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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 2, 2014 – JUNE 8, 2014

On Monday, June 2nd, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office executed an order to pick up a juvenile who violated probation. Deputy J. Newsome executed the order during a court proceeding where the subject was arrested and later transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Panama City.

On June 2nd, Deputy M. Layfield conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on US Highway 98 and DuPont Drive. Mary LeAnn Young (30) was an occupant in the vehicle and had an active warrant for her arrest out of Hernando County Florida for Violation of Probation. Young was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) to await extradition.

On June 2nd, Deputy P. Williams arrested and served Aaron W. Smiley (30) with a warrant for Burglary of a Structure while Armed. He remains in custody at the GCDF on a \$5,000 bond.

On June 2nd, Sheriff Harrison arrested Jason W. Laurimore (35) on State Road (SR) 71 near Gary Rowell Road north of Wewahitchka. Laurimore was wanted by the GCSO for Principle to the Sale of Meth. At the time of his arrest, Deputy Ferrell found Laurimore in possession of a glass pipe commonly used to ingest illegal narcotics. He was transported to the GCDF where he was charged with Principle to the Sale of Meth and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was first appeared and remains in the GCDF on a \$10,500 bond.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, Investigator L. Dickey arrested James A. Turman (19) in the 500 block of 3rd Street in Port St. Joe. Investigator Dickey developed Turman as a suspect in the vehicle burglary that occurred on Thursday, May 22nd, beneath the Highland View Bridge. A warrant for Burglary of Automobile was obtained for his arrest. Turman was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared. Turman remains in custody.

On Wednesday, June 4th, Deputy K. Starnes arrested Bobby N. Hooper, Jr. (42), in the 100 block of Suber Lane in Wewahitchka. Hooper was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charges of two counts of Possession of Cocaine. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On June 4th, Austin R. Hysmith (28) was arrested at the GCDF and served with a warrant for Violation of Probation. Hysmith was on probation for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He remains in the GCDF.

On June 4th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic dispute in the 2400 block of Victoria Avenue in Highland View. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call. After investigating the call Deputy Brock arrested Samuel A. Wilkerson (39). Wilkerson was charged with Domestic Assault and transported to the GCDF. He was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On Thursday, June 5th, Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the 100 block of Cutoff Drive in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft of twelve to fifteen rough cut planks of cypress. Deputy Oquendo continues to investigate the case.

On June 5th, Deputy S. Ferrell took a report of the theft of ten crawfish baskets stolen from Lockey Lake. The baskets were described as homemade and were taken between May 31st and June 5th.

On June 5th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft in the 2600 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the call. The complainant reported the theft of a seat cover described as green with black stripes.

On Saturday, June 7th, Deputy P. Williams took a report of the theft of two porcelain angel statues from a grave at Buckhorn Cemetery. One was described as 18 inches tall and the other twelve. The items were taken within the week prior to the report.

On June 7th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of items from three separate rental units on Cape San Blas. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the call. The property manager discovered items missing. The location of the units were in the 4200 block of Cape San Blas Road, the 100 block of Clifton Place, and the 200 block of Haven Road. The manager reported the theft of five televisions (three described as 32 inch), two Blu-ray players and an Xbox 360. There were no signs of forced entry into any of the locations. If you have any information regarding this case please contact the GCSO, or call CrimeStoppers at (850)785-TIPS.

On June 7th, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 400 block of SR 71 North in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a call regarding the theft of copper wire from the location. The complainant reported that a roll of black insulated copper wire, valued at \$275, was stolen out of the yard.

On Sunday, June 8th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of miscellaneous tools from the Gulf County Shipyard. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the call. The complainant reported that six locks had been cut off a trailer and several storage containers and replaced with new ones. It was reported that a bucket of assorted tools were stolen valued at approximately \$400.

On June 8th, Deputy S. Willis took a report of the theft of a vehicle's registration decal from its tag. The offense occurred in the 2500 block of Oak Grove Avenue in Port St. Joe.

From June 2nd through June 8th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 70 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 33 calls for EMS, 16 calls for other departments/agencies and 10 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From June 2nd through June 8th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 234; Traffic Stop, 40; Civil Paper Service, 19; Request for Security Checks, 10; Field Contact, 9; Information, 7; Theft/Shoplifting, 7; Abandoned Vehicle, 6; Reckless Driver, 6; Suspicious Vehicle, 5; Citizens Assist, 3; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Escort, 3; Prowler/Trespass, 3; Sexual Offender Address Verification, 3; Street Obstruction, 3; Suspicious Activity, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Traffic Accident, 3; Warrant Arrest, 3; Welfare Check, 3; Alarm, 2; Animal Call, 2; Physical Disturbance, 2; Disturbance, 2; Mentally Ill, 2; Harassing Phone Calls, 2; Assault, 1; Burglary, 2; Contact Message, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Hit & Run, 1; Lost Personal Items, 1; Prisoner Transport, 1; Recovered Property, 1; Death Investigation, 1;

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