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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 13, 2014 – OCTOBER 19, 2014

On Monday, October 13th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a report regarding a possible burglary in the 200 block of Tennessee Street in Red Bull Island. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call to investigate. The complainant reported she arrived at the residence and discovered the rear door wouldn't close. Upon further inspection it appeared someone gained access to the residence, but no items were missing.

On October 13th, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 200 block of State Road (SR) 22 in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a report of a theft. The manager of the New Beginnings Thrift Shop reported that information was received regarding the theft of several items, which were left as donations to the organization. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On October 13th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of fire equipment at South Gulf County Fire Station in the 200 block of Cape San Blas Road. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the call. Approximately \$750 in equipment was removed from the station. Investigator L. Greenwood continues to investigate the theft.

On Thursday, October 16th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 9100 block of Auger Avenue in Beacon Hill after receiving a report of a theft. The complainant reported that on September 27th she had two bicycles stolen from underneath a carport. They were described as a Schwinn ten-speed mountain bike that was aqua and silver in color and a hybrid bicycle. The value of the bicycles was \$200 and \$300 respectively.

On October 16th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a burglary on a hunting lease near the Bay/Gulf County Line on SR 22. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the call to investigate. Two sheds on the lease were broken into. Investigator L. Greenwood continues to investigate the case.

On October 16th, Deputy S. Ferrell was dispatched to the Howard Creek Country Mart in the 6900 block of Doc Whitfield Road in reference to an intoxicated party causing an

unknown disturbance. Contact was made with Christopher C. Cox (21). Deputy Ferrell placed Cox under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) where he was later first appeared and released on a \$250 bond.

On October 16th, Deputy S. Ferrell assisted the Port St. Joe Police Department (PSJPD) with the transportation of Billy R. Brandenburg (31), who was placed under arrest for Retail Theft. Upon Brandenburg's arrival at the GCDF he refused to exit the patrol vehicle. Once he was escorted inside he resisted Sgt. J. Richards and Deputy Ferrell. In addition to theft, Brandenburg was charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer and Resisting with Violence. He was first appeared and remains in custody.

On Friday, October 17th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a stolen vehicle. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 500 block of Myers Road in the Five Acre Farm area. Contact was made with the complainant who stated an unknown individual stole her 2000 white Mercury Grand Marque. Sgt. Murnan observed a vehicle matching the description at a local bar. The vehicle was returned to the owner, who wished that the GCSO no longer investigate the incident. The vehicle sustained no damage and was believed to be used by a relative of the complainant.

On October 17th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of approximately 200 gallons of diesel fuel from a timber company from a work site located off of Road 14 west of Wewahitchka. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call. Approximately \$690 in fuel and \$55 in related equipment was stolen from the site. Another related report was filed with Sgt. Murnan of the theft of approximately 120 gallons of diesel fuel from a separate work site. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On October 17th, Deputy J. Oquendo took the report of a stolen. The complainant reported the theft of a wallet, which took place at the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka on October 14th. Deputy Oquendo followed up with the store and learned the wallet was found. After making contact with the complainant, it was determined everything was located inside the wallet with the exception of approximately \$175 in cash. Deputy Oquendo continues to investigate the case.

On October 17th, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Richard L. Bonds (48) after conducting a traffic stop near Depot Creek on U.S. Highway 98 east of Port St. Joe. Bonds was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later released on a \$500 bond.

On Sunday, October 19th, Deputy G. Desrosier served Walter F. Bowers, Jr. (49) with three Writs of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Bowers was originally arrested by the Baker County Sheriff's Office on October 4th. He was extradited to the GCDF. He remains in custody.

If you have any information on the aforementioned cases, or any tips concerning a wanted person or suspicious activity, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115 or contact Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

From October 13th through October 19th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 52 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 35 calls for EMS, 18 calls for other departments/agencies and 8 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From October 13th through October 19th the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 196; Civil Paper Service, 28; Traffic Stop, 20; Information, 16; Field Contact, 13; Alarm, 8; Theft/Shoplifting, 6; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 4; Special Detail, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Criminal Mischief, 3; Deceased Person, 3; Verbal Disturbance, 3; Prowler/Trespass, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Street Obstruction, 3; Agency Assist, 2; Funeral/Parade Escort, 2; Mentally Ill, 2; Missing Person, 2; Suspicious Activity, 2; Welfare Check, 2; Burglary of Auto, 1; Residential Burglary, 1; Citizens Assistance, 1; Disorderly Conduct, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Unknown Disturbance, 1; Fire, 1; Structure Fire, 1; Stalking, 1; Request for Security Check, 1; Stolen Vehicle, 1; Suspicious Person, 1; Suspicious Vehicle, 1; and Warrant Arrest, 1.

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