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MULTIPLE DRUG CHARGES ON TRAFFIC STOP

Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison announces the arrest of Susan Lee Hughen (45) of Youngstown. The Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call today from a motorist who stated a silver Nissan Altima was driving recklessly southbound on State Road 71, just north of White City.

Inv. Larry Dickey located the vehicle and observed the reckless driving. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver as identified as Hughen. Hughen was the sole occupant of the vehicle. When asked to explain her erratic driving, Hughen told Inv. Dickey her vehicle's steering was bad. Hughen appeared to be unusually nervous which prompted further investigation. Hughen consented to a search of her vehicle. During the search, deputies found a small bag of methamphetamine, individual small baggies used to distribute illegal narcotics, and digital scales. Butane, batteries, glass pipes and metal spoons were located in the vehicle, all of which are commonly used to manufacture and ingest meth. Two different controlled substances (Valium and Kalonopin), along with a small amount of marijuana were also located in the vehicle. Hughen vehicle and a total of \$404, which was found in the vehicle, are being held for possible forfeiture.

The search resulted in five felony and three misdemeanor drug charges. Hughen was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. She is charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Listed Chemicals, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Valium), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Klonopin), Possession of Prescription Pills without a Prescription, Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, and two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hughen will be first appeared in the morning.

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