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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JULY 7, 2014 – JULY 13, 2014

On Monday, July 7th, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the 500 block of State Road (SR) 71 South in Wewahitchka in reference to vandalism. The complainant reported vandalism to a driveway lamp post. The damage is estimated at \$295.

On July 7th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) traveled to the Bay County Jail to transport Samantha L. Smith (27) to Gulf County. Smith was arrested in Bay County on local charges and held for the GCSO on a Violation of Probation. The Bay County charges were resolved. Once she arrived she was served the warrant for Violation of Probation on her original charge of Forgery. This was the third violation of probation warrant executed by the GCSO. Smith was first appeared and is currently held without bond.

On July 7th, the GCSO received a report of the theft of a generator in the 800 block of Our Town Road, north of Wewahitchka. Deputy K. Starnes responded to the call. The complainant reported the theft of a John Deere generator valued at approximately \$500. Deputy Starnes continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, July 8th, the GCSO traveled to the Jackson County Jail to transport Jayla L. Long (23) back to Gulf County. Long was wanted on a warrant for Failure to Appear on her original charge of Retail Theft. She was served the warrant and booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Long was later first appeared and is currently held on a \$1,000 bond.

On July 8th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding an accident which had occurred earlier in the day on Dolphin Street in Highland View. The accident involved a vehicle and a golf cart. Deputy K. Starnes investigated the case and charged Thomas W. Chavous (48) for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Chavous was later arrested by Deputy M. Layfield on July 10th. He was transported to the GCDF, where he was first appeared and conditionally released.

On Wednesday, July 9th, the GCSO responded to the 7900 block of Alabama Avenue regarding an aggravated assault. Sgt. R. Burkett responded and investigated the call. The investigation revealed that Travis A. Gould (18) threatened two juveniles with a machete. Sgt. Burkett sought warrants for two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The warrants were served by Deputy P. Williams on Monday, July 14th. Gould is currently awaiting first appearance.

On Thursday, July 10th, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 700 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka to assist State Probation and Parole. Deputy Willis arrested and served Bobby N. Hooper, Jr. (42) a warrant for Violation of Probation. Hooper is on probation for Possession of Crack Cocaine. This is the fourth warrant served on Hooper for violation of probation. He was transported to the GCDF. Hooper is currently held without bond.

On July 10th, Deputy S. Willis took a report at the Wewahitchka Substation regarding a burglary of an automobile. The offense occurred in the 300 block of West Lakeview Drive in Land's Landing. Personal identification, cash, medication, a portable DVD player, and GPS were reported taken from the vehicle. The vehicle was said to be secured. Deputy Willis did not locate signs of forced entry.

On July 10th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of a residence. Deputy S. Willis responded to the complaint in the 100 block of Audubon Lane north of Wewahitchka. The report indicated the offense had taken place over the past four months. Multiple items were removed from the residence and included jewelry, clothes, and electronics. The estimated value of the property stolen is approximately \$4,500. If anyone has any information on this case they are asked to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-639-5717, or call Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

On Friday, July 11th, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Debrah A. Sayers (53) in the 800 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. Sayers was wanted by the GCSO for Battery on a Person Over 65 Years of Age. The case stems from the July 6th domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Honey Hill Road in Dalkeith. She was transported to the GCDF where she posted a \$500 bond and was released.

On July 11th, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the 1900 block of West Highway 98 in Highland View regarding a theft. The complainant reported the theft had taken place during the month of June and maybe employee related. Sgt. Williams continues to investigate.

On July 11th, Deputy J. Brock served two warrants on Jerome D. Russ (35) in the 500 block of Welton Drive located in Oak Grove. The GCSO wanted Russ for Principle to Trafficking in Hydrocodone and Principle to Sale of Cocaine within 1000 feet of Park. The cases were the result of an investigation conducted by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. Russ was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released following day on a \$40,000 bond.

On July 11th, Sgt. J. Williams served a warrant for Violation of Probation on Asia N. Whitley (21) at the GCDF. Whitley turned herself in. Whitley is on probation for Child Abuse. She was booked and released on her own recognizance.

On July 11th, Sgt. M. Herring served five warrants on Thshawn Michael L. Johnson (20) in the 500 block of Welton Drive in Oak Grove. Johnson was arrested for Trafficking in Hydrocodone, Sale of Cocaine within 1,000 feet of a Church, Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communications Device, Attempted Sale of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a Park, and Theft. He was transported to the GCDF and remains in custody on a \$55,000 bond.

On Saturday, July 12th, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 1700 block of Grouper Avenue in Highland View regarding the theft of two batteries from a boat. The complainant reported the theft of two Interstate batteries that occurred between July 9th and July 12th. The reported value of the batteries stolen was \$240.

On Sunday, July 13th, Deputy J. Oquendo stopped a vehicle on SR 71 near East Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy Oquendo initially was going to stop the vehicle for a seat belt violation, but as he caught up to the vehicle developed a suspicion for Driving While Under the Influence (DUI). After conducting an investigation the driver, Joseph A. Sullivan (49), was placed under arrest for DUI. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On July 13th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical disturbance in the 800 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. Deputy K. Starnes investigated the case and charges are forthcoming.

On July 13th, Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 300 block of Michael Street in Stone Mill Creek. The GCSO received a 911 call about a verbal disturbance at the location. Prior to Deputy Starnes arrival the incident turned physical. At the conclusion of the investigation, David L. Newburn (35) was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

From July 7th through July 13th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 23 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 42 calls for EMS, 21 calls for other departments/agencies and 15 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From July 7th through July 13th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 170; Civil Paper Service, 76; Traffic Stop, 41; Field Contact, 18; Warrant Arrest, 8; Suspicious Person, 7; Abandoned Vehicle, 6; Reckless Driver, 6; Information, 5; Request for Security Check, 5; Traffic Accident, 5; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 4; Noise Disturbance, 4; Theft, 4; Agency Assist, 3; Citizens Assist, 3; Trespass, 3; Suspicious Activity, 3; Alarm, 2; Battery, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Domestic Disturbance, 2; Disturbance, 2; Sexual Offender Address Verification, 2; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 2; Aggravated Assault, 1; Burglary of Auto, 2; Criminal

Mischief, 1; DUI, 1; Verbal Disturbance, 1; Field/Grass Fire, 1; Lost Personal Items, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Missing Person, 1; Prisoner Transport, 1; Street Obstruction, 1; Suspicious Vehicle, 1; and Welfare Check, 1.

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