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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2, 2015 - FEBRUARY 8, 2015

On Monday, February 2nd, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding a burglary in the 5100 block of Clipper Way Road on Cape San Blas. Deputy J. Oquendo responded and investigated the complaint. Three televisions were reported stolen from the residence, along with a radio and linens. The estimated total value of the items stolen was \$947.

On February 2nd, Deputy G. Desrosier conducted a traffic stop in the area of State Road (SR) 71 south of Industrial Road. The vehicle was driven carelessly in the construction zone with workers present. The driver, John F. Nord (51), was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R) and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On February 2nd, Deputy C. Harvey was dispatched to the 300 block of South SR 71 in Wewahitchka in reference to a physical disturbance. The complaint was investigated and resulted in a warrant issued for Paul P. Gates (26). The warrant was served on Gates on Friday, February 6th, for Domestic Battery on a Person 65 Years of Age or Older. He was booked into the GCDF.

On February 2nd, the GCSO received a request for a welfare check in the 200 block of Haven Road. The request generated a complaint regarding Kenneth T. Beaver (46) violating an Injunction for Protection against Domestic Violence. The complaint was investigated by Deputy G. Desrosier and a warrant was sought. Beaver was later taken into custody on February 8th in Dothan, AL. He is awaiting extradition to Gulf County.

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Investigator J. Hanson served arrest warrants on Lacey A. Lowery (27) at the Gulf County Courthouse. Lowery was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The case was the result of an investigation conducted by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. Lowery was booked into the GCDF.

On February 3rd, William P. Massey (37) turned himself in at the GCSO. Massey was wanted for Burglary to a Structure while Armed. The case originated on January 20th after the GCSO received a complaint of a burglary in the 300 block of East Creekview Drive in Stonemill Creek. The case was investigated by Investigator L. Dickey. The GCSO still holds an active warrant for Lesley Jean Brasher (36) for Burglary to a Structure while Armed.

On Wednesday, February 4th, the GCSO extradited Edgar A. Gimenez, II, (46) and Steve D. Gibson (43) from the Bay County Jail. Gimenez was arrested in Bay County by the Panama City Beach Police Department. He was wanted for seven counts of Failure to Appear. Six of the original charges were for Passing Worthless Checks and one was for No Valid Driver's License. Gibson was wanted for one count of Failure to Appear on his original charge of Trespass. Both was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, February 6th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Bryants Landing Road. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to investigate. Contact was made with Tyler A. Bowles (26), who had active warrants. Bowles was taken into custody for two counts of Failure to Appear on his original charges of Criminal Mischief and DWSL/R. He was transported and booked into the GCDF.

On February 6th, the GCSO Narcotics Unit secured a search warrant for 101 Rhodes Drive in Wewahitchka. The warrant resulted in the arrest of Josie W. Miller (30), Timothy R. Miller (36), Joseph W. Sketoe (39), and Jamie L. Bruner (29) who were charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. During the execution of the search warrant deputies recovered a trailer reported stolen to the Bay County Sheriff's Office and a boat, along with its motor and trailer, reported stolen to the Panama City Police Department. All subjects were transported and booked into the GCDF. Miller was also charged with Violation of Probation.

On February 6th, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 300 block of North 4th Street in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary. The complainant reported the theft of a cable box, several DVDs and personal checks.

On Sunday, February 8th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding the theft of items from a yard in the 100 block of Woodpark Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy B. Smith responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported the theft of a red six gallon fuel tank out of a boat. The tank was valued at approximately \$60.

From February 2nd through February 8th the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 39 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 59 calls for EMS, 16 calls for other department/agencies and 11 calls for Animal Control.

From February 2nd through February 8th the GCSO logged the following activity: Security/Zone Check, 146; Traffic Stop, 28; Civil Paper Service, 23; Field Contact, 14;

Information, 10; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 7; Welfare Check, 5; Alarm, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Mentally Ill, 3; Request for Security Check, 3; Suspicious Activity, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Suspicious Vehicle, 3; Animal Call, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Verbal Disturbance, 2; Escorts, 3; Fraud/Forgery, 2; Traffic Accident, 2; Abandoned Vehicle, 1; Aggravated Assault, 1; Citizens Assistance, 1; Contact Message, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Structure Fire, 1; Hit & Run Accident, 1; Identity Theft, 1; Prisoner Transport, 1; Reckless Drier, 1; and Theft, 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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