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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On Monday, August 18th, Deputy J. Brock was dispatched to the 500 block of Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a lawn mower battery. The battery was valued at approximately \$30. The theft occurred at some point during the previous two weeks.

On Tuesday, August 19th, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the area of Five Acre Farms after the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call regarding a possible burglary in progress. The caller reported he observed someone coming out of his yard, in the 3500 block of County Road (CR) 381, stealing items. The suspect quickly left the property in a vehicle, which was described to the 911 operator and provided to deputies. After an attempt to keep the vehicle in sight until deputies arrived, the property owner lost sight of it in the Five Acre Farm area. Sgt. Williams and Deputy J. Brock patrolled the area the vehicle was last seen in and was provided information by a citizen on a possible location. The vehicle was located at a residence and contact was made with Daniel L. Kincaid (30). During the investigation deputies located the stolen property in the back of the Kincaid's vehicle and at his residence. The property recovered included two outboard motors, outboard motor parts, and other miscellaneous items that were valued at approximately \$3,000. Kincaid was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Structure and Grand Theft. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and later first appeared. He was released on a \$25,000 bond.

On August 19th, School Resource Deputy D. Huggins arrested a male juvenile at Wewahitchka Junior Senior High School. The juvenile was found in possession of marijuana and items used to smoke it. He was charged with Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and transported to the GCDF. After completing the booking process he was released to the custody of a parent.

On August 19th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a verbal disturbance in the area of 2nd Street near Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the call. At the time it was determined that no unlawful activity occurred and Deputy Oquendo returned to service, but another complaint was received approximately three

and one-half hours later. The caller reported a male subject was shooting a “rifle” at a residence. The caller later clarified the subject was possibly in possession of a pellet rifle. The incident occurred in the 100 block of 2nd Street. Witnesses reported they heard yelling and items being thrown inside before they noticed someone leave the residence and walk next door. Shortly thereafter loud music began to play from within the residence and the male subject began to yell. They observed the subject came outside and shoot a pellet rifle towards the residence the other party walked to while yelling obscenities. The investigation led to the contact of Dewayne D. Veasey, Jr. (24), who was intoxicated. Veasey was arrested and transported to the GCDF for Disorderly Intoxication. He was later first appeared and conditionally released.

On Wednesday, August 20th, Deputy S. Ferrell served Colby M. Jerkins (20) a warrant for Violation of Probation at the GCDF. Jerkins was arrested in Liberty County and later transported back to Gulf County. Jerkins is on probation for possession of more than twenty grams of marijuana. He remains in custody.

On August 20th, Sgt. R. Burkett was on patrol on CR 386 when he clocked a vehicle traveling 105mph, in a posted 60mph zone, using radar. The vehicle was stopped approximately two miles east of State Road (SR) 71 and contact was made with the driver Katy B. Gammons (32). Gammons stated she was late getting her children to school. It was determined the tag displayed on the vehicle was not registered to it and that it was not insured. Sgt. Burkett issued a criminal citation for attaching a tag unassigned, speeding citation which required a mandatory court appearance, and a citation for no vehicle insurance. The tag on the vehicle was seized and the vehicle was towed.

On August 20th, the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary in the 1900 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. Deputy S. Willis responded to the call. The owner discovered the front door of the residence forced open. No items were reported stolen. Deputy Willis continues to investigate.

On August 20th, Deputy B. Smith took a report of a stolen lawn mower from the 9900 block of CR 30A in Indian Pass. The mower was described as a yellow Cub Cadet riding mower valued at approximately \$400.

On Thursday, August 21st, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a vehicle possibly stuck on the beach in front of the Cape Villas Condos near Money Bayou. Deputy M. Layfield responded and determined the vehicle had rolled over on its top in the surf. The accident fatally injured one of the two occupants. The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

On August 21st, Lt. P. Beasley took a report of a stolen Garmin Sonar GPS unit stolen from a vessel as it was on its trailer in the 200 block of Bonita Street, in Highland View. The offense was reported to have occurred during the last weekend of June. The device had a seven inch screen and was valued at \$920.

On August 21st, Deputy S. Ferrell took a report of stolen medication. The report was taken at the GCSO Wewahitchka Substation. The case is still under investigation.

On August 21st, the GCSO received a complaint of the theft of a diamond ring. Deputy S. Willis responded to the 200 block of Coronado Street, in St. Joe Beach. The theft occurred between August 9th and August 21st. The ring is described as an eight diamond nugget anniversary ring. The GCSO continues to investigate the case.

On August 21st, Deputy S. Ferrell investigated the complaint of suspicious vehicles in the area of Kemp Cemetery Road, west of Wewahitchka. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Terry G. Baxley (53) and Brenda G. Gortman (59) of Wewahitchka. Deputy Ferrell located the described vehicles and noticed that one had the side windows covered with sheets and a sunshade used to block the view into the front windshield. The vehicle was running. Deputy Ferrell observed through a void in the sunshade that someone was using a lighter to heat a glass bowl attached to a pipe. Contact was made with Baxley who dropped the pipe onto the passenger floorboard and confirmed he was smoking meth. He was placed under arrest. Gortman was also seated in the vehicle with Baxley and was the vehicle's registered owner. A search of the vehicle yielded the discovery of \$154 cash, small plastic baggies containing Methamphetamine packaged for resale, small plastic baggies with Methamphetamine residue, Gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), small plastic baggies containing Cocaine packaged for resale, Alprazolam, a pill grinder, glass pipes, and digital scales. Baxley was also found in possession of a firearm while on posted property. Gortman was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of GHB, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Baxley was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Trespass with a Firearm. Both were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and later first appeared. Gortman was released on a \$28,000 bond. Baxley remains in custody on a \$3,500. The GCSO has impounded Gortman's vehicle and will file for forfeiture.

On Friday, August 22nd, Lt. T. Wood served and arrested Jeffery A. Brown (31) on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support at the GCDF. Brown was booked and released after paying a \$1,798 purge.

On Saturday, August 23rd, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 6300 block of Georgia Avenue, in St. Joe Beach, in regards to a broken door handle on a vehicle. The complainant reported the handle was damaged by someone during the night. The vehicle was not entered.

On August 23rd, Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the 100 block of Burgess Creek Road in reference to a possible burglary. The complainant reported that an air conditioner window unit was pushed through and believed someone may still be inside. It was determined no one was inside the residence and that no property was taken. The case is being investigated as criminal mischief.

From August 18th through August 24th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 39 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 46 calls for EMS, 6 calls for other departments/agencies and 6 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From August 18th through August 24th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 153; Traffic Stop, 22; Civil Paper Service, 21; Information, 11; Field Contact, 10; Verbal Disturbance, 5; Suspicious Person, 5; Citizens Assist, 4; Alarm, 3; Agency Assist, 3; Burglary of Auto, 2; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 2; Recovered Property, 3; Special Detail, 3; Theft/Shoplifting, 3; Traffic Accident, 4; Welfare Check, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Residence Burglary, 2; Criminal Mischief, 2; Fire, 2; Prisoner Transport, 2; Reckless Driver, 2; Street Obstruction, 2; Suspicious Vehicle, 2; Warrant Arrest, 2; Contact Message, 1; Court Detail, 2; Disorderly Intox, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Funeral Escort, 1; Vehicle Fire, 1; Fraud, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Harassing Phone Call, 1; Request for Security Check, 1; and Suspicious Activity, 1.

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