



MICHIGAN HUNTING RELATED INCIDENT SUMMARY

2018



Updated: 10-27-2020 Incidents: 7											
N O	DATE	COUNTY	ANIMAL HUNTED	CASUALTY TYPE	SELF INFLECTED	EQUIP. USED	SHOOTER AGE	VICTIM AGE(S)	SHOOTER VIOLATION	VICTIM VIOLATION	PENDING OR FINAL
1	01-16-18	BRANCH	Rabbit	Injury	Yes	Rifle	36		No	No	FINAL
While grabbing the slung rifle from the subject's shoulder, the subject's hand was placed across the barrel when the firearm discharged, injuring the subject's hand. – Careless handling of a firearm											
2	07-11-18	BRANCH	Raccoon	Injury	No	Rifle	80	57	No	No	FINAL
Victim was lying in soybean field, dressed in full camouflage. Shooter mistook victim's head movement as a raccoon and shot the victim. – Fail to identify target											
3	09-01-18	LIVINGSTON	Geese	Injury	No	Shotgun	17	39	No	No	FINAL
Shooter was swinging on game to follow a flock of geese when a pellet from the shot ricocheted off a fence line and struck the victim. – Shooter swinging on game											
4	9-16-18	ALLEGAN	Squirrel	Injury	No	Shotgun	71	57	Yes	No	FINAL
While squirrel hunting, shooter shot at what was thought to be a squirrel but turned out to be the hunting partner. – Fail to identify target											
5	11-15-18	ANTRIM	Deer	Fatal	No	Rifle	45	38	Yes	No	FINAL
Victim was bent over gutting a deer. While trespassing and stalk hunting the shooter mistook the victim for a deer that he believed was getting up from lying on the ground. – Fail to identify target											
6	11-15-18	CLARE	Deer	Injury	Yes	Rifle	32		No		FINAL
While sitting in deer blind with firearm across subject's lap, the subject reached to adjust the heater. Subject's finger was on the trigger. When the subject bent forward, the trigger was bumped and discharged the firearm into his other hand.											
7	11-16-18	OSCODA	Deer	Fatal	No	Rifle	32	29	No	No	FINAL
Shooter shot at and missed a deer. The projectile continued to travel and struck the victim in the head. The shooter did not know the victim was there. – Fail to identify beyond target											