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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

AUGUST 4, 2014 – AUGUST 10, 2014

On Monday, August 4th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a call regarding damage to a mailbox. Sgt. J. Williams responded to the 2500 block of Indian Pass Road. Based on Sgt. Williams' observation it appeared someone pushed the mailbox over. While at the scene he located two other mailboxes which suffered the same damage.

On August 4th, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint at the Highland View Boat Landing. Sgt. J. Williams investigated the complaint. A kiosk, operated by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, was damaged by someone who used a permanent marker to write on it. The public bathroom was also spray-painted inside. This was the third time this had occurred. The GCSO also had an open case regarding damage to the kiosk from July 30th. A suspect was developed in the damage regarding the kiosk. Warrants for Criminal Mischief (two counts) were sought and later served on Eugene A. Dykes (62). Dykes turned himself in on August 8th. He was released on his own recognizance.

On August 4th, Deputy J. Brock arrested Fabian G. Islas (30) in the 200 block of Abby Drive in Wewahitchka. Islas was charged with Unauthorized Possession of a Driver's License after he presented Deputy Brock with a fictitious North Carolina identification card. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$1,000 bond.

On Tuesday, August 5th, while on patrol in the area of Stonemill Creek Road and Diana Street, Deputy G. Desrosier observed an ATV being operated on the roadway. Contact was made with the driver, Jason A. Harmon (38), who was determined to be wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office. Harmon was arrested and transported to the GCDF. He was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charges of two counts of Grand Theft and two counts of Petit Theft.

On August 5th, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Selina R. Culpan (23) on an arrest order for Contempt of Court. Culpan failed to pay fines in her case of Disorderly Conduct. She was transported to the GCDF. Culpan was released after paying a \$200 purge.

On Wednesday, August 6th, Deputy S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a stop sign. The incident occurred at 2nd Street and Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. The driver of the vehicle, Jonathan C. Gates (30), was unable to produce his driver's license for Deputy Ferrell. It was determined Gates was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. He was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R) and transported to the GCDF where he was released on a \$500 bond.

On August 6th, the GCSO extradited Brian D. Traylor (37) from the Bay County Jail. Traylor was arrested in Bay County and held for the GCSO on a warrant for Violation of Probation. He is on probation for DWLS/R. Traylor was first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On August 6th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. The GCSO had received a complaint in reference to shoplifting. The business captured video footage of a suspect taking approximately \$80.00 worth of merchandise. Deputy Layfield continues to investigate. Criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Thursday, August 7th, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 1000 block of County Road (CR) 386 in reference to the theft of a firearm. The complainant reported the theft occurred sometime between September 2013 and July 2014. The firearm stolen was reported to be a Winchester .22 Cal rifle.

On August 7th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding theft. Deputy S. Willis responded to the call located near the end of the Lake Grove Road. The complainant reported the theft of a Stihl Chainsaw, vehicle radiator, a hunting stand and miscellaneous tools. The property was last seen approximately one year ago.

On August 7th, Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the 200 block of Parkside Circle on Cape San Blas. The GCSO had received a complaint regarding the burglary of a vehicle. The complainant reported the theft of an iPod, iPod Nano, and Samsung digital camera from within her vehicle. The offense occurred sometime between August 4th and August 7th. The vehicle was not locked.

On Saturday, August 9th, Deputy J. Oquendo was dispatched to the 8200 block of West U.S. Highway 98 in St Joe Beach. A local business phoned the GCSO reporting problems with a customer. Gary L. Hudson (45) was arrested and charged with Disorderly Intoxication. He was transported to the GCDF. Hudson was first appeared and given a \$250 bond.

On August 9th, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 900 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka in reference to a burglary. The complainant reported the burglary of a tool

shed in her back yard. A diamond plate tool box, hydraulic transmission jack, two boxes of 9mm ammunition, and other items were reported stolen. The offense occurred between July 18th and August 9th.

On Sunday, August 10th, the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary in the 1700 block of Apalachee Drive in Indian Pass. The complainant reported she returned to her residence and discovered alcoholic beverages and food missing. There were no signs of forced entry.

Anyone with information regarding any of the above mentioned cases are asked to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

From August 4th through August 10th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 50 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 44 calls for EMS, 18 calls for other departments/agencies and 11 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From August 4th through August 10th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 176; Civil Paper Service, 26; Traffic Stop, 16; Field Contact, 13; Information, 13; Criminal Mischief, 6; Verbal Disturbance, 4; Escorts, 6; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 4; Suspicious Person, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Warrant Arrest, 4; Abandoned Vehicle, 3; Agency Assist, 3; Citizens Assist, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Theft/Shoplifting, 3; Alarm, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Unknown Disturbance, 2; Harassing Phone Call, 2; Request for Security Check, 2; Suspicious Vehicle, 2; Welfare Check, 2; Auto Burglary, 2; Deceased Person, 1; Disorderly Intox, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Drunk Pedestrian, 1; Fire, 1; Vehicle Fire, 1; Lost Items, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Prisoner Transport, 1; and Recovered Property, 1.

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