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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

On Monday, September 15th, Deputy J. Oquendo took the report of a theft from a complainant in the 500 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View. A red 150psi air hose, with brass fittings, was stolen out of the back of a vehicle parked at the residence. The theft occurred during the late evening of September 13th.

On Tuesday, September 16th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) executed an order to transport by traveling to the Bay County Jail to transport Nicholas A. Pierce (36) back to Gulf County. Pierce was due to appear in circuit court. He was returned to Bay County the same day.

On September 16th, four warrants for Contempt of County Court were served to Carrie Kathleen Strain (28) at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Strain was already in custody.

On September 16th, the GCSO received two complaints regarding a possible impaired driver in the area of State Road (SR) 71 and SR 22 in Wewahitchka. Sgt. J. Williams was able to locate the vehicle. After observing the vehicle on the roadway, Sgt. Williams conducted a traffic stop to investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation the driver, Alfred W. Liesinger, III (58) was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to the GCDF. Liesinger was first appeared the following day and released on a \$1,000 bond.

On Wednesday, September 17th, Deputy P. Williams responded to the Wewahitchka Substation to take the report of a burglary. The complainant reported the theft of two firearms from his residence in the 100 block of Armstrong Road in Wewahitchka. It was reported the guns were noticed missing two to three weeks prior to notifying law enforcement. One gun is described as a black double action .22 caliber pistol and the other as a Remington .22 caliber rifle.

On September 17th, Anthony L. Turner (30) was arrested in the 200 block of Woodbrook Drive in Wewahitchka by Sgt. M. Herring and Deputy J. Hanson. Turner had an active warrant for his arrest out of Calhoun County for Contempt of Court. Turner was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF. He was later released.

On September 17th, Deputy M. Layfield served Arthur T. Addison, III (38) with a warrant for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Cocaine. Addison turned himself in. He was booked into the GCDF and released on a \$5,000 bond.

On Thursday, September 18th, Jodie J. Hopper (37) turned herself in at the GCDF. Hopper was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office for Public Assistance Fraud.

On September 18th, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to transport Ernest L. Mace (41) back to the GCDF. Mace returned to Gulf County after completing his court proceedings in Bay County. He currently is charged with Burglary and Dealing in Stolen Property. He remains in custody.

On September 18th, Deputy B. Smith was dispatched to the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka. The manager reported the theft of merchandise valued at \$80. A suspect was developed in the case and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Friday, September 19th, Sgt. S. Strickland arrested Tyler D. Flora (19) at Port St. Joe Jr. Sr. High School for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On September 19th, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 98 east of Port St. Joe near Depot Creek. Deputy Oquendo clocked the vehicle, using radar, traveling 94 mph in a posted 60 mph zone. Contact was made with the driver, Lataska V. Harris (33), who operated the vehicle on a suspended license. Harris was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R) and transported to the GCDF. A citation for speed was also issued, which required a mandatory court appearance. He was released on a \$500 bond.

On September 19th, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 1700 block of Grouper Avenue in Highland View to an unknown disturbance. The caller reported a female could be heard screaming. The call resulted in the arrest of Karen A. Mancham (47) for Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was transported to the GCDF where she was later first appeared and released on her own recognizance.

On Sunday, September 21st, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 98 near Depot Creek. The vehicle was stopped for speed, 79 mph in a posted 60 mph zone. The driver, Melissa W. Thomas (42), had an active warrant for Failure to Appear in Court out of Liberty County. She was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF, where she later posted a \$2,500 bond. A citation for speed was issued.

On September 21st, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 1300 block of Stonemill Creek Road regarding domestic disturbance. The caller requested an ambulance and a deputy. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call and conducted an investigation. The case resulted in the arrest of Arthur E. Lanier (21) for Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and conditionally released.

From September 15th through September 21st the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 31 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 35 calls for EMS, 23 calls for other departments/agencies and 14 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From September 15th through September 21st the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 271; Traffic Stop, 29; Field Contacts, 26; Civil Paper Service, 20; Suspicious Person, 7; Traffic Accident, 7; Special Detail, 6; Domestic Disturbance, 5; Information, 5; Suspicious Vehicle, 5; Welfare Check, 5; Prisoner Transport, 4; Request for Security Check, 4; Warrant Arrest, 4; Unknown Disturbance, 3; Verbal Disturbance, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Alarm, 2; Battery, 2; Physical Disturbance, 2; Harassing Phone Calls, 2; Theft/Shoplifting, 2; Animal Call, 1; Burglary, 1; DUI, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Funeral Escort, 1; Fire, 1; Fraud, 1; Identity Theft, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Trespass, 1; Reckless Driver, 1; and Stolen Tag, 1.

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