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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 16, 2014 – JUNE 22, 2014

On Monday, June 16th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the area of Indian Pass in reference to a report of stolen beach chairs. The caller left several beach chairs on the beach during the night and discovered them stolen the following day. The chairs were valued at \$414.00. This investigation is ongoing, anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) at 850-227-1115 or CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS (8477).

On June 16th, GCSO Deputies, Wewahitchka EMS, Overstreet Volunteer Fire Department and The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) responded to a single vehicle traffic accident involving a dump truck. The two occupants in the dump truck sustained injuries and were transported to Bay Medical Center. The accident investigation was conducted by FHP.

On Tuesday, June 17th, Deputy P. Williams recovered two abandoned bicycles from Windmark Lane, in the area of the east beach access. The bicycles currently do not match the description of reported stolen property to the GCSO. The owner(s) are asked to contact the GCSO to make a claim.

On June 17th, a Good Samaritan found a female's wallet that contained cash and personal identification. The property was turned into the GCSO Wewahitchka Substation. It was returned to its rightful owner.

On June 17th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the area of Indian Pass in reference to a report of stolen beach chairs. The complainant left their chairs on the beach during the night and discovered them stolen the following day. The beach chairs were valued at \$150.00. This was the second report received in two days regarding the theft of beach chairs left unattended on the beach during the night. This investigation is ongoing, anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115 or CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS (8477).

The GCSO would like to caution citizens and visitors not to leave valuables in an unsecured vehicle, or unattended on the beach, especially overnight.

On June 17th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to a St. Joe Beach residence in reference to a residential burglary. Through further investigation, Deputy Layfield arrested Ty J. Weaver (24) of St. Joe Beach for unlawfully entering the residence and stealing approximately \$400.00 in coins. Weaver was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. He was first appeared and given a \$5,000.00 bond.

On June 17th, Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation in the area of North 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was driven by Corey N. Hooper (21), of Wewahitchka. Inside the vehicle, Deputy Williams observed a large amount of copper wire. Due to recent thefts, Deputy Williams questioned Hooper about the material. Hooper told Deputy Williams he had obtained permission from the owner of a residence on McGlon Drive to remove the copper wire from the structure. Deputy Williams contacted the property owner to verify Hooper's story and discovered no one had given Hooper permission to remove the copper wiring. Through further investigation it was determined Hooper burglarized the residence on McGlon Drive and caused extensive damage to the structure to obtain the stolen copper wire he was in possession of. Hooper was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was charged with Burglary and Criminal Mischief. He was first appeared and given a \$5,500.00 bond.

On June 17th, Deputy S. Willis arrested Jonathan P. Pierce (37), of Port St. Joe, at his residence on a warrant obtained by GCSO Investigators. The arrest was the result of a burglary investigation where several rental houses were burglarized on Cape San Blas. The investigation revealed Pierce sold four televisions to a second hand dealer. One of the televisions was positively identified as stolen from one the burglaries. Pierce was charged with Dealing in Stolen Property and False Representation of Ownership. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was first appeared and conditionally released. This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115 or Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS (8477).

On June 17th, Kimberly A. Clarkson (31), of Port St. Joe, contacted the GCSO and requested to meet with a deputy regarding a civil matter. Deputy S. Willis responded to the call and was informed prior to his arrival that Clarkson was wanted for Trespass by the GCSO. Deputy Willis arrested Clarkson and transported her to the Gulf County Detention Facility. She was first appeared and released on a \$250.00 bond.

On Wednesday, June 18th, Deputy S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by Dominik Noel Roberts (24), of Wewahitchka, in the area of Stone Mill Creek. Deputy Ferrell had prior knowledge GCSO Investigators had obtained a warrant for Roberts for Lewd or Lascivious Battery on a Child under the Age of 16. Roberts was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. She was first appeared and given a \$31,000.00 bond.

On June 18th, the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Warrants Division apprehended William J. Haney (43), of Gulf County, at a residence in Panama City Beach. Haney was wanted by GCSO for Lewd or Lascivious Battery on a Child Under the Age of 16. The arrest warrant was the result of a child molestation investigation conducted by GCSO Investigators that began in May 2014. Haney was extradited to Gulf County where he was first appeared. Haney is currently being in the Gulf County Detention Facility on a \$50,000.00 bond.

On Thursday, June 19th, GCSO Investigators responded to a vacation rental house at Cape San Blas in reference to an unattended death investigation. The investigation revealed the decedent, a 46 year old female passed away from natural causes.

On June 19th, GCSO Investigators responded to a residence in Wewahitchka in reference to an unattended death investigation. The investigation revealed the decedent, a 43 year old female passed away from natural causes.

On June 19th, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the apartment complex located on 7th Street in Wewahitchka in reference to the theft of utilities. According to a representative of St. Joe Natural Gas Company the tenant's natural gas had been turned off and a lock placed on the meter due to nonpayment. The investigation revealed the lock was unlawfully removed and the gas turned back on. This is an ongoing investigation and criminal charges are pending.

On June 19th, Deputy J. Oquendo responded to a residential burglary in the Highland View area. During the burglary firearms were stolen, along with other property. This investigation is ongoing, anyone with information is asked to contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115, or call CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS (8477).

On Friday, June 20th, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by Richard W. Lancaster (59), of Howard Creek. Sgt. Williams conducted a burglary investigation reported to the GCSO on June 13th where more than \$1,200.00 of fishing equipment was stolen. The investigation revealed Lancaster sold the stolen fishing equipment to an individual for \$80.00. Sgt. Williams obtained an arrest warrant for Lancaster taking him into custody during the traffic stop. Lancaster was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was first appeared and conditionally released. This investigation is ongoing, anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115 or CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS (8477).

On June 20th, Deputy B. Smith served an arrest order for Failure to Appear on Carrie K. Strain (28), of Port St. Joe. Strain was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility where she was later first appeared and conditionally released.

On Saturday, June 21st, the GCSO received a call regarding an aggravated assault. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to a complaint in the 5800 block of Ganley Road. It was reported the offense took place in a vehicle as several individuals were traveling. The case is still under investigation.

On June 21st, Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Tony H. Beck (31) for Driving While License Suspended, or Revoked. Deputy Ferrell stopped a vehicle Beck drove and discovered his license was not valid. Beck was also wanted by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Beck is awaiting extradition to Wakulla County.

On Sunday, June 22nd, Deputy S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on State Road 71 near the Honeyville Park due to a traffic violation. The stop resulted in the arrest of Brian L. Cruse (34) for Driving While License Suspended, or Revoked. Cruse was also wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was later first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

On June 22nd, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Christopher D. Maxwell (36) in the area of Dolphin Street in Highland View. Maxwell's driver's license was revoked for being a habitual traffic offender. The vehicle operated by Maxwell displayed an expired tag, which expired in 2012. Maxwell was arrested. A search of his person revealed he was in possession of less than twenty grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and charged with Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving While License Revoked. He was first appeared and later released on a \$1,000 bond.

On June 22nd, the GCSO received a complaint regarding criminal mischief in the 400 block of Ling Street in Highland View. Deputy S. Willis responded to the call. The complainant discovered his property vandalized by someone operating a vehicle spinning its tires.

From June 16th through June 22nd the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 62 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 33 calls for EMS, 25 calls for other departments/agencies and 10 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From June 16th through June 22nd the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 228; Civil Paper Service, 46; Traffic Stop, 25; Field Contact, 20; Information, 7; Request for Security Checks, 7; Suspicious Person, 7; Unknown Disturbance, 5; Abandoned Vehicle, 4; Suspicious Activity, 4; Suspicious Vehicle, 4; Theft/Shoplifting, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Alarm, 3; Agency Assist, 3; Residential Burglary, 3; Disabled Vehicle, 3; Escort, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Warrant Arrest, 3; Death Investigation, 2; Noise Disturbance, 2; Domestic Disturbance, 2; Physical Disturbance, 2; Lost/Stolen Tag, 2; Prisoner Transport, 2; Animal Call, 1; Animal Attack/Bite, 1; Aggravated Assault, 1; Citizens Assist, 1; Contact Message, 1; Criminal Mischief, 1; Funeral Escort, 1; Fire, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Shooting Incident, 1; and Welfare Check, 1.

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