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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 26, 2015 – FEBRUARY 1, 2015

On Monday, January 26th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) executed an Order to Transport by traveling to Holmes Correctional Institution and transporting Troy D. Williams (36) to Gulf County. Williams appeared in court on January 27th and was returned to Holmes Correctional Institution the same day.

On January 26th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding criminal mischief at the Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department on Kemp Cemetery Road, west of Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint. Damage was discovered to one of the roll up doors at the station, which prevented it from being used.

On Tuesday, January 27th, Deputy M. Layfield served a warrant on Sebastian T. Quentin (20) at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Quentin had an active warrant held by the GCSO for Scheme to Defraud. The warrant was the culmination of an investigation conducted by Inv. L. Greenwood after a complaint regarding the unauthorized use of a credit/debit card was received November 13, 2014. Quentin turned himself in and was booked into the GCDF, where he was later first appeared. He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

On January 27th, the GCSO extradited Robin A. Vathis (46) from the Bay County Jail. The GCSO held an active warrant for Vathis on an Aggravated Battery which occurred in the 8600 block of West Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach. The offense took place on January 23, 2015. He was booked into the GCDF where he was later first appeared. He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

On Wednesday, January 28th, Deputy B. Smith was dispatched to the GCSO Wewahitchka Substation to make contact with a complaint regarding the uttering of forged instruments. Deputy Smith continues to investigate the case.

On Thursday, January 29th, the GCSO extradited Guillermo J. Rodriguez (36) from the Leon County Jail in Tallahassee. Rodriguez was originally arrested by the Port St. Joe

Police Department on October 4, 2014, for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Driving without a License, Attaching a Tag not Assigned, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released to the Leon County Sheriff's Office by the GCDF to answer to felony charges in Leon County. Rodriguez's cases were resolved and he was returned back to the GCDF. He is held on his original \$28,000 bond.

On January 29th, Deputy M. Garrett arrested Marcus D. Hodges (36) on a Writ of Bodily Attachment. He was transported to the GCDF where he remains in custody on a \$539 purge.

On January 29th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft in the 2100 block of Parker Avenue in Highland View. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported she had placed a box with several blankets, pillows, and other items in her yard. She left her residence with the box remaining outside and returned to find it missing. The contents of the box were valued at approximately \$50.00.

On Friday, January 30th, the Deputy P. Baxley responded to the 200 block of Fork Drive in the Overstreet area. The GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of a residence. Deputy Baxley's investigation revealed the suspect gained entry by forcing an exterior door open. The case is still under investigation.

On Saturday, January 31st, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a residential burglary in the 9100 block of Olive Avenue in Beacon Hill. The complainant reported to Sgt. C. Dixon that someone entered the home and stole a stainless steel Whirlpool stove. The appliance was valued at approximately \$500. The residence was not secured at the time of the offence. The case is still under investigation.

On January 31st, the GCSO received information of a wanted person in the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the area and located Kevin W. Strickland (25), who was wanted by the Calcasieu Parrish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana for Possession with Intent to Distribute. He was transported to the GCDF where he awaits extradition.

On Sunday, February 1st, Sgt. R. Burkett and Deputy P. Baxley assisted the Port St. Joe Police Department with an unknown disturbance in the 300 block of Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe. The actions of Christopher E. Price (29) resulted in his arrest for Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer with Violence and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared.

On February 1st during the early morning hours Sgt. Burkett and Deputy P. Baxley assisted the Port St. Joe Police Department (PSJPD) in the apprehension of a robbery by sudden snatching suspect. The 911 call regarding the robbery was received at the GCSO and dispatched to the PSJPD. The suspect grabbed money out of the cash register at the Chevron Station (609 Monument Avenue) and later the Express Lane (701 Monument

Avenue) in Port St. Joe. Descriptions provided by store clerks and eye witnesses identified the suspect, Josiah C. Quaranta (20), who was located by Deputy Baxley as he fled the Express Lane in a vehicle. The PSJPD conducted the investigation and arrested Quaranta.

On February 1st, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 1300 block of State Road 71 North in Wewahitchka regarding a domestic disturbance. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint. At the conclusion of the investigation, Sheila K. McMillian (51) was arrested and transported to the GCDF. She was charged with two counts of Domestic Battery and one count of Assault. McMillian was first appeared and conditionally released.

From January 26th through February 1st Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 44 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 34 calls for EMS, 15 calls for other departments/agencies and 11 calls for Animal Control.

From January 26th through February 1st the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 182; Civil Paper Service, 34; Traffic Stop, 29; Field Contact, 13; Information, 10; Suspicious Vehicle, 10; Request for Security Check, 6; Abandoned Vehicle, 5; Domestic Disturbance, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Warrant Arrest, 4; Alarm, 3; Prisoner Transport, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Animal Call, 2; Agency Assist, 2; Theft, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Verbal Disturbance, 2; Lost/Stolen Tag, 2; Prowler/Trespass, 2; Suspicious Activity, 2; Welfare Check, 2; Citizens Assist, 1; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Funeral Escort, 1; Grass Fire, 1; Structure Fire, 1; Fraud/Forgery, 1; Missing Person, 1; Robbery-Strong Armed, 1; Sexual Assault, 1; Special Detail, 1; Attempted Suicide, 1; and Wanted Person, 1.

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.

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