



# **Gulf County Sheriff's Office**

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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

AUGUST 11, 2014 – AUGUST 17, 2014

On Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) executed two transport orders. Amanda L. Shipman (24) was transported from Gadsden Correctional Facility to the Liberty County Jail for her August 12<sup>th</sup> court appearance in Gulf County. Corey R. Craig (33) was transported from the Gulf Correctional Institution to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) for his court appearance the following day. Both inmates were returned to their respective facilities on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Shipman was returned with the assistance of the GCDF.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 100 block of Conch Street in St. Joe Beach after the GCSO received a complaint of criminal mischief. The offense occurred at a construction site of a new residence. The complainant reported approximately \$1,200 in damage.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Investigator L. Greenwood arrested Stephanie D. Grimes (28) and Jonathan F. Sapp (30). The case stems from a complaint filed with the GCSO on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, regarding a residential burglary in the 100 block of Audubon Lane in Wewahitchka. Grimes was charged with two counts of Burglary and Sapp was charged with one of count Burglary. Grimes remains in custody on a \$20,000 bond and Sapp on a \$10,000 bond.

On Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO assisted the GCDF in the transportation of female inmates from the Liberty County Jail to the GCDF. Approximately twelve female inmates were due to appear in Circuit Court.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 700 block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a complaint of a theft. The complainant reported her air conditioning unit was stolen from her residence during the late evening hours. The unit was removed from a window of the residence.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Ferrell served a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support on Johnny J. Jones (47) at the GCDF. Jones was taken into custody on August 8<sup>th</sup>, by the St. Petersburg Police Department in Pinellas County. Jones was extradited to the GCDF. He remains in custody on a \$1,000 purge.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Ferrell served a warrant on Carlos D. Rhodes (41) for Violation of Probation. Rhodes is on probation for a felony count of Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). He turned himself in at the GCDF and posted a \$1,500 bond.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Skipper arrested Eugene P. Allen (28) at the Gulf County Courthouse on a warrant issued out of Calhoun County for Grand Theft.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Skipper arrested Asia N. Whitley (21) at the Gulf County Courthouse. Whitley was wanted for Violation of Probation (VOP). She is on probation for Child Abuse. This is the second warrant served by the GCSO on Whitley for VOP. She remains in custody.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a report of a theft from the 1200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the call. The complainant reported the theft of a Chicago Electric 4.5 inch electric angle grinder. The tool was valued at approximately \$29.

On Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO traveled to the Walton County Jail to extradite Daniel A. Peacock (35) back to Gulf County. Peacock was wanted on an arrest order for Failure to Appear on his charge of Disorderly Intoxication. He was taken into custody on August 11<sup>th</sup> in Walton County and was later released from the GCDF on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Ward served Melissa R. Brewer (41) with two warrants for her arrest at the GCDF. The GCSO held two active warrants on Brewer for Worker's Compensation Fraud and Grand Theft. Brewer turned herself in. She was first appeared and given a conditional release.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding criminal mischief. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the 100 block of Tennessee Avenue in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported someone had attempted to enter a shed door by trying to pry it open. The screen to a window was also damaged. No entry to the building was made and nothing was stolen.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 700 block of West Creekview Drive in Stone Mill Creek. The residents arrived home and discovered the front door open. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the call. It was determined no property was removed from the home, but that the front door was pried open.

On Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 4300 block of State Road (SR) 71 North, in Wewahitchka, to assist a Department of Children and Family Services

caseworker. While assisting the agency, Deputy Ferrell located a shotgun which was possessed by Anthony L. Turner (30). The investigation further revealed that the weapon was reported stolen to the GCSO in December 2013. Turner was placed under arrest and transported to the GCDF. He was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Grand Theft. Turner was later first appeared and conditionally released.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 100 block of Henry Avenue in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of tools. The complainant reported that a black and red toolbox was stolen from a shed on the property. The toolbox contained approximately \$200 in hand tools.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams served an arrest order on Kenneth M. Dunham (50) at the GCDF. The order was for Contempt of Court. Dunham was already in custody at the GCDF.

On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a complaint regarding shoplifting. The complainant reported that the suspect walked out of the store with a bag of potatoes and a pack of rib eye steaks.

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 400 block of Ling Street in Highland View after the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. At the conclusion of the investigation, Melanie M. Forston (38) was arrested for Domestic Battery. Forston was transported to the GCDF where she was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. R. Burkett and Investigator L. Dickey assisted the Port St. Joe Police Department in an investigation regarding the theft of fishing equipment. Deputies assisted the department in the execution of two separate search warrants within the City of Port St. Joe.

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 11<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 71 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 38 calls for EMS, 14 calls for other departments/agencies and 10 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 121; Civil Paper Service, 63; Field Contact, 16; Traffic Stop, 12; Alarm, 7; Information, 7; Warrant Arrest, 7; Theft/Shoplifting, 6; Criminal Mischief, 5; Prisoner Transport, 5; Request for Security Checks, 5; Agency Assist, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Welfare Check, 4; Unknown Disturbance, 3; Funeral Escort, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Domestic Disturbance, 2; Trespass, 2; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 2; Special Detail, 2; Suspicious Activity, 2; Animal Call, 1; Battery, 1; Deceased Person, 1; Disabled Vehicle, 1; Drunk Driver, 1;

Hit and Run Accident, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Harassing Phone Call, 1; Recovered Property, 1; and Suspicious Vehicle, 1.

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