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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MAY 12, 2014 – MAY 25, 2014

On Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Utria Y. Pagan (29) was served a warrant for Failure to Appear on his original charge of Cultivation of Marijuana. Pagan was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) where he was later first appeared and released on a \$250.00 bond.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Murnan arrested Tierre J. Ash (20) on a warrant issued out of Bay County. Ash was wanted for Violation of Probation. He was transported to the GCDF and later extradited by the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, The Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call regarding a stolen outboard motor in the 100 block of Audubon Lane, in Wewahitchka. Deputy K. Starnes investigated the call. The motor was described as a 1980 model 30hp Yamaha. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Investigator L. Dickey recovered a stolen bicycle. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO took a report of a residential burglary in the 100 block of Tower Lane in WindMark. The bike was the item reported stolen from the residence. The property was returned to its owner. The case is still under investigation.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the 500 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove regarding the contents of a trash can being set on fire. The complainant stated that a vehicle approached the can and an individual threw something inside of it and started the fire.

On Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a call regarding a theft in the 2300 block of State Road 30-A. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call. The complainant reported the theft of the lower unit on an outboard motor. The unit was stolen from a 250hp Yamaha Outboard and valued at approximately \$3,800.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Arthur L. Johnson (56) was arrested and served a warrant for Violation of Probation on his original charges of Habitual Driving while License Suspended/Revoked and Principal to Grand Theft. He remains in the GCDF.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Rashed O. Brown (31) was arrested and served a warrant for Failure to Appear on his original charges of Driving while License Suspended/Revoked. He was first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical altercation in the 100 block of Castlewood Lane. Deputy J. Oquendo investigated the complaint. Prior to Deputy Oquendo's arrival several individuals involved left the scene. The case was forwarded to the Office of State Attorney for review.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the 200 block of Sealy Drive in White City in reference to a criminal mischief. The complainant discovered a window to a residence busted. It was also discovered that an exterior door was struck and busted also. No items were reported to be missing from the residence.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Brock conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation west of Wewahitchka on State Road 22. Deputy Brock developed reasonable suspicion of the presence of illegal narcotics during the contact with the vehicle's occupants. Sgt. J. Williams arrived and deployed K-9 Marco. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence illegal narcotics and as a result the vehicle was searched. The passenger of the vehicle, Stephen D. Taunton (38), was arrested. He was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Taunton was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$2,750 bond.

On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a call regarding a traffic accident on US Highway 98 in Highland View. Sgt. J. Williams responded to the call and investigated. As a result, Ryan P. Walker (24), was arrested for Driving Under the Influence with Damage to Property. Walker was transported to the GCDF and later first appeared. He was conditionally released.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 3800 block of State Road 71 South in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a report regarding the theft of tools and auto parts. The complainant reported the theft of two drive shafts and assorted tools. The estimated value of the property is \$450.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Investigator L. Greenwood recovered a stolen floating pump valued at \$3,010. The pump was reported stolen to the GCSO on November 3, 2013. The item was stolen from the Dalkeith Fire Department. The case is still under investigation.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at 1341 East River Road in Wewahitchka. As a result of the search Stephen D. Taunton (38) was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Listed Chemicals, two

counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Taunton was first appeared and released on a \$35,500 bond.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Nicole B. Henry (24) was arrested and served a warrant for Battery. The case originated at the Port St. Joe Police Department. Henry was taken into custody in Franklin County and later transported to the GCDF. She was first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mark A. Smith (49) was served a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. He was booked into the GCDF and was later released.

On Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams and Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Ryan S. Combs (31) in the area of Nichols Road in Wewahitchka. A warrant was issued for Violation of Probation on Combs' original charges of Petit Theft and Trespass. He was transported to the GCDF, where he was later first appeared. Combs was released on a \$2,105 bond.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a female stating she was being followed by several males in a vehicle. Deputy B. Smith responded to the call in the 3800 block of Cape San Blas Road. Contact was made with the subjects. One of the subjects failed to provide his full name and as a result was arrested. Carmen Emilio Torres (24) was arrested and charged with Providing False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer. As the investigation continued it was determined Torres was wanted by the State of Georgia for Violation of Probation. He is awaiting extradition.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. R. Burkett arrested Joe A. Purswell (47) in the 600 block of West Creekview Drive in Stonemill Creek. Purswell was wanted out of Bay County for Larceny. He was transported to the GCDF and later extradited to the Bay County Jail.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of a television in the 600 block of Maddox Street. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the call. The complainant advised his 50 inch television and a watch was missing out of the residence. Deputy Ferrell continues to investigate.

On Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Sean F. Porras (37) after making contact with him in front of a closed business near Dalkeith. As a result of the contact Porras was found to be in possession of meth. He was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Porras was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared. He remains in custody with a \$16,000 bond.

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call with the caller reporting that a gun had been pulled on them. Deputies responded to Ohio Street in Red Bull Island. It was later determined that the information provided by the caller was false. Charges for filing a false report have been submitted to the Office of State Attorney for review.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 800 block of Stebel Drive in White City. The complainant reported that obscenities were written on two of their vehicles. Deputy Starnes continues to investigate.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a call from a third party regarding a possible residential burglary. Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 400 block of Ponderosa Pine Drive in Jones Homestead. It was determined that the call was in reference to a trespass. At the time, Randall L. Moore (32) was given a warning to not trespass on the property. The GCSO was later contacted and Deputy Starnes found Moore on the property after he was warned not to trespass. Moore was arrested for Trespass and transported to the GCDF. Once at the GCDF Moore was found in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He was charged with Trespass, Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Moore was first appeared and released on a \$2,500 bond.

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. Deputy K. Starnes responded to the call in the 100 block of Rhodes Drive in Wewahitchka. After the complaint was investigated, it was determined that Josie W. Miller (29) was wanted by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office for the delivery of methamphetamine. She was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call from 7525 Cape San Blas Road. The caller, Jarrod P. Slick (22), told the 911 operator his mother had been "assaulted." Once GCSO Deputies arrived the victim was discovered in the residence unconscious and later succumbed to her injuries. Slick was detained by deputies and later interviewed by investigators. Slick was developed as a prime suspect in the case. During the course of the investigation, it was determined Slick and the victim were the only occupants of the residence at the time of the offense. The evidence was revealed through the victim's home security system. Slick was held in the GCDF on unrelated charges during the investigation. Lt. P. Beasley arrested Slick on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and he was booked on an open count of murder. Slick was first appeared and is currently held without bond.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received two complaints regarding criminal mischief. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call in WindMark's public parking lot situated on the north side of the development. The victims in the case discovered their vehicle's window busted out. Nothing was reported stolen from within the vehicles. Evidence was collected and this case is still under investigation.

On Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the 100 block of Venus Drive in Port St. Joe. The GCSO received a complaint regarding a physical disturbance. The call was investigated and Earl D. Parker, III (39) was arrested and charged with Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. M. Herring served Sean F. Porras (37) at the GCDF with a warrant for the Sale of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a Church. The case is the result of an

investigation conducted by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. Porras was first appeared and remains in custody on a \$16,000 bond.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of a fuel tank in the 300 block of Bozeman Circle in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the call. The complainant reported that a six-gallon fuel tank was stolen from their boat. The tank was described as a red metal tank.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Ward served an arrest order to Mark S. Kelsoe, Jr. (33). Kelsoe turned himself into the GCSO. He bonded out on the order by paying \$150.00

On Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft in the 200 block of Sycamore Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams responded to the call. The complainant reported that two seats, seat pedestals, and a stainless steel steering wheel were stolen off of a boat. The value of the property is estimated at \$600.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to 274 Hill Top Drive in Stone Mill Creek in reference to the theft of a gas can. The complainant reported the theft approximately one gallon fuel that was contained in a red can with a yellow nozzle.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Justin R. Taunton (30) was arrested and booked on a warrant out of Bay County. He was released on a \$450 bond.

On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of a fuel tank from the 1800 block of Stone Mill Creek Road. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call. The complainant discovered his six-gallon fuel tank was stolen out of his boat. The can contained approximately six-gallons of fuel and was a red Quicksilver brand tank for a Mercury Outboard.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the 100 block of Gone Fishing Street in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of a bike. The complainant reported that his bike was taken from his yard overnight. It was described as either an 18 or a 24 speed purple and pink bike with a black wire basket on the front.

On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a vehicle burglary. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to a location under the Highland View Bridge. The complainant stated that someone went inside their vehicle as they were fishing. A wallet with \$100 and a cellular phone was stolen. The vehicle was not locked at the time of the offense. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy M. Garrett arrested Shawna M. Hatcher (33) in the 700 block of Jones Homestead Road on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Hatcher was transported to the GCDF and released after she paid a \$1,500 purge.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of medications. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 2600 block of State Road 71 South in Wewahitchka. The

complainant stated someone had stolen a bottle of medication out of their vehicle while parked in a business parking lot. The vehicle was not locked at the time of the offense.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy J. Oquendo was dispatched to the 1200 block of State Road 71 North in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of items from the property. The complainant said the items were taken sometime before May 19<sup>th</sup>. The items were six Ford Model A or Model T spoke rims, an old four-cylinder motor, scaffolding wheels, a catalytic converter, dry transformer core, and miscellaneous scrap metal. The estimated value of the items totaled approximately \$1,400.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy J. Brock was dispatched to the area of State Road 71 south of White City regarding a possible domestic disturbance. A vehicle description was provided by the caller who also informed the dispatcher one of the individuals involved was walking down the highway. Contact was made with Robert A. Harrison (56), the driver of the vehicle. He was subsequently arrested for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Unlawful Use of a Driver's License. Harrison was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and conditionally released.

On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jeffrey R. Marshall (29) was served with an arrest warrant for Violation of Probation. Marshall is on probation for two counts of the Sale of Meth, two counts of Possession of Listed Chemicals, Possession of controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Marshall was arrested by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and was transported to the GCDF. He remains in custody.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 100 block of Michael Street in Stone Mill Creek regarding the theft of a gas can. The complainant reported a five-gallon gas can was stolen that contained approximately five-gallons of fuel.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 700 block of Gulf Aire Drive in reference to stolen boat parts. The caller reported the theft of two white pvc boat guide tubes that were stolen from a boat trailer. The items were stolen sometime in the past month.

On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of McGlon Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams was dispatched to the call. As a result of the investigation Shawna M. O'Bryan (26) and Joseph T. Adkison (22) were arrested for Battery. Both parties were transported to the GCDF. They were later first appeared. O'Bryan was conditionally released and Adkison was released on a \$2,500 bond.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to extradite Stephanie E. Hutchinson (38) to Gulf County. Hutchinson was arrested in Bay County on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Hutchinson is on probation for Battery and Failure to Register as a Felon. She remains in custody.

On Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputy K. Starnes conducted a traffic stop in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Pine Street. Deputy Starnes believed the driver of the vehicle was under the influence. As a result of the investigation Michael B. Seaman (56) was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Seaman was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$2,500 bond.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 1600 block of Stone Mill Creek Road regarding the theft of a gas can. The complainant reported that his red Tohatsu fuel tank was stolen from his boat. The fuel line to the tank was cut. The total value of the property damaged and stolen is approximately \$155.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputy B. Smith was dispatched to the 300 block of Indian Pass in reference to the theft of a water pump. The suspect in the case used wire cutters to cut the electrical connection before stealing the pump.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>. Deputy B. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of State Road 30-A in Simmons Bayou for a traffic violation. Consent to search the vehicle was obtained. David M. Jacobs (18) and two juveniles were arrested and charged with Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Jacobs was first appeared and given a conditional release. The Department of Juvenile Justice will assume jurisdiction over the juveniles involved.

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