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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On Monday, June 30th, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 1700 block of Parker Avenue in Highland View in reference to a possible burglary. The complainant reported he returned home from being away for approximately a month and discovered someone had been in his house. The main breaker to the residence was turned off and the home had no power. Inside someone had plundered through a dresser. The complainant did not find any property missing from the residence.

On June 30th, the GCSO traveled to the Jackson County Correctional Facility in Marianna, FL, to execute an Order to Transport. Trevor P. Phillmon (23) was scheduled to appear in circuit court the on Tuesday, July 1st. The GCSO held an active warrant on Phillmon, which was served upon his arrival at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Phillmon was arrested on an arrest order for Failure to Appear on his original charge of Possession of Contraband. The GCSO returned Phillmon to Jackson County on the following day.

On June 30th, Richard W. Lancaster (59) turned himself in at the GCSO. Deputy M. Layfield served Lancaster with a warrant for Principal to Trafficking in Oxycodone. The case was the result of an investigation by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. Lancaster was booked into the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$10,000 bond.

On June 30th, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 2700 block of County Road (CR) 381 in Dalkeith regarding a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a set of wiper blades from a vehicle parked in front of the Dalkeith Fire Department. A suspicious vehicle was observed at the location the day before.

On June 30th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 1100 block of Garrison Avenue in Port St. Joe regarding a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a refrigerator valued at approximately \$700 from. The property was stolen from rental property. The case is still under investigation.

On Tuesday, July 1st, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a violation of an injunction for protection. Deputy M. Layfield responded and made contact with the complainant. The complainant reported the receipt of text messages that violated the order. Deputy M. Layfield continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, July 2nd, Christy R. Smith (34) turned herself into the GCSO. Deputy J. Oquendo served Smith with a warrant for Violation of Probation. Smith is on probation for Possession of Controlled Substance. She was booked into the GCDF and is currently held without bond.

On July 2nd, Brian L. Cruse (34) was arrested by Cpl. J. Newsome at the Gulf County Courthouse. Cruse was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Pay Fines on his charge of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was booked into the GCDF where he was later released after posting a \$450 bond.

On July 2nd, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 200 block of Henry Avenue in Wewahitchka in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a lawn mower. The report indicated the theft occurred sometime during the past two months. No further information was provided.

On Thursday, July 3rd, The GCSO received a 911 call regarding a reckless driver on SR 71, just north of White City. Inv. Larry Dickey located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Susan L. Hughen (45) 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, 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.. 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 was first appeared and remains in custody on a \$17,500 bond.

On July 3rd, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 300 block of Canal Street, in St. Joe Beach, in reference to a stolen tag. The complainant reported that he discovered the tag on his utility trailer was stolen. It appeared the bracket which the tag was mounted to was cut.

On July 3rd, the GCSO received a call regarding the theft of fishing gear off of two boats in the 100 block of Summer Breeze Drive on Cape San Blas. Deputy K. Starnes responded to the call. The boats were anchored in St. Joe Bay overnight when the owner

discovered the following morning that someone stole the following items: a Yeti Cooler, four rod and reels, and dive gear. The items were left unsecured in the boat. The total reported loss was approximately \$2,270. If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115, or call CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

On July 3rd, Deputy K. Starnes responded to a second location regarding a theft in the 100 block of Summer Breeze Drive on Cape San Blas. The complainant also reported the theft of fishing gear from their boat anchored overnight in the bay. The following items were stolen from the boat: five rod and reels, a pole spear, and a tackle box containing multiple lures. The total reported loss was approximately \$1,850. The items were left unsecured on the boat. If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115, or call CrimeStoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

On July 3rd, Deputy K. Starnes took a report from the third victim of theft from the 5500 block of Cape San Blas Road. The victim reported the theft of fishing gear from their boat, also anchored overnight in the bay. The following items were taken: a Yeti cooler, Costa sunglasses, a Hawaiian Sling and three rod and reel combs. The total reported loss was approximately \$1,900. The items in the boat were left unsecured.

On July 3rd, the GCSO received a call regarding a residential burglary in the 100 block of South Neptune Street in Indian Pass. The complainant reported that someone had entered the residence and pried a wine cooler open to steal a case of wine. The incident was reported to have occurred between Sunday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 2nd.

On Friday, July 4th, Deputy P. Williams stopped a vehicle on SR 71 near Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received complaints of the vehicle driving recklessly. Deputy Williams observed the vehicle failing maintain its lane. The driver, Charles K. Dawson (45), was contacted and Deputy Williams developed reason to believe he was operating the vehicle while under the influence. After an investigation, Dawson was arrested for Driving while Under the Influence (DUI). Two small baggies were located in the vehicles which contained a white powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine. Dawson was transported to the GCDF and charged with DUI and Possession of Cocaine. He was first appeared and later released on a \$3,500 bond.

On July 4th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 400 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove after the GCSO received a call regarding a residential burglary. The complainant reported that on June 29th, while he was sleeping, someone busted a window pane out of his back door. He stated someone between June 29th and July 4th, had stolen several items of the residence while he was asleep. The items reported stolen were: a Berce .22 caliber handgun with a ten round magazine, a set of keys, a powered nail gun, and a wallet.

On Saturday, July 5th, deputies responded to a traffic accident on SR 71 near Lands Landing after the GCSO received a 911 call. The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) responded and investigated the crash. The FHP charged Dennis E. Shiver, Jr. (20) with DUI and Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Property Damage.

On July 5th, Deputy J. Oquendo responded to an area on the beach near South Oak Street regarding an intoxicated subject. The complainants reported that David E. Miller (62) was intoxicated and approached them in a vehicle. They said he drove around them in circles near children and yelling obscenities. Deputy Oquendo made contact with Miller and after the investigation arrested him for Disorderly Intoxication. Miller was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On Sunday, July 6th, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 100 block of Abby Drive in Wewahitchka in reference to a theft. The complainant said that two females entered the front porch of her residence and took a partial pack of cigarettes. Deputy Willis located the two females who still had the cigarettes in their possession. The complainant did not wish to pursue criminal charges.

On June 6th, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 100 block of Honeyhill Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. The GCSO was contacted by a third party who reported the offense. Deputy Williams investigated the case and criminal charges are forthcoming.

From June 30th through July 6th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 79 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 37 calls for EMS, 26 calls for other departments/agencies and 12 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From June 30th through July 6th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 201; Traffic Stop, 69; Civil Paper Service, 26; Information, 11; Noise Disturbance, 8; Theft, 7; Reckless Driver, 6; Suspicious Activity, 6; Abandoned Vehicle, 5; Animal Call, 5; Citizens Assist, 5; Suspicious Person, 5; Traffic Accident, 5; Special Detail, 4; Street Obstruction, 4; Suspicious Vehicle, 4; Alarm, 3; Simple Assault, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Disturbance, 3; Fire, 3; Grass/Field Fire, 3; Warrant Arrest, 3; Agency Assist, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Disabled Vehicle, 2; Physical Disturbance, 2; Funeral/Parade Escort, 2; Prowler/Trespass, 2; Request for Security Check, 2; Simple Battery, 1; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disorderly Intox/Conduct, 1; Verbal Disturbance, 1; Hit & Run Accident, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Recovered Property, 1; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 1; Stolen Tag, 1; and Welfare Check, 1.

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