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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 16, 2015 – MARCH 22, 2015

On Monday, March 16th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding a theft in the 2400 block of Indian Pass Road. Deputy C. Harvey responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported the theft of a kayak and miscellaneous fishing tackle from his residence. It was determined access to the residence was gained, although there were no signs of forced entry. The suspects drank drinks and ate food from the home. Two guitars were also reported as stolen. Investigator L. Dickey followed up on the case the next day and developed person of interest in the case. Investigator L. Dickey and Lt. P. Beasley made contact with Timothy A. Mullican (46) of Arkansas, who was camping at the Indian Pass Campground. Investigator Dickey noticed items matching those reported stolen near Mullican's campsite. When contact was made with Mullican he told investigators, "I know why you are here." All of the property reported as stolen was recovered. Mullican was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Structure. He was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On March 16th, Dwayne T. Hill (46) turned himself in at the GCSO. The GCSO held a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Hill. He was taken into custody and booked into the GCDF.

On Wednesday, March 18th, Deputy D. Wisner responded to the 700 block of West Creekview Drive in Stone Mill Creek in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a pump from a well and an umbrella stand.

On March 18th, the GCSO received a complaint of a burglary in the 300 block of Bonnet Street in Beacon Hill. Deputy D. Sanders responded to investigate. No items were stolen from the residence, but it was apparent multiple subjects entered the home. The remanence of food and consumed alcoholic beverages were present. The shower at the home was even utilized. Suspects were developed in the case and two juveniles were charged with Burglary to a Structure. They were booked into the GCDF. Charges on a third suspect are forthcoming.

On March 18th, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 100 block of Hitching Post Lane in Stone Mill Creek in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a well pump, approximately 800 feet of chain link fencing with poles, and fishing gear.

On March 18th, the GCSO received a 911 call in the 200 block of Sunset Drive in Wewahitchka regarding a shooting incident. Michael E. Burke (54) was transported by ambulance to Bay Medical Center with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Steven V. Burke (57) was developed as a suspect and arrested. He was charged with Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Domestic). The charge was later amended to an open count of Murder on Friday, March 20th, after M. Burke succumbed to his injuries.

On March 18th, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 100 block of Horseshoe Drive in Wewahitchka and investigated a domestic disturbance. At the conclusion of the investigation Richard L. Mullinax (62) was arrested for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, March 19th, the GCSO traveled to the Decatur County Jail in Bainbridge, Georgia, to extradite Larry L. Mitchell (47) to Gulf County. Mitchell was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was transported and booked into the GCDF.

On Saturday, March 21st, Investigator J. Hanson stopped a vehicle in the area of State Road (SR) 71 and East Church Street in Wewahitchka for an equipment violation. Contact was made with the driver, Mark W. Moore (58), who was determined to have a suspended license. Moore was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R).

On March 21st, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested George Bryant, IV, (42) on an active warrant for the Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1,000 feet of a Church. Bryant was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, March 22nd, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Ling Street in Highland View. The vehicle was operated erratically and Deputy Oquendo suspected the driver to be Driving Under the Influence (DUI). When the driver, Amber E. Cotton (37), was contacted, Deputy Oquendo noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from within the vehicle. Cotton exhibited indications of intoxication and field assessments were conducted. At the conclusion of the investigation, Cotton was arrested for DUI. She was transported to the GCDF.

On March 22nd, the GCSO received a request for a welfare check in the 100 block of Rudy Gaskin Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the call. Contact was made with Kevin D. Fortier (33) who was found sleeping inside his vehicle in the drive way of the residence. Deputy Oquendo observed a pill bottle sticking out of Fortier's pocket with several small plastic bags sticking out of it. It was determined the bottle contained three small bags of methamphetamine. Fortier was arrested and charged

with Possession of Meth with Intent to Distribute and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was transported to the GCDF.

From March 16th through March 22nd the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 106 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 49 calls for EMS, 20 calls for other department/agencies and 14 calls for Animal Control.

From March 16th through March 22nd the GCSO logged the following activity: Security/Zone Check, 85; Traffic Stop, 79; Civil Paper Service, 45; Sexual Offender Address Verification, 20; Field Contact, 19; Information, 13; Reckless Driver, 8; Request for Security Check, 6; Alarm, 5; Animal Call, 4; Noise Disturbance, 4; Verbal Disturbance, 4; Trespass, 4; Suspicious Person, 4; Abandoned Vehicle, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Welfare Check, 3; Agency Assist, 2; Battery, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 2; Special Detail, 2; Theft, 2; Traffic Accident, 2; Warrant Arrest, 2; DUI, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Unknown Disturbance, 1; Drowning, 1; Escort, 1; Homicide/Murder, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Transport, 1; Shooting Incident, 1; and Wanted Person, 1.

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