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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 26, 2014 – JUNE 1, 2014

On Monday, May 26th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding the theft of an irrigation pump from the 400 block of Gulf Pines Drive. Deputy B. Smith investigated the theft.

On Tuesday, May 27th, Deputy J. Oquendo took a report at the GCSO regarding a missing firearm. The victim in the case stated that he discovered his Browning 9mm pistol missing from his vehicle at the beginning of the month. It was unclear where the firearm went missing from, or if it was taken from within Gulf County.

On May 27th, the GCSO received a call regarding the theft of three water faucets and two Everstart batteries. Deputy B. Smith investigated the complaint, which was in the 4700 block of Cape San Blas Road.

On May 27th, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 200 block of Catalpa Avenue in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a report of a theft. The complainant discovered their pellet gun missing from the front porch. Deputy Brock investigated the complaint and determined Aaron W. Smiley (30) was the suspect in the case. A warrant was issued for Burglary to a Structure. He was arrested and served with a warrant on Monday, June 2nd. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Wednesday, May 28th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical disturbance in the 400 block of Angel Fish Street in Highland View. Deputy G. Desrosier responded and investigated the call. One of the parties involved had already left the scene when he arrived. The case is still under investigation.

On May 28th, Deputy P. Williams took a report of the theft of a firearm from a vehicle in the 8900 block of Wentletrap Drive in Beacon Hill. The complainant stated his Fie model TZ 9mm pistol was stolen from within his vehicle between May 26th and May 27th. The vehicle was left unlocked.

On May 28th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary in the 5500 block of SR 71 in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported the offense occurred sometime between April 19th and May 28th. The following items were reported as stolen: a 12 foot aluminum ladder, a hot water heater, a water pump and tank, along with a refrigerator. The total value of the property reported stolen was \$500.

On Thursday, May 29th, Pamela R. Davis (32) turned herself into the GCSO on active warrants for Violation of Probation. Davis is on probation for Reckless Driving with Property Damage and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. She was booked into the GCDF where she was later first appeared and released on a \$1,500 bond the same day.

On May 29th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of tools and copper tubing in the 6200 block of Ganley Road in Five Acre Farms. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the call. The complainant said the following items were stolen from within a shed: two Poulan chainsaws; a Makita circular saw new in the box; a fifty foot roll of copper tubing; a metal and a plastic tool box; four ATV tires and wheels; a Hytachi roof nailer; and a Baja two wheel scooter. The total value of the property stolen was \$2,180. If you have any information regarding this offense, please contact the GCSO or call CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS(8411).

On May 29th, Deputy B. Smith was approached by a complainant who wished to file a report regarding the theft of a water pump. The offense occurred between May 24th and May 29th. The pump belonged to the home owners association of Marnie Island Reserve near Cape San Blas. The pump was a one horse power Berkley pump and was valued at \$700. At the same time, Deputy Smith took a report of the theft of the same style pump from the property at the Cottages of Indian Summer. The value of that pump was \$1,000.

On Friday, May 30th, John E. Burrows (31) turned himself in and was arrested for a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Burrows was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and was released after paying a \$1,600 purge.

On May 30th, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Austin R. Hysmith (28) for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Unlawful Use of a Driver's License. Hysmith was observed driving a vehicle on suspended driver's license and was arrested at West Church Avenue and SR 71 in Wewahitchka. He was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF. He remains in the GCDF on a \$1,150 bond.

On May 30th, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 100 block of Hensley Lane in Overstreet after the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. After the investigation it was determined the complainant, Timothy D. Buell (34), was wanted for Violation of Probation. Buell was arrested and transported to the GCDF. He is on probation for Indecent Exposure. He remains in the GCDF on a \$1,100 bond.

During the late evening hours on Friday, May 30th and the early morning hours of Saturday, May 31st, GCSO Narcotics Investigators and Deputies arrested the following

individuals on warrants issued the sale of narcotics: Anthony S. Crocker (30) - Principle to the Sale of Meth; Warren M. Bowers (28) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Park; Brenda J. Neel (24) - Principle to the Sale of Meth; Gordon F. Hammond (38) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Park, Possession of Meth, two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWLS/R, and Unlawful Use of a Driver's License; April K. Holmes (35) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; Rex A. Veasey, Sr. (48) - Sale of Meth, Possession of Meth with Intent to Distribute, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Veronica L. Pickron (40) - Principle to the Sale of Meth and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device; Sean F. Porras (37) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Church; Robert C. Hill (29) - Sale of GHB within 1,000 Feet of a Child Care Facility, Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of a Child Care Facility, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device; Melissa A. Sims (35) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of a Church; Rebecca P. Smith (70) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; Joseph D. Turner (28) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; and Shelby A. Scheffer (23) - Principle to Trafficking in Hydrocodone. Each case is the culmination of investigations conducted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit, some of which began three months ago. In addition to the sale of meth, Hammond and Veasey faced additional charges at the time of their arrest. The following bonds were issued at first appearance: Bowers, \$10,000; Neel, ROR; Hammond, \$18,000; Holmes, \$10,000; Veasey, \$22,500; Pickron, \$15,000; Porras, \$10,000; Hill, \$28,000; Sims, \$10,000; Smith, \$10,000; Turner, \$10,000, and Scheffer, \$10,000.

On Saturday, May 31st, Deputy J. Oquendo stopped a vehicle on Stone Mill Creek Road and SR 71 regarding a moving violation. It was determined the driver, David M. Hewitt, Jr. (18), was wanted out of Holmes County and operated the vehicle without a driver's license. He was arrested and charged with Driving Without a License and an out of county warrant. Hewitt was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a \$2,500 bond for Driving Without a License. He remains in custody awaiting extradition to Holmes County.

On May 31st, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of construction materials from the 100 block of East Seascapes Drive. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the call. The complainant stated that two incidents of theft had occurred at the residence. The first was reported to have occurred around September 15, 2013. The incident involved the theft of a shipment of thin set which is material used to hold down floor tile. The second incident was reported to have occurred around the first two weeks of April 2014. The complaint said it involved the shipment of approximately eight boxes of tile. The total value of the items taken was approximately \$2,605. The complainant stated a report was not filed earlier, because they felt the property would not be able to be traced. Citizens are strongly encouraged to file reports as soon as they become aware of a possible crime.

On May 31st, Sgt. J. Williams stopped a vehicle for traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of County Road 22-A and Parker Farm Road. When Sgt. Williams contacted the driver, Eddy Adorno (20), he could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from within the vehicle. K9 Marco was deployed and alerted to the presence of illegal

narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag of less than twenty grams of marijuana and a pipe used to smoke marijuana. Adorno was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

On Sunday, June 1st, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 8000 block of US Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach regarding the theft of several reel and rods. The complainant reported the theft occurred during the early morning hours of June 1st. The reel and rods were stolen from a boat parked near the complainant's home. The total value of the reel and rods was \$440.

On June 1st, Henry H. Watford, Jr. (29) turned himself in on a warrant for Violation of Probation. The warrant was issued out of Bay County. He bonded out on a \$2,500 bond.

On June 1st, Deputy J. Oquendo and Sgt. J. Murnan arrested Rodney D. Adkison (33) on an active warrant for Violation of Probation. At the time of his arrest he was determined to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Adkison was transported to the GCDF where has charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation. He is on probation for Possession of Listed Chemicals, Manufacturing Controlled Substance, and Felony DWLS/R. He remains in custody at the GCDF.

On June 1st, the GCSO received a call regarding a verbal disturbance in the 6900 block of Doc Whitfield Road in Howard Creek. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call. After investigating the incident, William T. Knox (63), was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

From May 26th through June 1st the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 51 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 45 calls for EMS, 16 calls for other departments/agencies and 5 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From May 26th through June 1st the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 283; Traffic Stop, 28; Civil Paper Service, 25; Field Contact, 23; Warrant Arrests, 14; Theft/Shoplifting, 9; Abandoned Vehicle, 4; Information, 4; Suspicious Activity, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Verbal Disturbance, 3; EMS Assist, 4; Harassing Phone Calls, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Sexual Offender Address Verifications, 3; Request for Security Check, 3; Alarm, 2; Assist another agency, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Disturbance, 2; Trespass, 2; Street Obstruction, 2; Suspicious Person, 2; Suspicious Vehicle, 2; Welfare Check, 2; Animal Call, 2; Burglary of Auto, 1; Citizens Assist, 1; Deceased Person, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Escort, 2; Fire Call, 3; Fraud, 1; Lost Items/Personal, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Recovered Property, 1; and Sexual Offender Reregistration, 1.

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