This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

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“To be a vigilant guardian of the natural resources, public safety, and homeland security of Illinois.”

“To assist the public in their times of need; routine and emergency.”

“To educate the inadvertent violator of conservation law, by taking an appropriate level of enforcement action to achieve this goal.”

“To relentlessly pursue, with full statewide police authority, deliberate offenders and bring them before the courts for the administration of justice.”

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(Counties: Kane, Lake, McHenry)

**KANE COUNTY**

CPO Iaffaldano conducted multiple hunter safety checks resulting in 2 citations for hunting without resident and non-resident licenses, 2 citations for hunting with shotguns capable of holding more than 3 rounds, and 4 written warnings for HIP Certification and Habitat Stamp violations.

**LAKE COUNTY**

CPO Iaffaldano rescued an injured Coopers Hawk with the assistance of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation at Chain O Lakes State Park. The incident is currently under investigation.

CPOs Kelley and Doescher assisted Fox Lake Fire and Rescue with an injured deer on Fisher Lake in Volo. The deer’s front leg was broken and it was stuck in the lake. Fire department personnel were able to remove the deer from the lake but, unfortunately, it had to be euthanized.

CPOs Kelley and Van Wiltenburg addressed a deer feeding issue in Lake Forest. The person feeding the deer posted multiple instances on Facebook and the Next Door app. The individual admitted to feeding the deer, so a written warning was issued.

An individual arrested by CPO Kelley in 2020 for OUI was sentenced to 180 days in jail and fined $1881.00.

**MCNEWRY COUNTY**

While out checking a group of waterfowl hunters, CPO Winters came across a hunter who did not have a plug in his shotgun. The subject was educated and issued a written warning.

CPO Davis received a self-reported complaint of a firearm deer hunter harvesting a single point buck with an antlerless-only deer permit. The antler was approximately 4 inches long and angled rearward behind the ear. The hunter received a written warning.

CPO Davis cited a hunter for failure to transport a deer to the check station upon the day harvested. The hunter harvested the deer on Thursday afternoon, transported the deer home that day, processed the deer, and proceeded to hunt the two following days. The hunter transported the head and a single leg to the check station on Sunday approximately 72 hours after harvest.

### Northeast Zone / District 3 - Sgt. David Wollgast

(CPO M. Anderson, CPO Bergland, CPO Elliot, CPO Farber, CPO Honiotes, CPO Prasun, CPO Thompson)

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, Will)

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**KENDALL COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**WILL COUNTY**

While checking a firearm deer hunter on private property in northern Will County, CPO Prasun noticed the hunter was not wearing blaze orange as required and was hunting after the legal shooting time was over. It was also determined
the hunter was illegally hunting deer over bait after he had previously scattered shelled corn, apples, pumpkins, beats, and several salt blocks on the property where deer could access them. The bait was all within approximately forty to fifty yards of his hunting location.

The hunter was cited for Unlawful Take of Deer Without Blaze Orange During Firearm Deer Season and Unlawful Take of Deer by the Use of Bait. He was also issued a written warning for Unlawfully Hunting Deer Between One-Half Hour After Sunset and One-Half Hour Before Sunrise.

During an initial investigation, CPO Prasun determined the above hunter’s wife had harvested a deer the day before on the same property and over the same bait. She had appropriately tagged the deer; however, she failed to transport the deer to a chronic waste disease (CWD) check station as required during the firearm season in a CWD county. She instead called in to report the deer harvest.

After further investigation, CPO Prasun also determined she had harvested two deer over the first firearm deer season without reporting either harvest. This was again over bait. She only had two deer permits in her name and was therefore hunting the third deer without a valid firearm deer permit. CPO Prasun also learned she harvested a deer out of state and transported the whole deer into Illinois without taking it to a meat processor within seventy-two hours as required. It was also revealed the male hunter had committed the crime of Obstructing Justice after he attempted to erase several pictures of the illegal deer hunting activity off of his cellular telephone after CPO Prasun had made the initial contact with him.

The female hunter was cited for two counts of Unlawful Take/Failure to Report Deer Harvest and Unlawful Take of Deer by the Use of Bait. She was also issued a written warning for Unlawful Importation of an Animal Carcass Into Illinois. This case will be presented to the state’s attorney’s office for further review for possible felony charges on the two hunters.

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**COOK COUNTY**

Sgt. Mooi was patrolling cook county late on a Friday when he observed a vehicle traveling south on I-57 in the center lane. The vehicle was swerving between lanes and as Sgt. Mooi got closer to the vehicle he observed the front driver’s side tire was missing down to the rim. A stop was made on the vehicle and the driver was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence.

CPO Kater responded to a tip of an individual illegally possessing an Endangered/Threatened snake. She went to the residence and seized the snake. It was transported to an IDNR approved facility. The individual was issued a written warning.

CPO Farrell and CPO Vik assisted IDNR Explosives and Aggregate Division and Cook County Bomb Squad in executing a search warrant in a warehouse that contained illegally possessed and stored commercial-grade fireworks. Secretary of State Bomb Squad, TSA, ATF, Cook County Sherriff/Swat Team also assisted.

**DUPAGE COUNTY**

CPO Gates received a complaint regarding a squirrel in a trap located at an apartment complex in Glendale Heights on a Saturday. The squirrel remained in the trap until Monday. CPO Gates made contact with the property manager who provided the trapper's information. The trapper does have a Class A nuisance license. The trapper was issued two written warnings for failure to tag their traps and failure to check their traps once every 24 hours.

CPO Gates discovered a baited hunting property in DuPage County. The property will be investigated to uncover who is hunting there.
CPO Gates assisted a stranded motorist near the West Chicago area who had a flat tire. CPO Gates assisted the individual in changing the flat tire and the driver was on their way.

CPO Gates issued a West Chicago resident a ticket for feeding deer. The man was issued a warning last year for the same offense but continued to feed the deer. He was given a court date in January.

CPO Gates issued a Winfield man 2 tickets and 2 warnings for shooting a red-bellied woodpecker. The man was hunting with his friend when they shot the woodpecker. The friend was also issued one ticket and 2 warnings. Violations included but were not limited to, Unlawfully hunting without a hunting license, Unlawful take of a protected species, and unlawfully hunting on the property without permission.

CPO Gates walked various properties throughout DuPage county and identified new areas of hunting activity as well as baited areas.

CPO Gates issued a ticket to a DuPage man for feeding the deer. The man was issued a written warning last year for the same offense but continued to feed the deer. Since the man also moved his feeding operation into the forest preserve and mounted a camera to a tree, CPO Gates contacted the DuPage County Forest Preserve regarding the dumping and destruction of their property.

CPO Gates continued to work with the Department of Agriculture and Illinois EPA on a tree nursery business located in DuPage that does not have proper licensing to operate as a tree nursery. CPO Gates received a complaint from a nearby neighborhood regarding the air pollution they are experiencing from the production of mulch. The investigation is ongoing.
## Northwest Zone

### Bi-Monthly Report

**Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis**

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(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson, Whiteside)

#### CARROLL COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

#### HENRY COUNTY
CPO Posateri received a complaint of a firearm deer hunter attempting to take a deer too close to a residential neighborhood. The hunter was located and found to be hunting within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling without permission. The Moline, IL man was cited for the violation.

#### JODAVISS COUNTY
CPO Swanson concluded an investigation into a buck taken illegally in Ward's Grove Nature Preserve in Stockton. It was determined a 23-year-old Freeport man took the buck in Ward's Grove which only allows the harvest of does. The 8 point buck was seized and the man was cited for taking an antlered deer in an antlerless-only area and given written warnings for reporting the buck for the incorrect county harvested and failure to report harvest by 10 PM. CPO Swanson also issued the following warnings for two deer previously harvested: 2 falsifications of deer harvest record, 2 failure to report harvest by 10 PM, failure to obtain habitat stamp, and 2 illegal possession of deer.

CPO Swanson was conducting firearm deer enforcement when she encountered two Iowa residents hunting private land. One man stated he harvested a buck earlier that morning. The two men failed to obtain hunting licenses and habitat stamps as required and were using resident deer firearm permits. The harvested 10-point buck was seized and the man was issued a citation for no valid non-resident permit. The hunter also took a deer the previous month without a resident hunting license or habitat stamp. Total warnings issued: 1 warning no valid permit non-resident hunter, 3 warnings failure to obtain a non-resident hunting license, 3 warnings failure to obtain non-resident habitat stamp, 2 warnings permit falsification. The two men's resident deer permits were also seized.

CPO Swanson issued a written warning for failure to check-in a deer harvested during firearm season at a CWD station as required in Jo Daviess county.

#### LEE COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

#### MERCER COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

#### OGLE COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

#### ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

#### STEPHENSON COUNTY
CPO Leannah cited a hunter for having an unplugged shotgun.

#### WHITESIDE COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

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### NorthWest Zone / District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire
(CPO Alvarez-Gerbino, CPO Engledow, CPO Kaufman, CPO Leannah, CPO Martin, CPO Murry, CPO Pankey, CPO Roesch, CPO Stanbary, CPO Swanson, CPO Wagner)
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam, Winnebago)
BOONE COUNTY  
No Activity Reported for this County

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Engledow and CPO Wagner were patrolling Bureau county for Muzzleloader deer hunters when they heard a gunshot on the backside of timber property. After a short time of configuring the location and driving around the property, they located a truck parked on the property. CPO Engledow and CPO Wagner conducted a compliance check on the individuals and it was discovered it was a father and a son (father did not have fully required 400 sq in Blaze Orange). The deer were not tagged and the individual admitted to shooting a doe then shortly thereafter, shooting an 8 pt buck. The subject only had one E/S Muzzleloader permit for the season. The subject was issued two WWs for Failure to tag deer and Failure to wear Required Blaze Orange. The subject was also issued a citation for Unlawful Take of 8pt Whitetail Deer. 8pt buck was seized.

CPO Engledow and CPO Wagner located a subject who was suspected to be road hunting from his vehicle. The subject had an uncased crossbow in the front passenger seat, was in the field tracking a deer without required blaze orange, and did not tag a doe immediately upon kill (drug up to the road ditch.) After an interview and Investigation into the subject, it was discovered the subject shot multiple other deer and did not report any of the harvests. The subject admitted to shooting the doe from his vehicle as well. The doe was seized as well as a 6pt buck rack. Multiple Charges are currently pending.

CPO Wagner, while checking deer hunters at Miller Anderson Nature Preserve a hunter was found to be hunting with a gun capable of holding more than 3 shells. Hunter was cited for the violation.

CPO Wagner while patrolling Mautino SFWA during firearm deer season found individual hunting on the property. Mautinos’s is closed to all deer hunting during the firearm season. The individual was also found to have a semi-automatic pistol on his person in the field and his shotgun was capable of holding more than 3 shells. The subject was cited for the violations and has a must appear court date in Bureau county on January 4, 2022.

CPO Wagner while checking hunters during muzzleloader season found an individual who had tagged a small buck during the first firearm deer season with his wife’s deer permit. The individual was cited and given a must appear court date of January 7, 2022, Bureau County court.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Engledow issued two WWs to an individual during second firearm deer season for Unlawfully Hunting w/ No Habitat Stamp and Unlawfully Hunting w/o a Valid Hunting License

CPO Engledow conducted a compliance check on a firearm deer hunter and observed the hunter had no hunting license or habitat stamp. CPO Engledow proceeded to check the individual’s shotgun for a plug. No plug was discovered. The subject was issued a citation for Unlawfully hunting Whitetail Deer w/ Shotgun capable of holding more than 3 slugs. The individual also received two WWs for No Valid Hunting License and No Habitat Stamp.

CPO Engledow observed a vehicle parked in a field near a tree line. CPO Engleodw ran the registered owner through the system and discovered the subject had a firearm tag for Kane County and not Dekalb County. CPO Engledow located the subject on the property and after a short interview in the field, it was discovered the hunter believed he was not in violation because the permit said “Kane county West of St Rt 47”, which he was west of St Rt 47, but in a different county. The subject was issued a WW for Unlawfully Hunting w/
No Valid Firearm Deer Permit. The subject later purchased a Dekalb County Permit and sent confirmation that he purchased a correct permit to continue to hunt the rest of Firearm Deer Season.

CPO Engledow was conducting a patrol in Kishwaukee SFWA when a vehicle pulled in the parking lot in front of his location and a subject exited the vehicle and began to get ready to Archery Deer hunt the state property. CPO Engledow observed an uncased crossbow in the rear of the SUV. The subject believed that only firearms needed to be cased during transportation. CPO Engledow issued a WW for Unlawful Transportation of Uncased Bow in Motor Vehicle.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Pankey issued citations for hunting over bait and making food available

CPO Pankey issued multiple warnings and citations to a squirrel hunter

PUTNAM COUNTY

While conducting waterfowl enforcement in Putnam County, CPO Stanbary checked a group of hunters hunting from a duck blind on Swan Lake. During the check, it was discovered that a Michigan hunter was hunting without a valid non-resident hunting license. Additionally, another hunter in the group did not have his hunting license in possession or his Federal Migratory Bird Stamp properly affixed to his license. A third hunter was found to have not affixed his Federal Stamp to his hunting license either. One Ticket and three written warnings were issued to the group.

CPO Wagner while checking deer hunters found one individual who failed to tag deer immediately upon kill and one individual was hunting w/out a hunting license. Both individuals were cited for the violations.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Swanson conducted a traffic stop in Rockford after a vehicle ran a red light and failed to signal. The driver, a 70-year-old Roscoe man, was driving with a revoked IL license. The vehicle was turned over to the registered owner and the man was given a mandatory court date and cited for driving while revoked and disobeying a traffic control signal. He received warnings for failure to signal and no seat belt.

CPO Swanson assisted Winnebago County Sheriff’s Deputies and Machesney Park Police with a report of a domestic situation/welfare check for a man refusing to let a woman and two small children leave a residence. Entry was gained into the home and the man, with four warrants in multiple counties, was taken into custody. The woman and children were unharmed during the apprehension.

CPO Swanson received a complaint a man was walking a trail in Roscoe with a crossbow surrounded by Winnebago Forest Preserve property and private land but had since left the area. She was able to locate the Roscoe resident and educate him on IL hunting laws as a first-time crossbow hunter. He received written warnings for hunting from a highway, hunting within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling, and failure to wear blaze orange during a firearm season. CPO Swanson questioned the man about corn in his driveway and was able to get the man to admit to hunting over bait at a neighboring property. Corn and a salt block were located near a tree stand and the man was issued a citation for hunting over bait.

CPO Roesch issued warnings to an individual for deer hunting without a habitat stamp and for failure to report his harvest at a CWD check station when required.

Northwest Zone / District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(CPO Elliot, CPO Finn, CPO Gerard, CPO Lazzell, CPO Thompson)

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of unlawful shining of deer in rural Fulton County. Two young suspects were identified and interviewed and confessed to the allegations. CPO Thompson explained the reason for the law against this activity. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted an investigation into suspicion of falsification of a harvest report. CPO Thompson received information suggesting a Canton man falsified a 2021 harvest report. CPO Thompson conducted an interview and received a confession to falsify a harvest report. CPO Thompson counseled the young hunter on the importance of providing accurate harvest reports. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted an investigation into suspicion of trespassing. Upon collecting identifying information and locating the suspects, CPO Thompson conducted interviews. The suspects confessed to unlawfully hunting without permission of the landowner and trespass. CPO Thompson ordered the removal of stands and blinds from the property and issued written warnings for the violations.

CPO Gerard cited an individual for hunting without a valid muzzleloader permit, hunting without blaze orange clothing, hunting deer over a baited area, and falsifying a deer harvest report.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson are continuing an investigation into the alleged unlawful take of two whitetail deer at night in rural Henderson County. Subjects have been identified and investigation is pending.

**KNOX COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

While conducting compliance checks, CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott identified an untagged deer on a luggage carrier of a pickup truck. During the interview, it was determined to have been shot by a resident hunter who claimed he forgot to tag the deer. In addition, it was identified the second doe was shot by a nonresident hunter, however, was tagged by the resident hunter. The nonresident hunter only had an either-sex permit, therefore, did not want to “burn” the permit on a doe. During the check, CPOs noticed in plain view a loaded Savage bolt action shotgun in a case that was open to access. CPOs seized the nonresident’s permit and issued several citations and warnings on the stop.

**PEORIA COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell investigated a criminal trespass complaint regarding an Edwards man who was caught on a neighboring property owner’s trail camera during the archery deer season. During the investigation, CPO Lazzell discovered the subject had harvested a buck and a doe during the 2021 season. IDNR records show the hunter had only reported one deer during the archery season. The subject was issued citations for failure to tag the deer and failure to report his deer harvest. One written warning was issued for criminal trespassing.

**STARK COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPO Finn was checking deer hunters in Tazewell County when he encountered individual hunting in an area known to be baited. He approached the hunter and questioned him about the bait. The hunter admitted to hunting by use of bait as well as unlawfully taking a deer a few days prior over the same bait. During the encounter, the hunter was also found to be in possession of his absent son’s permit. The hunter was
informed the area was closed to hunting for the remainder of the season and received citations for hunting by use or aid of bait, unlawful take of whitetail deer, and possession of another’s permits in the field. Several warnings were also issued for previous hunts as well as feeding deer.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Jarrod Elliott, CPO Brad Thompson, and Sgt Scott Avery conducted a covert detail in rural Warren County. The detail was conducted at the culmination of an investigation into allegations of unlawful poaching activity. In recent weeks, CPOs received numerous complaints referencing trespassing and hunting by use or aid of a motor vehicle. CPOs conducted an in-depth look into the method of operation and the area being utilized by the poacher. On the day of the detail, CPOs set up surveillance and placed a department-issued robotic decoy. In the early afternoon hours, Sgt Avery advised a vehicle was on the roadway traveling slowly towards the decoy. CPO Thompson was in position nearby to document the actions of the driver of the vehicle. CPO Thompson observed the suspect approach the decoy on the adjacent township road and slow to a stop. At this time, the suspect fired twice from the roadway and a third time from the field, hitting the decoy all three times. The suspect put two shotgun slug holes in the body and one in the head of the decoy. With the assistance of SGT Avery, CPOs apprehended the suspect in the field near the decoy. The suspect was transported to the Warren County Jail. The suspect provided a full confession, including additional violations including the unlawful take of two bucks over the limit during the 2021 deer season. CPO Jamie Posateri assisted in the investigation and seized 4 racks of whitetail bucks unlawfully taken by the suspect. Several citations and written warnings were issued and two firearms were seized.

While on patrol, CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott observed a UTV parked on the roadway involved in a deer drive. CPOs conducted a compliance check on a group of hunters in rural Warren County. During the check, it was determined one of the hunters was using an unplugged shotgun. Additionally, the second young hunter was hunting without valid permits and admitted to taking a buck and using a friend’s permit to tag the deer.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of unlawful discharge of a firearm from the roadway. The complainant alleged having witnessed a man fire a muzzleloader from the roadway. Upon identifying the suspect, CPOs conducted interviews and received full confession to attempt to take a coyote from the roadway. CPOs issued a citation and several written warnings.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm.

While conducting a night hunting detail in conjunction with Illinois’ 2nd firearm deer season, CPO Sanford located an individual utilizing a handheld spotlight from a motor vehicle in rural Woodford County. At the time of the stop, the suspect vehicle was stopped in the roadway and the occupant was still utilizing a handheld spotlight to illuminate a field of the driver’s side of the vehicle.

During the course of the stop, CPO Sanford and assisting officers located a handheld spotlight on the front, passenger seat of the vehicle. Officers also discovered an unloaded, 5.56 caliber semi-automatic rifle laying on top of an open gun case directly behind the center console/driver’s seat of the vehicle. A 10-round magazine containing 7 (5.56 cal.) rifle rounds was also discovered on the driver’s side dashboard of the vehicle. Both the rifle and loaded magazine were easily accessible to the driver of the vehicle.

CPO Sanford interviewed the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. The individual made several admissions to utilizing the spotlight and hunting from the vehicle/roadway. The individual was issued 6 citations for the following violations:
Unlawfully hunt by use/aid of motor vehicle  
Unlawful use of a handheld light from a motor vehicle (to hunt game animals)  
Unlawfully hunt (whitetail deer) after legal shooting hours  
Unlawfully hunt from a roadway  
Unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm  
Unlawful stopping/parking in the roadway

As a result of the stop, (1) 5.56 cal. rifle with the case, magazine, and 5.56 cal. rounds and (1) handheld spotlight were seized as evidence.
### Central Zone Bi-Monthly Report

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Central Zone / District 9, Sgt. Eric Myers

(CPO Blakeley, CPO Blazinic, CPO Goetten, CPO Gushleff, CPO Jansen, CPO Olroyd & CPO Wheatley)

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike, & Schuyler)

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<td>CPO Blazinic checked firearm deer hunters during the second firearm season. CPO Blazinic issued citations and written warnings for failure to wear blaze orange vest and hat and for possession of unsigned deer permits. CPO Blazinic has been conducting waterfowl enforcement in Adams County, Mississippi River access areas.</td>
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<td>CALHOUN COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten cited North Carolina resident for illegally baiting deer around tree stands. One hunter was located in close proximity to the bait. He also was not wearing blaze orange during the firearm deer season. CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten cited an Iowa resident for illegally baiting deer around tree stands.</td>
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<td>HANCOCK COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Wheatley patrolled Hancock County and checked deer hunters participating in the 2nd Firearm Deer Season. CPO Wheatley checked many deer hunters and most were legal, which is awesome. On the 5th CPO Wheatley was accompanied by Sgt Myers and patrolling the Eastern half of the county. CPO Wheatley and Sgt Myers encountered individuals riding four-wheelers down the road, whilst dragging deer behind them. CPO Wheatley dropped Sgt Myers off to check on of the men riding, and CPO Wheatley continued to check the second hunter. CPO Wheatley confirmed the hunter was legal and the deer he was dragging was taken by the individual Sgt Myers was checking. Once all parties were back at camp, Sgt Myers explained to CPO Wheatley the tag on the deer were archery permits, CPO Wheatley confirmed that he found the same thing. Sgt Myers also said the gun on the four-wheeler operated by the hunter he checked was loaded. CPO Wheatley spoke with the man and ascertained that he had firearm permits. The permits were switched out and the man received Written Warnings for the tag infraction and a Citation for transporting a loaded firearm.</td>
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<td>JERSEY COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten stopped a truck for speeding the day after the second firearm deer season. The driver was an Alabama resident claiming to be in town visiting friends at a hunting camp. The subject did not possess any permits or license to hunt. He was in possession of deer parts, duck parts, three shotguns, and camouflage clothing, but continuously denied hunting in Illinois. Additional interviews were conducted. The driver and an acquaintance were ultimately cited for the unlawful take of the deer.</td>
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<td>MACOUPIN COUNTY</td>
<td>CPO Aaron Jansen and CPO Michael Goetten stopped a subject driving out of a field at night. The driver possessed two loins from a deer. He admitted to not tagging his harvest and only taking the loins. He was cited. CPO Gushleff is conducting several investigations on deer hunting complaints in Macoupin County. One investigation is almost completed on an out-of-state subject who has been falsifying his residency to obtain</td>
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resident licenses and permits. This investigation has been open for several years, and finally is coming to an end. The subject is going to be cited with multiple citations, and could have his hunting privileges suspended.

PIKE COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

SCHUYLER COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

Central Zone / District 10, Sgt. William Gilmer
(CPO Filipiak, CPO Gerdes, CPO McLenning, CPO Snodgrass, CPO Thornley, CPO Wahlbrink, CPO Wright)
(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

While patrolling Jim Edgar Panther Creek during the muzzleloader deer season, CPO Wahlbrink observed a father and young son squirrel hunting with a .22 caliber rifle. Both of the individuals were wearing blaze orange vests, but not hats. The father was issued written warnings for allowing a minor to hunt without a valid license, not wearing the required blaze orange/pink, and failing to obtain a windshield card.

CPO Thornley conducted Firearm deer enforcement of JEPC. CPO Thornley checked a deer hunter who was returning to his truck. CPO Thornley observed the man did not have on blaze orange. The hunter also did not have his deer permit in his possession. CPO Thornley issued a citation to the hunter for not possessing his deer permit, written warnings were issued for the other violations. CPO Thornley checked two hunters at JEPC, upon reviewing their permits, it was determined the hunters did not have the site-specific deer permits as required. The two hunters were issued a citation for unlawfully deer hunting with no valid permit.

CPO Snodgrass arrived at a residence where he observed two subjects standing over an untagged doe. The subject stated he had shot it across the street and transported it to his residence. The subject was issued a citation for failure to tag whitetail deer.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

LOGAN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

MASON COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley and Lt. Stoned checked hunters in Menard County. CPO Thornley checked a hunter who was not wearing a blaze orange hat as required. CPO Thornley conducted a compliance check of the hunter. The hunter’s shotgun was determined to be unplugged, and the hunter had a revoked FOID card. CPO Thornley arrested the hunter for possession of a shotgun while having a revoked FOID card and a citation for unlawful possession of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. CPO Thornley issued the hunter a written warning for no blaze orange.

MORGAN COUNTY

While patrolling rural Morgan County during the second firearm deer season, CPO Gerdes issued two hunters written warnings for hunting without a valid habitat stamp. Both hunters made the error by mistake and were provided with hunting digestes for future use.

CPO Snodgrass received a complaint of hunting without permission. When he arrived at the property he was unable to locate the subjects. He relocated to a nearby house where he heard a gunshot. Upon
arriving at the residence he found 3 subjects target shooting in the backyard. Upon interviewing the subjects it was determined all 3 subjects had been deer hunting. Two of the subjects did not possess deer tags, hunting licenses, or habitat stamps. The third subject did not possess a hunting license or habitat stamp. The subjects were educated on hunting rules and regs and issued citations and warnings for the violations.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Wahlbrink and Thornley completed an investigation involving teenagers possibly hunting from a roadway during the firearm deer season. During an interview, the teenagers admitted to coyote hunting during the closed season, using a spotlight from a vehicle, and shooting an opossum near the roadway with a rifle. Two of the individuals were issued citations for unlawfully attempting to take coyotes during closed season and a third was cited for unlawfully using a light from a vehicle. Numerous warnings were also issued.

CPO Thornley assisted CPO Wahlbrink regarding a complaint of people hunting from the road. It was determined some teenagers were hunting coyotes during a closed season. CPO Thornley issued a citation to one of the teenagers for unlawful use of light from a conveyance to shine wildlife. CPO Thornley issued written warnings for unlawful attempts to take coyotes during the closed season.

CPO Snodgrass received a complaint from a landowner whose dog had got caught in a leghold trap. After investigation, 14 leghold traps were found on the property. 10 of the traps were illegally placed around exposed bait, none of the traps had trap tags with owner information. A subject was located and cited for Trapping on land without permission, no trap tags, and placing traps within 30ft of exposed bait. The subject also received several written warnings for other trapping violations.

CPO Filipiak was patrolling the Rochester, Mechanicsburg conducting hunting compliance checks. While on patrol CPO Filipiak identified a hunter dragging an untagged deer to his vehicle, on another occasion a hunter was trespassing on railroad property and hunting without permission. Multiple other minor violations were uncovered and addressed appropriately.

SCOTT COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

Central Zone / District 11, Sgt. Dan Greuel
(CPO Barnes, CPO Hyatt, CPO Mieure, CPO Miller, & CPO Moody, CPO Viverito)
(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Willand located a nonresident hunter from Wyoming who was actively hunting during the second firearm season. The Wyoming hunter was found to only possess archery permits. CPO Willand made contact with the hunter and his son. CPO Willand issued one citation and 3 written warnings to the individual.

CPO Hyatt patrolled Clark county during the second firearm season and sat on properties where information has been received involving spotlighting and night hunting. 2 written warnings were issued over the second season.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted CPO Viverito in an ongoing hunting case spanning back to 2019. CPO Hyatt issued 3 citations and 1 written warning. A total of 8 citations and 2 warnings were issued to the subject.
CPO Mieure issued 1 citation for no valid deer permit, 1 citation for firearm loaded after legal hunting hours, and 1 citation for unlawful possession of whitetail deer, 2 written warnings for no blaze orange during firearm deer season.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
CPO Hyatt issued 3 written warnings during the firearm season

CPO Mieure issued a hunter 1 written warning for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill and one written warning for an unplugged shotgun during firearm deer season.

DOUGLAS COUNTY
CPO Hyatt responded to a call of a person trespassing, after investigation CPO Hyatt issued 1 citation for hunting without permission.

EDGAR COUNTY
CPO Hyatt met with CPO Miller and CPO Mieure for a spotlighting detail.

MOULTRIE COUNTY
CPO Moody cited a Noridge man for hunting without permission in rural Moultrie County

CPO Moody cited a Charleston man for hunting deer over bait in Rural Bethany

SHELBY COUNTY
CPO Barnes cited a subject for deer hunting over bait in Shelby county.

Central Zone / District 19, ACTING Sgt. Matt Graden
(CPO Ausmus, CPO Graden, CPO Reeves, CPO Sanford, CPO Z. Williams, & CPO Workman)
(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt, Vermilion,)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

DEWITT COUNTY
CPO Noah Workman received a phone call to self-report the illegal take of a whitetail deer. CPO Workman met with the subject and interviewed him. The subject admitted to taking the third buck and using his son’s deer tag to check the deer in. CPO Workman issued 3 citations and 2 WW to the subject and seized the antlers from the deer.

CPO Ausmus cited an archery deer hunter for being a Child Sexual Predator in a state park. The hunter was contacted and identified while walking back to his vehicle. The hunter claimed that he believed he could hunt in the park but admitted to being found guilty of the same offense in McLean County in January 2021. The hunter is facing a class 4 felony as this is his second offense, the case is ongoing in Dewitt County Court.

In Dewitt County, CPO Ausmus contacted two archery deer hunters during the muzzleloader season who were hunting in a closed area. A compliance check was completed and enforcement action was taken for no blaze orange when required and hunting in a closed area.

FORD COUNTY
No Activity Reported for this County

IROQUOIS COUNTY
CPO Farber discovered an area that was heavily baited with (2) tripod feeders, multiple mineral blocks, and additional corn feeders. During the second gun season, CPO Farber located (2) subjects sitting in a redneck blind near the bait. Citations and warnings were issued for the hunt by the use/aid of bait, unplugged shotguns, and licensing.
CPO Elliot interviewed a subject believed to be involved in deer hunting violations in Iroquois county. At the conclusion of the interview, it was discovered that the subject used another’s permit to tag a harvested buck during archery season and harvested but failed to tag/report (2) additional deer during the second gun season. Citations were issued for unlawful use of another's permits, unlawful possession of illegally taken wildlife, and failure to tag harvested deer. Antlers and illegally harvested deer were seized.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**MACON COUNTY**

During the second firearm deer season, CPO Reeves received a complaint of a man hunting on lands without permission. CPO Reeves responded to the property, located the hunter, and issued the man a citation.

During the second firearm deer season, CPO Reeves received a complaint of a man firearm deer hunting too close to an inhabited dwelling without first obtaining permission. CPO Reeves responded to the location, located the hunter, and issued the man a citation.

While checking fishermen along the Sangamon River in Macon County, CPO Reeves located a man with an active warrant for his arrest out of Macon County. At the request of Macon County, CPO Reeves issued the man a notice to appear in court for violating the bail bond on the original Macon County case. He will have a mandatory court date in Macon County at a later time.

**MCLEAN COUNTY**

CPO Workman responded to a complaint of hunting without permission. CPO Workman found the hunter and found him to be legal. While in the area, CPO Workman found 2 vehicles parked in an area favorable for deer hunting. CPO Workman discovered both vehicles had indicators they were hunting and found neither vehicle’s owner possessed valid firearm deer permits for McLean County. CPO Workman waited and interviewed both subjects as they exited the field from their hunt. One subject claimed to not be engaged in hunting, but after a brief interview, confessed to ditching his firearm while exiting the field. Both subjects were issued 1 citation.

CPO Reeves participated in an air-ops detail with the Illinois State Police and several Conservation Police officers. CPO Reeves flew in the plane during the detail and operated the FLIR camera to assist ground units in contacting hunters or vehicles. During the detail, the plane observed a vehicle utilizing a spotlight to illuminate fields. The officers in the plane guided ground units to the vehicle to conduct a stop. The stop resulted in officers locating a man spotlighting with an uncased rifle in the vehicle. Several citations were issued and the rifle and spotlight were seized.

**PIATT COUNTY**

CPO Ausmus followed up on a complaint of deer carcasses dumped in an agricultural field without landowner permission. There were 8 carcasses in total, one headless buck and one doe, both were field dressed but neither had any usable meat removed. CPO Ausmus canvassed the area and spoke to several homeowners and developed a possible suspect. The hunter initially admitted to dumping 4 deer carcasses but later admitted to dumping 7. The hunter claimed the buck had been gut shot and not recovered until the next morning and had a stench. The hunter believed the meat was spoiled but made no attempts to harvest any of it. The hunter admitted that the doe was taken in Shelby County but never tagged or reported. The hunter stated he just got lazy and didn’t attempt to butcher the doe and just dumped it and the buck in the field. The hunter was issued six citations and multiple warnings in three counties.

**VERMILION COUNTY**
While patrolling State lands in Vermilion County, CPO Sanford observed an individual firearm deer hunting from a tree stand known to be baited with mineral. CPO Sanford made contact with the individual, who was issued a citation and two written warnings for the violations.

CPO Sanford investigated an individual believed to be unlawfully processing wild game, for a fee, without a valid license to do so. The individual was issued a citation for the violation. The individual was also issued a written warning for record-keeping violations.

CPO Sanford completed a month-long investigation regarding trespass violations, as well as hunting deer by use/aid of bait and the unlawful harvest of multiple deer over said bait in Vermilion County. CPO Sanford was able to locate a suspect who was issued multiple citations for the unlawful harvest of two whitetail deer and other violations to the IL Wildlife Code. As a result of the investigation, (1) 8-pt whitetail buck, (1) ladder stand, and (3) cellular trail cameras were seized from the suspect.

While patrolling State lands in Vermilion County, CPO Sanford observed individual hunting in a restricted area, with no blaze orange cap as required. The individual was educated regarding the violations and proper enforcement action was taken.

CPO Sanford received a court disposition regarding a case involving the unlawful harvest of a bobcat in Vermilion County. The primary defendant was found guilty and ordered to pay $1200 in fines. The secondary defendant was also found guilty and ordered to pay $500 in fines. The bobcat, which was seized as evidence, was awarded to the IL Department of Natural Resources.
## Southern Zone Bi-Monthly Report

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### BOND COUNTY

CPO’s Gushleff and Lentz received a complaint on subjects hunting without permission. The subjects were located in Bond County and interviewed in regards to the complaint. The one subject was cited earlier in the weekend, and the other subject was cited on this occasion for not having a valid deer permit while hunting deer. The 2 were very new to hunting and were advised to read the hunting digest before coming out next hunting season.

### CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias and a USFWS agent are investigating a complaint involving a business illegally selling waterfowl mounts. The two are currently working together along with an Illinois-based business that is suspected of selling mounted waterfowl to individuals at an auction site.

### MADISON COUNTY

CPO Wichern cited (4) different archery deer hunters on Gabaret Island for several violations including hunting without a license or an IL Habitat stamp, transporting uncased archery equipment, hunting without permits in possession & failure to display a window permit on the Chouteau Island hunting complex.

CPO Wichern cited a muzzleloader deer hunter for failing to wear a 400” blaze orange hat & vest while in his deer stand, and for not directly supervising his 15yr old son who did not possess a FOID card and was also hunting without wearing his blaze orange in the stand.

CPO Ray received a complaint of a subject walking on state ground open only to archer deer hunting, Subject hunting squirrels during muzzleloader season without blaze orange, no hunting license, and wanted on a warrant for Failure to Appear. The subject was given a ride to Madison County Jail and received supper.

### MONROE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

### RANDOLPH COUNTY

During the second firearm deer season, CPO Ralph Sievers checked multiple hunters and issued citations for hunters possessing loaded firearms after shooting hours, loaded and uncased guns on an ATV, and blaze orange violations.

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Binsbacher encountered 2 individuals in the field during 2nd firearm season that had no valid deer tags, resident privileges as non-residents, no blaze orange, hunting over bait (corn), loaded firearm in a vehicle, and no trapping license or labeled traps while trapping; appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Waigand conducted several deer hunting compliance checks and issued 4 citations and 4 written warnings for various deer hunting violations.

CPO Wichern cited a landowner in Caseyville for feeding deer corn with a barrel feeder adjacent to his hunting area.
CPO Ray educated firearm deer hunters by addressing multiple violations; Hunting St. Clair County while in the field using Madison Co. permit, failure to wear blaze orange, hunting without a permit in possession, failure to tag deer immediately upon harvest, Hunting after hours, transportation without a case and firearm deer hunting without a valid permit.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**Southern Zone / District 14, Sgt. Marc Folden**

(CPO Jourdan, CPO Knop, CPO Lewis, CPO Schoenhoff, CPO Tapley, CPO K. Williams & CPO T. Williams)

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Perry, Saline, & White)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

CPO Tapley issued two hunters citations after they were found to be firearm deer hunting in the wrong county. The hunters also had an untagged deer, no blaze orange, and had operated a side by side through a wheat field without the owner’s permission.

After receiving complaints about people speeding at Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park, CPO Tapley patrolled the area to enforce the speed limit. Three citations were issued for speeding in excess of 60 MPH in a posted 35 zone. The fastest vehicle caught speeding was 74 mph in a 35 zone.

**GALLATIN COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

CPO Skelton was on active patrol when he noticed a suspicious vehicle parked on a dead-end road. CPO Skelton located the owner of the vehicle and discovered his privileges were revoked due to owing child support. Further investigation found the subject to be in possession of an uncased loaded rifle with a spotlight taped to the barrel. The subject was issued several citations and warnings, and his rifle was seized for evidence.

**HARDIN COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**PERRY COUNTY**

CPOs Lewis and Kyle Williams investigated complaints of a deer hunter in the waterfowl rest area of Pyramid State Park. They located the hunter in the rest area. The hunter advised that his friends were dropping him to hunt the area, hoping no one would see him. The CPOs issued him a citation for hunting in the rest area.

CPO Lewis located several hunters deer hunting on a railroad right of way. The railroad company does not allow trespassing anywhere on their property. It was a family, and the eldest member advised he had been hunting on the railroad since he was a child. CPO Lewis educated them and issued the group written warnings for hunting without permission.

CPO K. Williams and CPO Lewis heard gunshots in the vicinity of the waterfowl rest area at Pyramid State Park. Upon further investigation, a vehicle was located near the waterfowl rest area. Two hunters were found in the field which is a restricted area. One of the hunters had shot an 8 point whitetail buck. The whitetail buck was seized and the meat was taken to a local meat processor. The meat was then donated to
local food pantries courtesy of Beacoup Bottoms Whitetails Unlimited Chapter. The cape and antlers were seized as evidence. Citations were issued to both hunters that illegally entered and hunted a designated waterfowl rest area.

**SALINE COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**WHITE COUNTY**

CPO Williams responded to the Wabash River in response to a report of a boat found adrift with a commercial fishing net over its side without anyone around. CPOs Schoenhoff, Roundcount, and Taylor also responded and located the owner who was not on the River and cleared the incident from being a boat accident or drowning.

CPO Roundcount was on patrol during the second firearm deer season. A hunter wearing blaze orange was observed walking a field edge with a shotgun. The hunter presented a valid license and deer permit. CPO Roundcount requested the hunter to hand over the shells he was using. The hunter handed over #5 shotshells. The hunter admitted he was hunting squirrels. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting squirrels out of the season.

CPO Schoenhoff received a complaint of 2 subjects hunting without permission in White County. The subjects were contacted and admitted to hunting on the property without permission. During the investigation, other violations were found and the subject was issued citations for Unlawful hunting without permission and Unlawful use of a firearm deer permit in the wrong county. Written warnings were also issued for Unlawful hunting without permission (parental responsibility) and Unlawful hunting without a valid permit (parental responsibility).

Southern Zone / District 15, Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe

(CPO Hyatt, CPO Roper, CPO Roundcount, CPO Skelton, CPO Smith, CPO Swindle, CPO Taylor & CPO Willand)

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash, & Wayne)

**CLAY COUNTY**

CPO Smith issued a citation to a deer hunter for hunting with an unplugged shotgun. CPO Smith issued a citation to a deer hunter for failing to tag deer immediately upon kill. CPO Smith issued a citation to a dog owner for allowing dogs to chase and harass deer. CPO Smith issued a citation to a motor vehicle operator for operating with a suspended driver's license. CPO Smith issued a citation to a deer hunter for failing to report harvest by 10 PM and transporting an uncased shotgun. Multiple written warnings were issued for deer hunting violations.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

CPO Willand was performing compliance checks during the second firearm season. CPO Willand located a nonresident Louisiana hunter to have a loaded firearm inside a vehicle. CPO Willand issued a citation to the individual.

CPO Taylor checked a hunter using landowner permits that were not eligible to obtain landowner permits. The hunter was cited for the violation.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**FAYETTE COUNTY**
CPO Willand along with CPO Roper performed a compliance check on two coyote hunters. Both coyote hunters were found to have either uncased or loaded firearms in a vehicle. Both individuals were cited.

CPO Roper and CPO Viverito were on patrol in Fayette Co. just south of the Shelby Co. Line when they observed a vehicle driving up and down the road appearing to shine deer. CPOs discovered the driver was attempting to locate her husband to pick him up from hunting. Hunter was located and found to not have permits in possession. While on the stop CPOs observed an ATV approaching their location unlawfully operating on the roadway. CPOs made contact with the driver of the ATV and learned the individual was traveling to the coyote hunt. Coyote night hunting is closed during firearm deer season. CPOs found the rifle on the ATV (a .308 rifle) to be loaded in the ATV. Original hunter was issued a citation for no deer permit in possession. The driver of the ATV was issued a citation for Loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, and unlawfully coyote hunting during the closed season.

CPO Roper was on patrol in Fayette County when he observed a vehicle driving slowly through a rural area after dark in a known road hunting area. While following the vehicle CPO Roper observed the vehicle maneuvering its headlights off the roadway to attempt to shine deer. CPO Roper also observed the driver of the vehicle using a headlamp as a spotlight out the driver's window to actively shine deer in the field, while stopped on the roadway. CPO Roper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle to address the violations. The firearms were found to be cased and unloaded. The driver of the vehicle admitted to having just left hunting, and had no permits for himself or the juvenile passenger on his person. The driver of the vehicle was cited for no valid deer permit in possession and issued written warnings for unlawfully shining deer, permit not in possession (parental responsibility), and possess another’s permit in the field.

CPO Roper and CPO Willand were on night-time wildlife patrol in Fayette County when they observed two individuals coyote hunting. CPOs conducted a hunter compliance check on the hunters as they exited their vehicle to set up to call for coyotes. CPOs learned the passenger of the vehicle had a loaded firearm in the vehicle, and the driver had an uncased firearm in the vehicle. CPOs issued both subjects citations for the violations.

JASPER COUNTY
CPO Smith issued a citation to a waterfowl hunter for hunting out of season.

CPO Hyatt issued 2 citations and 8 warnings during 2nd firearm season.

CPO Hyatt issued one citation to a deer hunter during the muzzleloader-only season.

CPO Hyatt has been working with waterfowl hunters and wrote numerous warnings.

LAWRENCE COUNTY
CPO Roundcount was on patrol during the second firearm deer season. A hunter was observed exiting the woods with a crossbow. During the compliance check, it was discovered the deer hunter did not possess a valid firearm deer permit. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting without a valid deer permit.

Cpo Taylor worked 2nd firearm deer season and issued numerous citations for hunters not having firearm permits and having an unplugged shotgun. Numerous written warnings were issued for various wildlife violations.

MARION COUNTY
During this period CPO Swindle issued a citation for an unplugged shotgun during the second firearm deer season.
On December 14, CPO Swindle received a notification of a possible poaching incident in Altamont. CPO Swindle arrived on the scene and interviewed the two subjects who were seen shooting from their vehicle by Altamont PD. One subject was cited for hunting by use of a motor vehicle, transportation of an uncased firearm, and shooting from a roadway. The second subject was cited for hunting from a vehicle and uncased firearm as an accessory.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

CPO Taylor issued a citation to a hunter for deer hunting with a landowner permit on property he did not own.

**WABASH COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**WAYNE COUNTY**

CPO Skelton issued a citation to an individual operating a UTV while in possession of an uncased, loaded shotgun.

CPO Skelton investigated a case where 2 deer were dumped in rural Wayne County, and not properly processed. CPO Skelton located the subject at fault and issued him a citation for Wanton waste. The subject was further educated on the appropriate portions of the carcass that needed to be taken.

**Southern Zone / District 16, Sgt. Kristin Taylor**

(CPO G. Anderson, CPO Johnson, CPO Somers, CPO Spinka, CPO Teas, CPO Vasicek, CPO Wilkinson, CPO Wolf)

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Union, & Williamson)

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

CPO Spinka issued multiple issues to firearm deer hunters for various violations. CPO Spinka apprehended individuals hunting from the roadway at night and issued multiple violations for the incident.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

CPOs Lewis and Somers cited a Jackson County resident for unlawful take of a bobcat. The hunter informed the CPOs he was coyote hunting at night and using a thermal scope when he shot the bobcat. The bobcat came into his rabbit caller, and when the hunter shot it from a distance of approximately 20 yards. The hunter said he thought it was a coyote. After killing the cat, he disposed of it in a nearby creek. He did not possess a valid bobcat permit. The CPOs issued him citations for unlawful take of a bobcat without a permit, unlawful possession of a bobcat, and failure to report a bobcat harvest.

CPO G. Anderson responded with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office to a complaint of a bullet going through a residence near Murphysboro during firearm deer season. CPO Anderson arrived at the residence and saw bullet holes in 2 of the walls of the living room. CPO Anderson then located the hunter who was responsible for the damage. The hunter shot over a public roadway while striking the residence. A citation was issued and Jackson County provided a follow-up report on the incident.

CPO G. Anderson arrested a subject on a felony warrant at Burning Star SFWA. The subject was wanted on multiple Larceny charges.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

CPO Prasun has been working on an extensive investigation where numerous deer were killed illegally over four years. This investigation involved at least four offenders and occurred in Johnson County along with another county in northern Illinois. CPO Prasun recently obtained charges in Johnson County for the main offender in this case. The charges consisted of nine counts of Unlawful Take of Whitetail Deer along with one count of a violation of the Firearm Owner’s Identification Act. Charges are pending for the remaining offenders in this case.
CPO Teas cited two deer hunters in Johnson County. One of the hunters killed a buck and a doe during firearm deer season and used the other hunter’s permit to tag the doe.

**MASSAC COUNTY**

CPO Wolf is working in conjunction with a Missouri Conservation Agent on a falsified residency case where a Missouri resident has been receiving Illinois resident landowner tags and license on property he does not own for over 15 years. In addition to the residency fraud, the individual has harvested deer most years on the illegally obtained tags including 6 large antlered deer. Charges on the case are currently pending.

CPO Wolf cited individual hunting with no blaze orange or valid firearm deer permits.

**POPE COUNTY**

CPO Wolf cited a Colorado man for operating an ATV in a restricted area of the Shawnee National Forest.

CPO Wolf arrested an individual for driving while their license was suspended.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**UNION COUNTY**

No Activity Reported for this County

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Johnson observed a subject driving down a dead-end road in Williamson County. He was observed pulling into field entrances and slowly going down the road. CPO Johnson staged his squad and waited for the subject to approach his location. CPO Johnson stepped out and spoke with the subject. An uncased shotgun was located in the front seat. A further investigation led to the discovery of 2 eight points and 1 nine-point deer taken illegally. CPO Johnson followed the subject to his home and seized the deer heads. He was cited for unlawful take of 2 8 point deer, Unlawful take with no valid permit, Unlawful take of more than 2 antlered deer in a season, and failure to report harvest.