for the hunter to hunt over the pile of corn.

A vehicle was stopped after being observed spotlighting deer multiple times. The stop resulted in three citations for unlawful use of light from vehicle "spotlighting," a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol – passenger, and three written warnings for uncased bows. The three bows were seized and filed for forfeiture.

A CPO investigated a complaint regarding illegal trapping in the Henderson Creek State Fish and Wildlife area. The investigation stems from a complaint received in November of 2013.

A District 1 CPO cited a man in Henry County for archery deer hunting over bait. There was a pile of apples approximately 15 yards away from the tree stand with a trail camera pointing directly at the apples. The hunter said he knew he could not use salt but he thought natural items like apples would be acceptable.

A CPO cited an individual for careless operation of an ATV. The ATV operator crashed into another individual operating a dirt bike in a corn field. The operator of the dirt bike reportedly suffered two broken arms and a broken collar bone.

A District 6 CPO while on assignment in District 9 conducted a traffic stop with another CPO while on an airplane detail. The traffic stop resulted in five alcohol citations being issued to minors.

A District 6 CPO while on assignment in District 9 was requested by Macoupin County Sherriff's Office to assist with a timber complaint. The CPO gathered information and forwarded it to the District Sergeant.

A District 6 CPO while on assignment in District 9 assisted another CPO with a possible illegal crossbow hunter. The CPOs located bait on the property and will observe the area further.

A District 6 CPO while on assignment in District 9 arrested an archery deer hunter for hunting without a hunting license, habitat stamp, and deer permits. The hunters bow was seized and forfeiture will be requested.

A District 6 CPO while on assignment in District 9 conducted a courtesy traffic stop on a vehicle without their taillights on. The driver of the vehicle was wanted on a warrant out of geographic limits and had a suspended driver's license. A K9 unit in the area assisted and sniffed vehicle with no hit. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was released to valid driver.

A District 6 CPO located an individual hunting over a feeder full of corn. The hunter admitted he had put out the feeder for several years. The hunter also admitted to harvesting a deer earlier in the season and had failed to report it. The investigation continued on to the hunter's residence. The hunter received 4 citations. The officer left the residence he left with the hunter's bow, trail camera, and several pounds of deer meat.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individual for fishing without permission.

Two districts 6 CPOs arrested one individual for providing a false name on a traffic stop. Upon further investigation and extensive research the individual was issued five citations to include obstruction of identification and obstruction of a peace officer.

## REGION II

No activity reported.

## REGION III

A District 11 CPO and Sergeant recovered a reported stolen vehicle stuck in the Shelbyville Wildlife Management waterfowl impoundment area in Moultrie County.

A District 11 CPO responded to a capsized sailboat on Lake Charleston. The operator was rescued by members of the Coles County Dive Team and Charleston Fire Department. The operator was transported to the hospital and treated for hypothermia.

A District 11 CPO while checking deer hunters on Lake Shelbyville Corps of Engineer Property in Shelby County arrested a deer hunter wanted on an arrest warrant out of Piatt County, Illinois.

A District 11 CPO responded to a complaint in rural Moultrie County of hunting without permission. The landowner had found a tree stand on his property and did not know who it belonged to. The CPO removed the stand and is continuing to investigate who had been hunting the man's property.

Two District 11 CPOs investigated a case involving two Decatur men who had shot three deer and failed to tag or report any of them. The CPOs went and spoke with each of the men. The men admitted to shooting the three deer and failing to tag them. One of the men had shot a doe and a 9 point buck and the other man had shot a 6 point buck. Three days after harvesting the deer, the men decided to take the deer to a meat processor and realized they would need to tag

and report the deer. The first man reported his 9 point buck but still never tagged or reported the doe. The second man reported his 6 point buck as a doe to keep from "burning" one of his buck tags. The two men received citations as well as multiple written warnings

Two District 19 CPOs received a Facebook complaint from the Region 3 Commander. During the investigation, the officers found multiple violations (which will not be listed until the case is complete). The investigation continues and includes at least four violators.

A District 19 CPO continued an investigation from the 2013 deer season. The CPO noticed that two Florida hunters, who had been the focus of the investigation, were back in town. After a field interview, the officer got an admission that one of the hunters harvested a large buck and only had an antlerless only tag. The hunter admitted that a local man tagged the deer with a resident either sex tag. Multiple violations were noted and enforcement action taken.

A District 19 CPO conducted a Facebook investigation on an Urbana, Illinois resident. The suspect had posted a picture of two whitetail deer on her Facebook page. Neither of the deer was checked in. The CPO conducted an interview with the suspect which uncovered numerous other wildlife violations. The suspect was issued two citations and four written warnings.

#### REGION IV

A Brown County CPO cited a non-resident for the illegal harvest of an antlered deer without an either-sex tag and the illegal use of another's either-sex firearm permit. The subject had posted a picture on the internet of him with the deer. The incident occurred in November of 2012. The CPO was able to obtain a confession from the subject.

A Brown County CPO cited a subject from Northeastern Illinois for hunting with the aid of bait. The subject thought it was legal as long as he was 100 yards away. The subject was using a feeder with corn and was not 100 yards away from the feeder.

Brown County and LaSalle County CPO worked together to catch a nonresident who was hunting over bait. Upon inspection of the area, it was found he had just harvested a deer. The deer was not tagged. While dealing with that subject, another hunter arrives at camp on an ATV with an uncased bow.

A Jersey County CPO received a complaint of two subjects shooting a deer with a rifle. While harvesting crops, a farmer observed a subject shoot a deer from a vehicle with a high powered rifle before. A CPO met with the complainant who had located a dead deer in a field. The CPO conducted surveillance on the area that night. The CPO observed a truck enter the field. The driver turned the truck's lights off for several minutes. As the truck began leaving the field, the CPO conducted a traffic stop. Two gunshot deer were in the bed of the truck. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and a revoked FOID card. He also showed signs of alcohol impairment. The subject failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI. He had a BAC of .20%. He admitted to shooting the deer with a 30/30 "for fun". He was arrested for DUI, driving while license suspended, hunting with the aid of a conveyance, hunting from a public roadway, transportation of a loaded uncased firearm and the unlawful take of whitetail deer.

Hancock County CPO was looking for shiners, when he spotted a suspicious vehicle parked in a cemetery. Upon approaching the vehicle, he smelled a strong odor of cannabis. The driver admitted it was hers and told him where the cannabis and paraphernalia was located in the vehicle. After seizing the cannabis and paraphernalia, the vehicle owner was arrested for possession of cannabis under 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A Calhoun County CPO received a complaint from a duck club of a hunter shooting a white fronted goose out of season.

The hunter admitted he didn't know the season was closed.

A Calhoun County CPO received a complaint from an outfitter of a hunter shooting a whitetail buck without an either sex permit. The hunter had already shot a 10 point buck. When this deer walked up, the hunter thought it was a doe and shot it by mistake.

#### REGION V

CPOs attended and taught the law portion of Hunter Safety Classes in Hamilton and Saline Counties.

A man arrested by a CPO in Saline County on multiple drug charges was sentenced to 11 years in prison on one of the charges. The man pleaded guilty to a class X felony of meth manufacturing of between 400-900 grams of meth.

A CPO cleared a watercraft for Illinois registration after completing a boat registration inspection in Jefferson County.

A CPO is investigating a hunting accident in Jefferson County.

The District 14 Sergeant assisted stranded boaters on the main body of Rend Lake.

A complaint was received on a Scheller man for deer hunting violations. The man had no license or deer permits on record. An interview with the man revealed he killed two bucks during this season. The man was cited for the violations and additional charges will be brought against other violators linked to the investigation.

A subject was charged with the unlawful take of 2 white tailed deer on Shawnee National Forest property in Alexander County. The subject harvested a buck and a doe with archery equipment. He failed to tag the deer immediately upon kill and failed to check in the harvested deer.

A subject was charged with hunting white tailed deer with the aid of bait (deer cocaine) in the Shawnee National Forest in Jackson County.

In Franklin County a CPO saw a truck parked in the roadway and stopped the vehicle. An open container of alcohol was observed and the driver was driving on a revoked license. A "hitter box" with a metal pipe and a small amount of a substance believed to be cannabis was in the

driver's pocket. The driver was cited for the open alcohol, driving revoked, unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

Several CPOs from District 14, a Sergeant and a District 16 CPO worked an airplane detail in Saline, Hardin, and Pope Counties. Four men were under observation by unmarked and undercover Conservation Police vehicles. An ISP airplane assisted the detail and located the truck suspected of illegal night hunting activity. Shortly before midnight the four men were observed road hunting in Hardin County by the CPO in the air plane. CPOs converged on the hunters while in the act of hunting from the roadway. Two uncased bows were found in the vehicle and one 7 pt buck discovered in the bed of the truck. A CPO found a doe near the stop location that hunters had just shot. A total of six illegally taken deer were confiscated three bucks, and three does. Four compound bows were seized and the subjects were charged with numerous violations including felony resource theft. The hunters admitted to using the same method of hunting during a hunting trip to the same locations in 2013.

Opening duck season at Rend Lake was slow. Several game and boat violations were discovered and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A CPO issued a citation to Vermont hunters for failure to report deer harvest.

Hunters and site personnel requested a CPO slow down drivers in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park during the times people are pheasant hunting. Seven citations for speeding were issued the next morning.

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**REGION I**

A District 1 CPO discovered a video on a social media site depicting a vehicle chasing a deer through a cornfield which had very recently occurred. The person responsible was identified and the District 1 CPO provided the video and tip information to a District 6 CPO. Two District 6 CPOs then interviewed the people involved resulting in the issuance of a citation to the driver of the vehicle for unlawful use and aid of a vehicle to pursue whitetail deer. The driver was issued a written warning for shining and the passenger was issued two written warnings under the accessory section of the Illinois Wildlife Code.

A District 6 CPO conducted a deer enforcement detail and identified two baited deer stands. The investigation is pending.

A District 7 CPO responded to a land owner complaint of six waterfowl hunters on her private property without permission. The six hunters were contacted in layout blinds goose hunting. Enforcement action was taken and the six hunters apologized and said they would not come back.

A District 1 CPO received a message about a bobcat caught in a foothold trap. The bobcat had bitten an individual attempting to release it. With the help of Animal Control the animal was removed and tested for rabies.

A District 1 CPO investigated a personal injury hunting accident in Ogle County. The accident occurred when an archery deer hunter fell from his tree stand. The hunter had been drinking alcohol prior to hunting and had been hunting approximately one hour before he had to urinate. The hunter was not wearing a harness and fell from the stand as he was preparing to climb down with his bow in hand and an arrow knocked. The hunter fell approximately 15' and suffered a broken neck, broken back, spinal cord damage, broken ribs and a paralyzed right arm.

A District 1 CPO responded to hunting without permission complaint. The CPO met with both the landowner and the coyote hunter to hear their side of the story. It was determined permission had been granted to the hunter, however the landowner was now upset because he did not expect the coyote hunter to be there before the firearm deer season. The conversation between the two men was quite heated with profanity and various threats. The hunter said he feared the landowner and would like to pursue charges for assault.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on a Whiteside County water fowler for not having his wearable personal flotation devices (pfd's) readily accessible while hunting on the Rock River. The pfd's were in a storage compartment that was covered by bags of decoys and other waterfowl hunting gear.

While in marked uniform patrol in rural Boone County, a CPO received anonymous tip information regarding an archery deer hunter, who the CPO had arrested in past years, that was hunting on a revoked hunting privilege. The CPO responded to the farm property where this illegal hunting was occurring and began to check the area. After several hours of surveillance, the suspect was observed riding by slowly as a passenger in a motor vehicle past this rural property. It was later learned the hunter had seen the CPO watching from the road, hid his bow and hunting equipment in the woods, and was picked up by a relative on the other side of the property. The next morning, the CPO returned to the field and, after six hours of walking the property, found the stashed hunting equipment. The items were seized as evidence to the case and taken to the ISP Crime Lab for fingerprint analysis. An inventory of the articles in the hunting pack revealed that the suspect was also in possession of drug paraphernalia and suspected cannabis. Investigation is ongoing.

While looking into a TIPS complaint, two Officers found several salt and mineral blocks placed around a field. The area was monitored and on 11-15-14 a crossbow hunter was discovered hunting the area. The Officer waited on the hunter to come out of the field and at 5:20pm the hunter returned to his vehicle. The hunter still had his crossbow cocked and loaded. The Officer cited the crossbow hunter, who was not eligible to use a crossbow, for Illegal use of a crossbow, illegal attempt to take deer, hunting by use or aid of bait, arrow knocked after hours, feeding deer and possession of another hunter's tag while in the field. After taking the crossbow and searching the field for trail cameras, three cameras were found and taken as well. One of the cameras showed the same individuals hunting on a previous day. The crossbow hunter then received four more citations for illegal use of a crossbow, illegal

attempt to take, hunting by use or aid of bait and feeding deer. The crossbow hunter received ten citations in all and the crossbow and three trail cameras were taken.

A CPO was patrolling Big Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area and two hunters were observed walking down a road through the SFWA with loaded shotguns. It was determined the subjects were en route back to their vehicle. The CPO explained to them "If you're loaded you're hunting". One of the hunters was brand new to hunting and it appeared to be an honest mistake. Written warnings were issued to the hunters.

## REGION II

While out scouting, a District 2 CPO found a large pile of shelled corn 50 yards in front of a newly constructed waterfowl blind. The CPO returned on Saturday with another CPO and CPOT and observed six subjects hunting out of the blind. The subjects limited out on Canada geese and were separated and interviewed regarding the corn. All six subjects admitted they knew the corn was there. The decoys were placed directly in the corn which when cleaned up filled up nine and a half 5 gallon buckets, approximately 47 gallons of shelled corn. All subjects were cited for hunting waterfowl with the use/aid of bait. One subject was issued a written warning for attempting to take over limit of geese.

A District 2 CPO received an anonymous complaint of a subject hunting over bait. The CPO scouted the area and found a stand with bait on both sides of the stand along with a trail camera. The CPO returned the following Friday and found a subject hunting in the stand. The subject was cited for hunting deer with the use/aid of bait.

## REGION III

A District 11 CPO cited a Charleston man in Coles County for archery hunting deer with the use of bait.

A District 11 CPO cited an Oakland man in Coles County for archery hunting deer with the use of bait.

A District 11 CPO investigated a trapping without permission complaint. Enforcement action was taken.

A District 11 CPO arrested a Mattoon man who had got his truck buried in the waterfowl area of the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area. The man had then reported his truck stolen to the Sullivan Police Department two days later. The CPO conducted an interview with a Sullivan Police Officer and the man admitted to driving into the waterfowl area and then reporting his truck as stolen. Both agencies filed charges against the man.

A District 11 CPO encountered two South Carolina men who claimed to have just shot one doe apiece in Moultrie County. The officer noticed two lumenocks glowing on one quiver and the other mans quiver had no bloody arrows. A further interview revealed that one of the men had shot both does and only had one tag. Enforcement action was taken.

A District 11 CPO arrested a Florida man who was hunting in Moultrie County out of the same party as the South Carolina men he had cited the prior night. The CPO had discovered that the man had shot a 10 point buck the prior hunting season and only had an antlerless only tag. After an interview the man admitted to killing the buck and tagging it with an antlerless only tag and reporting it as a doe. The man received multiple citations and has a pending court date. Florida Fish and Game will be seizing the buck head from the man's residence upon his return.

A District 11 CPO obtained additional information on yet another one of the Florida hunters who were hunting in Moultrie County. Two years prior, this man also shot a 9 point buck and used an antlerless only tag. Interviews with one of the man's hunting partners revealed the information to be correct. Florida Fish and Game will be visiting him as well upon his return. Enforcement action is pending. Of the eight out of state hunters in the hunting camp, none of them had a buck tag.

A District 19 CPO was called to Clinton Lake State Park about a group of vehicles had entered a restricted area. The CPO found that a University of Illinois Fraternity moved a barricade to the campground area that was closed for a handicap hunt. A volunteer heard voices and found the fraternity was only 80 yards from an occupied blind. Further investigation revealed that this was the same group that had entered the same area last year during the hunt. Information was obtained and up to 24 subjects/citations will be issued.

#### REGION IV

No activity reported.

#### REGION V

A CPO received a call about rifle shots heard at 6:30 in the morning in Pope County. The CPO drove to the area and spoke with a subject from Florida. The subject initially lied several times to the CPO. The CPO discovered evidence on the property and the subject confessed to shooting a spiked buck with a 270 caliber rifle. The subject was issued multiple citations for unlawful take and hunting with a rifle.

A District 14 CPO attended a Hunter Safety class in Mt. Carmel

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office and the Conservation Police are investigating a fatal hunting accident that occurred in Jefferson County near Dix, IL.

A CPO arrested two Jefferson County men for hunting without permission. The men drove a truck onto the complainant's hunting lease. The complainant's trail camera photographed the passenger in the vehicle sticking a loaded crossbow out the window. The men stated they were catching up with a pack of coyotes. Charges included hunting without consent of the landowner, hunt by aid of conveyance and uncased bow.

CPOs conducted two waterfowl enforcement details in the Rend Lake WMA. Both details involved monitoring illegal activity within the Casey Fork sub before legal shooting time. A couple of boats operating without proper lighting were cited. The same detail found a sexual

predator hunting on the state site. The subject was removed from the site and charges were forwarded to the State's Attorney for prosecution.

A CPO was notified by ISP District 19 Dispatch to make contact with a trooper. The trooper stopped a Louisiana truck for speeding in White County. The truck had a 10 pt buck in the bed. The trooper said the subjects indicated to him it was a road kill. He voiced concern to the CPO over the phone about the subjects in the vehicle being extremely nervous. The CPO traveled to the stop location and observed the buck in the bed of the truck which showed no signs of injury from a vehicle. The CPO secured an uncased 7mm rifle from the vehicle. Upon inspecting the deer, no visible trauma except the bullet hole between the eyes and one eye hanging out of the socket was noted. The driver admitted to shooting the deer. He said it was in the ditch and appeared injured or sick. He could not take the CPO to the location where the deer was shot. The driver/shooter was cited for unlawful take/ possession of whitetail deer, shooting along or across a roadway, uncased firearm in vehicle, no hunting license and no deer permit. The 10 pt buck head and 7mm rifle were seized.

A CPO in Franklin County saw local police on a stop near his residence. When the CPO pulled into his residence he saw a man running across the field behind his house duck into the woods. The CPO called local dispatch to check into the suspicious activity and was told a man matching the man in the woods description ran from the scene of the stop near his residence. The CPO assisted local police in the arrest of the wanted man.

A CPO issued citations to separate people for pollution of a waterway and hunting without permission in White County.

A District CPO attended a Hunter's Safety class at the Du Quoin Middle School.

A District CPO cited a Missouri resident for fishing without a non-resident fishing license. The fisherman was in possession of a resident fishing license and explained that the clerk where he purchased the license must have made a mistake.

A CPO cited a subject for passing in a no passing zone. The driver had been driving erratically and speeding in attempt to get to his college research class.

A CPO issued a written warning to a subject for improper transportation of a bow on a UTV while on private property.

A CPO took a compliant of a subject shooting a rifle out of a truck in Union County. The area is under extra patrol.

A CPO took a compliant of non-resident hunters hunting from the roadway with crossbows. Investigation is to follow.

A CPO cited a subject for fishing without a license. The subject was not very happy, stating that he had only been out 20 minutes and it was too cold to fish anyway.

A CPO issued written warnings to two deer hunters for failure to sign in/out at a state hunting area.

A CPO assisted a Vienna Police Department officer with a report of transportation of open alcohol in a vehicle. The vehicle was searched and the CPO conducted field sobriety tests. The driver was charged with illegal transportation.

A CPO cited a non-resident hunter for failure to report deer harvest.

A CPO cited a non-resident hunter for harvesting a buck with a "doe only" permit.

A CPO arrested two subjects in Massac County for hunting by the aid of a vehicle, unlawful use of a light from a vehicle to illuminate wildlife, hunting from the roadway, hunting one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise. The two individuals were in possession of a loaded AR-15 and a loaded SKS assault rifle and an uncased .40 caliber pistol. The driver of the vehicle had a revoked FOID and the passenger did not possess a FOID.

A CPO investigated a case which occurred in Pope County after obtaining a written statement from one individual from a Massac County case. Charges include, unlawful take of deer out of season as well as hunting by the aid of a vehicle, unlawful use of a light from a vehicle to illuminate wildlife, hunting one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise and wanton waste.

A District CPO assisted with scenario training in District 15.

A District CPO participated in the inspection of a large piece of reclaimed mine property which the IDNR is considering purchasing as a Fish and Wildlife area.

A CPO issued a Champaign resident a citation for fishing without a valid license at Crab Orchard Lake.

A CPO is investigating a convicted felon that is hunting deer by use of bait.

A CPO assisted with a dispute between a commercial waterfowl club and private property owner that adjoins that property.

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**REGION I**

A CPO located two baited deer stands that were unattended during firearm deer season.

During the firearm deer season a subject was found hunting over a large white salt block. When asked if he placed the salt block there he stated the other hunter he was hunting with must have placed it there. The first subject did not have any deer permits with him; he had forgotten them

at home. The other subject was located and he denied having any knowledge of the salt blocks but did admit he had placed salt there before the feeding of wildlife law. An inspection of his equipment showed he had an uncased bow in his truck and some permit issues.

A District 6 CPO worked in Schuyler County for firearm deer season. A total of 14 citations and 5 written warnings were issued between the District 6 officer and a District 9 officer. Violations discovered included baiting, feeding, unlawful take, illegal transportation of alcohol, unlawful possession, failure to tag, possession of a loaded firearm after legal hunting hours, and blaze orange requirement.

A District 6 CPO conducted deer enforcement on the first firearm deer season and issued the following citations: two citations for two individuals hunting over bait, one citation for one individual feeding of wildlife, two citations for two individuals hunting with unplugged shot gun.

A CPO arrested a hunter for unlawful taking of deer without a permit. The deer was donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger.

While checking deer hunters in Putnam County, an officer noticed two trucks parked along the road. The officer walked back and talked to the owners of the trucks. He found that one of the deer hunters was not wearing a blaze orange hat. He asked for the hunter's license, stamps, tags and FOID. The deer hunter did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp but did have valid shotgun and archery tags. He again asked for the FOID. The hunter was not able to provide the officer with a valid FOID. The officer ran the hunter's information through the State Police and found him to have a revoked FOID but was not able to determine why. He issued the hunter citations for hunting without a hunting license, no habitat stamp and possession of a firearm without a valid FOID; and written warnings for the blaze orange and possession of ammo without a valid FOID. The hunter was fingerprinted and given an I-bond. The Benelli Super Black Eagle the hunter was using to shotgun hunt was seized.

A CPO cited two subjects for hunting over a baited area.

While patrolling a county line road, a District 6 CPO observed a firearm deer hunter walking back toward his vehicle. The CPO conducted an inspection of the hunter which revealed the hunter was hunting in the wrong county without a county specific permit.

While patrolling Apple River Canyon State Park during the firearm deer season, a District 1 CPO found two hunters in possession of an open, nearly empty 1.75L bottle of whiskey. Both hunters received citations for the offense and were removed from the site.

While patrolling the Iris & Jack Witkowsky Wildlife Area during the firearm deer season a District 1 CPO issued a citation to a Thomson man for hunting without a valid site specific permit. The man stated he knew that he was hunting the state ground illegally but justified his actions because he believed only Chicago area hunters draw permits for the site. An IDNR record search revealed the man drew a permit for that very site in 2007.

A District 7 CPO conducted wildlife compliance checks of deer hunters in Peoria County during the first firearm deer season. While patrolling Jubilee College State Park the CPO observed a person wearing blaze orange and carrying a shotgun in an area closed to hunting within the park. It was discovered the hunter was hunting without a valid deer permit in his possession and was also parked in a restricted area. The hunter stated he had forgotten his deer permit at home but continued to go hunting anyway because he was not planning to actually shoot a deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking firearm deer hunters in Lee County, a District Sergeant and District 1 CPO entered a camp where there have been violations in the past. As the CPOs entered the property, they observed a subject hunting. A check was conducted and the CPO discovered the hunter did not have a valid FOID card. The CPOs continued checking hunters at the location and discovered other permit and license violations. Citations and warnings were issued.

A District 7 CPO arrested two Woodford County residents for hunting in a closed/restricted area of Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area. Three deer were unlawfully harvested and reported in a different county. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. All three deer were donated to Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger. The meat will be donated to a local food bank.

A District 1 CPO received a complaint of possible hunter harassment from the Cordova Illinois Fire Chief. The Chief explained he received a series of “nasty” text messages from a hunter who had permission to hunt a property adjacent from him on opening day of firearm deer season. The CPO did a full investigation of the situation. The suspect, an Erie IL man was interviewed. The Erie man admitted he did send the text messages because he was upset with the Chief for his placement of a mobile hunting blind approximately 45 yards away from the property line in an open field (The man felt it was unethical). The Whiteside County State’s Attorney was consulted for proper charges on the event. The man stated during a phone conversation to the Chief that he lost his temper and he should not have sent the texts. The Cordova Chief declined to sign a complaint. The Erie man was issued a written warning for “harassment through electronic communications”.

A District 7 CPO checked a 19 year old firearm deer hunter sitting in a ground blind on the family farm. The hunter did not have in possession any deer permits, FOID card, habitat stamp and his shotgun was loaded with 5 slugs. The young man said he was sorry and in such a hurry to go hunting he even forgot his hunting knife back at the house. The father was called and brought the free landowner deer permits to his son. Enforcement action was taken.

While in marked uniform patrol in rural Boone County during the first firearm deer season, a CPO checked firearm deer hunters after they finished a deer drive. It was discovered one of the hunters in the group was hunting without a hunting license or habitat stamp.

While in marked uniform patrol in rural Winnebago County during the first firearm deer season, a CPO observed a pickup truck parked off the road at a timber edge. After viewing hunting apparel and a long gun case in plain view through the window of the truck, the CPO ran the license plate to match the name of the registered owner to the firearm deer permit list provided by the Department. The registered owner was not on the firearm deer permit list. The CPO

walked the woods until he located the hunter who was found to be hunting by aid or use of bait. The hunter was also found hunting without a habitat stamp. The hunter did, however, possess a valid firearm deer permit which had just been purchased over the counter before season.

While in marked uniform patrol in rural Winnebago County during the first firearm deer season, a CPO received an anonymous complaint call from an individual advising two hunters were trespassing on a neighbor's field retrieving a deer they had just shot. The investigation revealed an unfounded complaint for hunting without permission but other wildlife violations observed and addressed included: unlawful transportation of uncased firearm(s) in or on a vehicle, failure to immediately tag a whitetail deer upon kill and unlawful hunting whitetail deer without a hunting license or habitat stamp in possession.

A District Sergeant received a call at home from a subject who was driving in Shabbona State Park and reported someone had driven off the road and hit several trees. He said he found a license plate nearby. Upon arriving in the park the Sergeant found several signs, parking posts, and a memorial bench had been struck. Numerous car parts were located on several trails including the front door of the concession building. The Sergeant contacted the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and was advised that they had just stopped a vehicle outside of the park and were charging the driver with DUI. The driver was later transported to a local hospital and admitted. Felony charges for criminal damage to state supported property and driving off roadway are pending.

A District Sergeant arrested a subject at Shabbona State Park after he shot a Trumpeter Swan and he was also issued a written warning for failure to sign waterfowl stamp.

A District 1 CPO issued a citation and written warnings to a Morrison man for depositing litter in Morrison Rockwood State Park.

A District 1 CPO issued citations and written warnings to a Rockford man for firearm deer hunting over bait, placing bait, and being in possession of a firearm with a revoked FOID card in Whiteside County.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on a Kewanee man for transporting an uncased compound bow in a motor vehicle.

A District 1 CPO checked a firearm deer hunter in the field but found the hunter's FOID card had been revoked. The CPO took possession of the shotgun the hunter was using at the time and also seized a .22 caliber pistol. Charges are pending.

During the firearm deer season, a District 1 CPO checked a father and teenage son in the field. The father was excited to meet the CPO and asked if his son could take a photograph with the CPO's squad. He also made a quick snap chat video saying he was happy to see the Game Warden putting the tax dollars to good work. The CPO continued with the inspection and found neither hunter had signed their deer permits and the father not wearing a blaze orange cap. Both guns were also found to be unplugged. The father's mood became very somber as he learned of

the violations. Enforcement action was taken, however the CPO did not seize the guns since the father agreed to have both guns plugged before they returned to hunt.

A Savanna man was cited by a District 1 CPO for illegal dumping of wildlife. The CPO received a dumping complaint. After further investigation the CPO was able to locate the vehicle and the subject.

A District 1 CPO observed a deer hanging in a tree at Mississippi Palisades State Park. The CPO approached the camp and completed a compliance check. It was discovered the man had been hunting without a license or habitat stamp. The CPO cited a Cicero man for hunting without a hunting license and warned him for no habitat stamp and failure to notch his deer tag.

A District 1 CPO cited a Chadwick man for hunting deer without his permits in possession. The man and a friend were walking a fence line when the CPO observed them. The CPO conducted a compliance check discovering the Chadwick man was not in possession of his permits, wasn't wearing a solid blaze orange cap, and did not have a habitat stamp. The man explained his permits were in his son's truck that was on their way to pick them up. The CPO issued written warnings for the blaze orange cap and no habitat stamp.

A District 7 CPO received a baiting complaint and began an investigation. After receiving photographs of the baited area, the CPO observed the area on the opening day of firearms season. Shortly after daylight, a subject climbed into a tripod stand approximately 60 yds from a large mineral block placed in a corn field. When approached and asked about the mineral block, the subject admitted he placed the block in the field. The subject went on to explain the block was mostly placed there to watch birds. He went on to inform the CPO he would occasionally sit in the stand without any weapon and watch birds on the "bird" block. The CPO explained to the subject the fact there were two stands overlooking the block he admitted to hunting and he would be receiving a citation for hunting over bait. The mineral block was seized and additional written warnings were issued for prior occasions of hunting over bait.

A District 7 CPO saw a green pickup truck pull into a grocery store parking lot with what appeared to be deer antlers sticking out of the top of the bed. The CPO approached the pickup and observed an 11 point buck in the bed. Upon investigation, it was found to be tagged with landowner tags but the landowner was not present. After questioning the driver and another subject who showed up on the scene, the CPO began to get suspicious as to who actually harvested and tagged this buck. After contact with the landowner, he eventually admitted he had loaned his tags to one of the subjects on the scene to tag two deer. The other deer (doe) was at a different location at the time. Both subjects on the scene were questioned and initially were very deceptive and dishonest. Finally, the CPO received an admission that the subject had killed a buck and a doe and tagged them with the landowner's tags so he could continue to hunt. The subject stated "now when the other deer shows up, you will see I shot his buttons right off the top of his head." The CPO began to think another violation may be manifesting itself with this statement. A short time later, the other deer was brought to the scene at the direction of the CPO. After taking a look at the deer, it became obvious it was not a button buck with the button shot off. In fact, it appeared there was not a shot wound on the top of the deer's head; it appeared they were cut or broken off manually. The subject initially was not truthful but

eventually said he “stomped” the antlers off in order to make it an antlerless deer. The subject was found in violation of the wildlife code with two counts hunting without a valid hunting license, two counts of hunting without a valid habitat stamp, two counts of use of another’s permit, two counts of failure to tag immediately upon harvest, falsification of a harvest report, hunting without a valid permit, possession of a firearm and ammunition with a revoked FOID card, driving while driver’s license suspended and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. The CPO seized a shotgun, 3 shotgun shells, a bloody knife and saw, a 4 point buck, an 11 point buck, a processed doe, and a partially processed fawn.

A District 7 CPO received a complaint from Fulton County Camping and Conservation Area. The site manager informed the CPO an individual was found hunting on the campground property unlawfully. A campground patron was walking to a shed to look for supplies and when she looked inside she was surprised to find a hunter seated in her shed in full camouflage and holding a bow and arrow. The hunter allegedly offered her salami to not tell anyone of her findings. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO was on patrol in Fulton County when he noticed two ATVs operating on the roadway. When the CPO turned his squad around, the ATVs fled the scene rapidly through private property. The CPO followed the ATVs onto the property, activated emergency lights and one ATV stopped. The CPO dropped off another CPO to question the subjects on the first ATV and continued after the other ATV. The CPO located the ATV with two subjects deep in a draw. One male subject stated “we aren’t running anymore”. After some questioning, the subjects were found in violation of operating on private property without consent of the landowner, illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an ATV on a roadway with a revoked driver’s license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO performed an investigation into a complaint of hunting without permission. A landowner claimed he witnessed a neighboring landowner shoot a buck on his property. After questioning the suspect, the landowner’s story was corroborated with the suspect admitting his violation. The subject was also found to have been hunting over bait. A large 10 point buck was seized as a result and appropriate enforcement action was taken

During the first firearm deer season a District 6 CPO issued 14 citations and warnings for the following violations: no valid hunting license, failure to have Habitat Stamp, use of unplugged shotgun, no valid deer permit, reporting deer via phone or internet in CWD county, taking an antlered deer in an antlerless first hunting area, failure to sign deer permit, and no blaze orange hat.

A District 6 CPO and District 19 CPO were working Livingston County during the first firearm deer season. They conducted a hunter compliance check on three hunters coming out of the field. Only one hunter had a hunting license and deer permit. The other two hunters were revoked, one for wildlife violations and the other for child support. The officers noticed blood and deer hair in the bed of the truck. While interviewing the hunters it was determined the hunter who was revoked for wildlife had shot two deer. Between the three hunters, 17 citations were issued. The officers seized two shotguns and the two deer that were illegally taken.

## REGION II

A District 2 CPO cited a subject for hunting deer with use/aid of bait. A written warning was also issued for having daughter's permit and hunting license in his possession (parental responsibility). The subject was subsequently arrested and transported to Bureau County Jail for warrant on failure to appear out of Lee County.

A District 2 CPO cited a first time firearm deer hunter at Moraine Hills State Park for shooting a buck without first taking a doe. The area is in a buck area and he mistook the 8" spike buck for a doe.

A District 2 CPO cited a firearm deer hunter for hunting without a habitat stamp. The subject stated that he had been hunting the past four years, both archery and firearms, and had no idea he needed the stamp.

A District 2 CPO issued a written warning to the father of a young firearms deer hunter who shot a small buck during the youth firearm deer season but forgot to purchase his hunting license. The father had all his required paperwork and was very apologetic for the oversight and appreciative of the officer's understanding.

Two District 2 CPOs responded to a waterfowl complaint. The hunters were in compliance with the wildlife code, but did not have the required Fox Waterway decal on their boats. The operators were cited. One was also issued a written warning for failure to display valid registration.

## REGION III

A District 11 CPO cited a Springfield man for failure to immediately tag a deer upon kill in Shelby County. The man received several written warnings as well.

A District 11 CPO cited a Kentucky deer hunter for hunting without a valid deer permit in Clark County.

District 11 CPOs responded to several hunting without permission complaints along the eastern counties in District 11. Nine deer stands were seized at the requests of landowners in Clark, Cumberland and Edgar Counties.

A District 11 CPO cited an East Peoria man for deer hunting without the required blaze orange on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property in Shelby County.

A complainant observed a truck spotlighting a deer and wrote the license plate down. The next day the complainant found a deer shot in the same spot where he observed the truck. A District 11 CPO met with the complainant and observed a rifle shot on the deer. The CPO found the truck belonged to a Tower Hill subject who lived nearby. During an interview the subject admitted to shooting the deer the night before from the road using a .17 HMR and a flashlight. Citations were issued in Shelby County.

A District 11 CPO cited a Missouri deer hunter for unlawful transportation of an uncased and loaded shotgun on an ATV in Fayette County.

A District 11 CPO cited an Arthur man in Moultrie County for hunting without a valid firearms deer permit on Lake Shelbyville Project grounds. The man was also hunting without a hunting license or habitat stamp.

A District 11 CPO cited a New Baden man in Moultrie County for hunting without a valid firearms deer permit on Lake Shelbyville Project grounds.

A District 11 CPO cited a Missouri man in Shelby County for hunting without a valid firearms deer permit on Lake Shelbyville Project grounds.

A District 11 CPO investigated a report of an unlawfully killed bobcat. The complaint was unfounded and it was determined to be a road kill bobcat which was later seized.

A District 11 CPO conducted a wrongful timber cutting investigation in Cumberland County. The investigation is ongoing.

A District 11 Sergeant handled three complaints from residents of Tuscola on a young coyote that appeared to have no fear of humans and had been seen trying to enter houses. It is suspected someone unlawfully took the coyote as a pup from the wild and retained it, where it lost the fear of humans. Coordination was made with wildlife biologists and the University of Illinois to capture and remove the coyote from the Tuscola subdivision.

A District 19 Sergeant assisted the Macon County Sheriff's Office with an attempted sexual assault on a bike path in Decatur. It was later verified that the attack took place on county property. The Sergeant assisted the Decatur K-9 unit with the search of the area and attempted to track the violator. The investigation is ongoing by the County Sheriff's Office and the Decatur Police Department.

A District 19 CPO received information alleging a Livingston County man shot two whitetail does without a hunting license, habitat stamp, or deer permits. An investigation authenticated the complaint. The hunter was issued three citations and eight written warnings. Approximately 50 pounds of processed venison was seized.

A District CPO and Sergeant handled a hunting without permission complaint in Macon County. It was the fourth time that CPOs have been to the property in the last month. The officers visited a nearby residence to collect information and inform the residents on the illegality of hunting City of Decatur property in the area. The investigation is pending.

A District 19 officer encountered a successful hunter beginning to skin a deer. When the hunter saw the officer he attempted to put a tag on the deer. The officer looked at the tag and found it was the hunter's daughter's tag. When asked if his daughter hunted that day, the hunter admitted she was at school. The hunter admitted that he only had one tag and wanted to keep hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

A District 19 CPO noticed a hunter pulling a deer out of the woods while patrolling Livingston County. The Officer approached the man and noticed the deer was untagged. An investigation began which led to the arrest of three men. One of the men was a California resident who was hunting with no hunting license, habitat stamp, and in possession of another hunter's permits. He was issued six citations and three written warnings. The other two men who resided in Cook County were issued one citation each and several written warnings. One gun was seized during the investigation.

A District 19 CPO and a District 6 CPO worked together in Livingston County during first firearm deer season. A compliance check on three hunters coming out of the woods led to numerous violations of the Wildlife Code. Of the three hunters, only one had a valid hunting license and deer permit. The other two hunters were revoked from possessing a hunting license due to previous wildlife revocations and child support delinquency. During the interviews, the CPOs observed blood and deer hair in the bed of the hunter's truck. Further investigation found the hunter who was revoked due to wildlife revocation had shot two deer. Overall, this compliance stop led to 17 citations being issued, two shotguns and two deer being seized on site.

A District 19 CPO was contacted by the Livingston County Sheriff's Department to investigate two juvenile hunters who were apprehended for spot lighting deer. The two juveniles admitted to shining farm fields using their vehicles headlights and shooting from inside the vehicle as well. Both juveniles were issued three citations and four written warnings, and had their parents contacted so the seriousness of the violations could be discussed. Two firearms were seized during this incident as well.

A District 19 officer encountered a Florida resident in Livingston County who had no hunting license, habitat stamp, and was in possession of a resident's deer tag who was not hunting with him. After a short investigation it was found that he harvested a deer with the resident's permit last year. Multiple citations were issued.

#### REGION IV

A Hancock County CPO found a subject outfitting without a license as a result of a Craigslist search. The listing had a phone number. Doing a reverse look up search, the man's name was found. A plat book showed a 40 acre parcel owned by the man. After some emails and phone calls were exchanged, the CPO made contact with him and did an interview. The man admitted to charging for hunts, providing stands, and showing people where the best place to hunt would be. The Hancock County CPO located a salt block last year prior to 2nd firearm deer season 35-40 yards from a blind. The CPO checked the area again this year and found the salt block was gone, but a 4"-6" deep hole was found about 3' in diameter. The hunter in the blind this year claimed he did not know it was there and gave names of other parties that may have placed the salt block there initially. The other parties involved were contacted and a Carthage man admitted to placing of the bait.

A Hancock County CPO was patrolling the Carthage area and ran a license plate on a vehicle suspected of being owned by a deer hunter. After getting a name from the plate, the CPO ran the name through point of sale and found he purchased a resident tag instead of a non-resident tag.

Adams County CPOs responded to a hunting without permission complaint. The CPOs found the hunter in possession of a 7 MM rifle in the field during gun deer season. The subject told CPOs he was just using the scope to look for deer even though he had binoculars in his pack.

An Adams County CPO was checking hunters when he observed a subject attempt to hide his firearm. The subject did not have a firearm deer permit or hunting license. The subject did not have a valid FOID due to denial for receiving mental health treatment within the last 5 years. Another subject did not have a valid firearm deer permit for Adams County. He had a Brown County permit and thought that he could use that permit in Adams County.

A Jersey County CPO ran the registration on an unoccupied truck parked on a field road. Upon doing so, he determined the registration was expired, despite having a 2015 registration sticker. Closer observation revealed the sticker was issued to another vehicle. Two empty gun cases were observed in the truck. Fifteen minutes after legal shooting time, the CPO observed two subjects carrying firearms approaching the truck. Only one was wearing blaze orange. The CPO watched as the hunters unloaded their firearms. Upon approaching the hunters and requesting to see their hunting licenses and permits, only one hunter claimed to be hunting. After a short interview, the subjects admitted they were both hunting.

A Jersey County CPO received a TIPS complaint of the occupants of a truck shooting a deer from a truck after legal shooting hours. The witness was able to obtain a license plate from the vehicle. The CPO responded to the suspect's residence and located the truck. The registered owner was interviewed and admitted to shooting the deer from the truck and from the roadway.

Brown and LaSalle County CPOs located a hunting camp in Schuyler County with multiple baited deer stands. Multiple hunters were written for hunting with the aid of bait, unlawful take of whitetail deer, and unplugged shotgun.

Brown and LaSalle County CPOs located a hunting camp with non-resident hunters who only had antlerless only permits. One hunter was found to have harvested an 8pt buck.

#### REGION V

Officers from Districts 14 and 16 worked a night enforcement detail in Southeast Illinois. Two men were cited for unlawful use of a motor vehicle, shining, in Saline County. A citation for littering was also issued during the stop.

A CPO located two Arkansas bow hunters in Union County who had filled their archery tags the previous day. The subjects were located again bow hunting without consent of the landowner despite not having valid archery permits. Multiple citations were issued.

In Union County, a firearm deer camp was found to have five unlawfully harvested deer due to several violations found by the inspecting CPO. Two buck deer located in camp were harvested by a subject who had only purchased a doe tag. The racks from these deer were transported back to Georgia by the subject who killed them. Four deer were seized and multiple citations were issued. The subject who killed the two bucks has charges pending. All subjects were from Georgia. Seized deer were donated to a food pantry in Union County.

In Alexander County, on the Mississippi River, a CPO approached a subject who had been dropped off by boat to retrieve a boat trailer at the launch. When the subject on land saw the CPO approaching he signaled for the boat operator to take off down river. The boat operator took off down river despite being ordered to stop and come to shore. The subject on land denied telling the operator to take off. The boat operator returned approximately 10 minutes later. The CPO made contact with him in the boat and located a shovelnose sturgeon in the boat along with an empty barrel and two gill nets. After lengthy interviews with the subjects separated, the operator confessed to going down river and dumping the unlawfully taken sturgeon, failing to dump the one sturgeon that remained. These sturgeons were taken in the lower Mississippi River where the commercial sturgeon fishery is closed. Both subjects were arrested for obstruction and multiple Class A roe harvesting violations. Their equipment was seized.

Two CPOs working Hardin County observed an ATV with blood and uncased guns. The officers spoke with the individuals at the camp and discovered several untagged deer. The officers walked the area where the deer were taken. The CPOs discovered large amounts of corn and other products used to bait deer. Three subjects were issued five citations for hunting over bait and unlawful take of deer. The subjects were also issued six written warnings for other deer hunting violations.

Two CPOs working Hardin County received a complaint of two deer illegally dumped in a creek. The CPOs located the vehicle used and spoke with the owner. The subject was issued citations for pollution of waterway and for unlawful possession of a deer. The subject was issued two other written warnings for other deer hunting violations.

A CPO received a hunting without permission call from an authorized agent of a large land holding company in Hamilton County. The CPO found two hunters hunting admittedly without permission. Both subjects were convicted felons and had revoked FOID status. The men were issued ten citations for hunting violations. Both subjects were jailed on felony charges and two firearms were seized.

A District CPO took a complaint of spotlighting at very late hours in a small section of Johnson County. The area will be checked with extra patrols.

A District CPO received a TIPS complaint of a bow hunter shooting a dog near his deer stand. The incident occurred on Federal Refuge property and the CPO is assisting the refuge officer.

A District CPO followed up on some tips of baited stands but found they were not baited.

A CPO cited a deer hunter for transporting an uncased bow in the cab of his pickup. The subject was also issued several written warnings for other violations.

A CPO cited non-resident Georgia hunters for not having hunting license while archery hunting in Giant City State Park.

A CPO received a shining complaint in Jackson County. The caller reported hearing shots at night coming from an area where non-resident hunters have leased. Complaint is being investigated at this time.

A CPO assisted Illinois State Police with an injured deer that required Interstate 57 to be shut down for 20 minutes. The deer was heading north in the northbound lanes. The CPO was able to get it dispatched.

A CPO stopped a subject coming across a field in his truck. A check found an uncased bow and the subject had hunted without his deer permit in possession. Appropriate action was taken.

A CPO responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Marion. The caller stated her neighbor had shot a deer with a bow and arrow and then entered her back yard to retrieve it. The complaint was unfounded as the deer he drug back to his yard was a "decoy" that had blown into the complainant's yard.

A CPO is investigating a complaint of hunting without permission in which a 10 point buck was taken.

A CPO charged a deer hunter with hunting over bait (salt block).

A CPO charged a deer hunter for failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season.

A CPO charged a deer hunter for failing to immediately tag his deer after harvest.

A CPO charged a deer hunter with illegally transporting a loaded, uncased firearm on an ATV.

A CPO charged a deer hunter from Texas with failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season and hunting over bait.

A CPO charged a deer hunter for failing to tag deer immediately after harvest.

A CPO charged a landowner for failing to tag deer immediately after harvest.

A District 16 CPO and a District 14 Sergeant responded to a waterfowl hunting complaint at Pyramid State Park. During the investigation, three hunters were located hunting Super Lake which is located in the waterfowl rest area in the park. The hunters advised during an interview that they had scouted the area the previous day but did not see the line of signs that identify the area as restricted. Further investigation revealed that two of the hunters had failed to purchase hunting licenses. Citations were issued for hunting in the rest area and the two hunters without licenses were cited for that offense as well. The hunters had only harvested one goose which happened to be banded. The goose was seized as evidence.

A CPO responded to an "assault" complaint at the Galum Unit in Pyramid State Park. A permitted hunter was hunting the property line of the park and shot a ten point buck. The neighboring landowner heard the shots and believed the shots to have been on his property. The

details of the incident remain under investigation; however, the confrontation resulted in physical contact between the landowner and the hunter. Perry County Sheriff's Department is assisting with the investigation. The case has been referred to the Perry County State's Attorney's office for review. The deer was taken to a processing plant and the meat will be donated to a local food pantry.

A CPO cited a resident hunter for transporting an uncased, loaded firearm on an ATV and failure to have deer permits in the field.

A CPO is investigating a resident hunter for possible charges of revoked FOID, no hunting license, and habitat stamp while deer hunting.

A CPO cited a hunter for hunting over bait.

A CPO cited a hunter for being loaded after hours.

A CPO arrested a Northern Illinois man for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition with a revoked FOID and for unlawful take of deer, failure to tag immediately upon harvest and failure to report harvest on November 21st. On November 22nd, the same subject was firearm deer hunting again, without a permit.

A CPO cited a Massac County man for firearm deer hunting within 300 yards of a residence without permission and hunting by the aid of bait.

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