

## Gulf County Sheriff's Office

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## GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

APRIL 28, 2014 - MAY 4, 2014

On Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Thshawn M. Johnson (20) turned himself into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Johnson was arrested for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. He remains in the GCDF.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier conducted a traffic stop on State Road 71 north of Wewahithcka. As a result of the stop the passenger in the vehicle, George H. Whitfield (40), was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Whitfield's original charges were Felony Battery and Possession of Listed Chemicals. He was transported to the GCDF where he remains.

On April 28th, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Garrison Avenue in Port St. Joe. The driver, Charles W. Jones (44), was arrested for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 100 block of Tower Lane in WindMark after the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a call regarding a burglary. It's believed the offense occurred the evening before. It was discovered a black Stream Ride, Beach Cruiser Model, bicycle was stolen. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding theft of medication from the 6600 block of Ganley Road in Five Acre Farms. The complainant reported that sometime over the past two weeks someone had entered the residence and took a bottle of prescription pain meds. Sgt. J. Murnan took the report.

On Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO executed a transport order by transporting Alexandru L. Tudor (33) from Gulf Correctional Institution to court proceedings at the Gulf County Courthouse. He was returned the same day.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 400 block of Midway Park Drive. The GCSO received a complaint about a physical altercation which had occurred the day before. During the course of the investigation it was discovered the altercation was prompted after a parent learned another adult family member allowed their child to smoke marijuana. The case is still under investigation and charges are forthcoming.

On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Beuligmann served Charles E. Kinney (39) with a warrant at the GCDF. Kinney turned himself in on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Kinney is on probation for Aggravated Assault with a Weapon and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer. He remains in custody.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Thomas E. O'Brian (63) turned himself in and was served a warrant for Violation of Probation. Deputy J. Oquendo served O'Brian with the warrant, who was on probation for Exploitation of the Elderly. He remains in custody.

On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy S. Willis served a warrant on Milton C. Joseph (54). Joseph turned himself in on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Joseph is on probation for Driving Under the Influence and Driving While License Suspended, or Revoked. He remains in the GCDF.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy P. Williams made a field contact in the 100 block of US Highway 98 in Port St. Joe. As a result of the consensual encounter, Robert C. Hill (29) was found in possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. Deputy Williams arrested Hill and transported him to the GCDF where he was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hill remains in custody.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Chelsea R. Sandifer (21) turned herself into the GCSO after a warrant was issued for her arrest. On March 26, 2014, investigators with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) contacted GCSO Inv. L. Greenwood regarding a criminal investigation they were conducting. The FCSO investigation revealed a case regarding a lewd or lascivious battery on a child less than sixteen years of age in Gulf County. During the course of the investigation it was discovered the offenses started in December 2012. Investigators conducted interviews and reviewed electronic media devices. As a result of the investigation, Sandifer was arrested and charged for Lewd or Lascivious Battery on a Child Less than Sixteen Years of Age. She remains in custody.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy P. Williams arrested Mary L. Young (30) in the 500 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove. The GCSO received a complaint on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, regarding Young violating an injunction for protection. The case was investigated by Lt. T. Wood and a warrant was issued for Young's arrest. She was transported to the GCDF where she was later first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the 600 block of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wewahitchka in reference to windows busted out of a vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the vehicle was burglarized and prescription pain

meds were stolen from within. The case is still under investigation. If you have any information please contact Investigator L. Greenwood at the GCSO.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:01 am the GCSO received a complaint regarding a shooting incident in the 4200 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. The complainant discovered their vehicle had been shot during the night. Sgt. J. Williams responded to the call and found where the vehicle was shot numerous times. The report revealed the incident occurred at approximately 1:00 am and the shots were heard by several neighbors. One witness observed the vehicle leaving the scene. No one was injured during the incident. The scene was processed by GCSO Crime Scene Investigator M. Ward. If you have any information regarding this case please contact Investigator L. Dickey at the GCSO or call CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS(8477).

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:49 am the GCSO received another complaint regarding a shooting incident in the 200 block of State Road 71 North in Wewahitchka. The complainant discovered their vehicle was shot numerous times. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call and the scene was processed by GCSO Crime Scene Investigator M. Ward. It is believed this and the incident on County Road 386 are related. If you have any information regarding this case please contact Investigator L. Dickey at the GCSO or call CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS(8477).

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to extradite Vernetta L. Gibson (29). Gibson was arrested in Bay County and was held on a warrant in Gulf County for Failure to Appear on Bail. Gibson's original charge was Grand Theft. She was transported to the GCDF where she remains in custody.

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the GCSO received a call regarding a theft and a battery in the 400 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove. Deputy K. Starnes responded to the call and investigated. The suspect is known to the complainant and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Margaret E. Lott (47) in the 500 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View. Lott was taken into custody on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. She was transported to the GCDF where she paid the purge amount and was released.

From April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup> the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 35 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 47 calls for EMS, 15 calls for other departments/agencies and 9 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 4th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 199; Civil Paper Service, 33; Traffic Stop, 23; Field Contact, 13; Information, 8; Attempts to locate wanted person, 9; Warrant Arrest, 6; Street Obstruction, 5; Welfare Check, 5; Noise Disturbance, 4; Reckless Driver, 4; Alarm, 3; Prisoner Transport, 3; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 3; Suspicious Activity, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Burglary-Residence, 2; Verbal Disturbance,

2; Sexual Offender Address Verifications, 2; Shooting Incident, 2; Request for Security Checks, 2; Animal Call, 1; Animal Bite, 1; Simple Battery, 1; Burglary of Auto, 1; Citizens Assistance, 1; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Disturbance, 1; Drunk Pedestrian, 1; Escort, 1; Mentally Ill, 1, Stalking, 1; Prowler/Trespass, 1; Special Detail, 1; Suspicious Vehicle, 1; Theft, 2; and Traffic Accident, 1.

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