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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

On Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call regarding an unknown disturbance in the 100 block of Johnson Lane in Wewahitchka. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the location. After the initial investigation into the complaint, contact was made with Michael D. Ward (46) who was advised by Deputy Oquendo not to return the residence at the request of the owner. Ward was reported to be in an intoxicated state. Shortly after Deputy Oquendo cleared the call and returned to service the GCSO received another call stating Ward had returned to the residence. Ward was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). He was charged with Trespass and Disorderly Intoxication. Ward was first appeared and given a \$1,000 bond. The bond was posted on September 5<sup>th</sup> and Ward was released.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the 500 block of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. The investigation into the complaint resulted in the arrest of Jerry E. Holmes (27) and Seth W. Nelson (19). Both subjects were charged with Domestic Battery. Holmes and Nelson were transported to the GCDF where they were later first appeared and conditionally released the following day.

On Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the violation of an injunction for protection. Sgt. J. Williams responded to the 6900 block of Blossom Hill Road in Howard Creek to make contact with the complainant. It was determined an injunction was violated. Sgt. Williams completed an application for a warrant, which was obtained and served on Justin M. Benore (21). Benore was arrested and served the warrant on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. He was first appeared and released the following day on a \$500 bond.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 300 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka in reference to a suspicious person fleeing from the side of a residence. The complainant reported the subject was a white male wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans. The male was approximately 5' 11" to 6' 00" in height and heavy set with a tattoo

on his right forearm. It appeared the subject attempted to gain entry into a shed located in the back yard of the residence.

On Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of State Road (SR) 71 South in Wewahitchka. When contact was made with the driver, Michael D. Harrell (38), it was discovered Harrell was knowingly operating the vehicle on a suspended license. Harrell was placed under arrest. During an inventory of the vehicle, prior to it being towed from the scene, a vial was located next to the driver's seat that contained an oxycodone pill and marijuana. Harrell did not possess a prescription for the oxycodone. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). Harrell was first appeared and released the following day on a \$3,000 bond.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Dominik N. Roberts reported to the GCSO to register as a sexual offender in Gulf County. Roberts' permanent address is 448 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. She is 5'02" with black hair and blue eyes. More information is available on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators webpage.

On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. R. Burkett served two warrants on John M. Richter (44) at the GCDF. Richter was originally arrested in Harrison County, Mississippi, and held for the GCSO. He was extradited back to Gulf County on warrants for Failure to Appear on his original charge of Domestic Battery and Violation of Probation on his original charge of DWLS/R. Richter accepted a plea from the Office of State Attorney and was sentenced. He was released the same day.

On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Joseph T. Adkison (22) in the 3800 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. Adkison was wanted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) for Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Aggravated Stalking, Aggravated Assault and Domestic Battery. He was booked into the GCDF and held for the JCSO.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 40 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 46 calls for EMS, 13 calls for other departments/agencies and 5 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 7<sup>th</sup> the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 245; Civil Paper Service, 52; Traffic Stop, 28; Field Contact, 18; Traffic Accident, 8; Request for Security Checks, 5; Information, 4; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 4; Special Detail, 4; Welfare Check, 4; Noise Disturbance, 3; Unknown Disturbance, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Suspicious Vehicle, 3; Wanted Person, 3; Warrant Arrest, 3; Funeral Escort, 2; Mentally Ill, 2; Prowler/Trespass, 2; Reckless Driver, 2; Abandoned Vehicle, 1; Alarm, 1; Battery, 1; Contact message, 1; Criminal Mischief, 1; Deceased Person, 1; Disorderly Intox, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Verbal Disturbance, 1; Grass Fire, 1; Fraud, 1; Hit and Run

Accident, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Recovered Property, 1; Sexual Offender Address Verification, 1; and Suspicious Activity, 1.

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