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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 30, 2015 – APRIL 5, 2015

On Monday, March 30th, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Substation in Wewahitchka to make contact with a complainant regarding a stolen tag. A license plate was reported stolen from a utility trailer in the 100 block of High Water Drive in Wewahitchka.

On March 30th, K-9 Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Avenue A for an equipment violation. The stop resulted in the arrest of Paul Edward J. Rochner (50) for possession of marijuana, after K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of narcotics and Deputy Oquendo located part of a marijuana cigarette in the vehicle. Rochner was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and charged with Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, March 31, Deputy G. Desrosier and Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 100 block of Hazelwood Street in the Lands Landing area, south of Wewahitchka, in reference to a physical disturbance. The case resulted in the arrest of Shawna M. O'Bryan (26) for Battery. O'Bryan was transported to the GCDF.

On March 31st, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop in the area of U.S. Highway 98 east of State Road 30A. Deputy Baxley believed the driver was operating the vehicle under the influence. Contact was made with the driver, Garrett A. Arrington (21), as he vomited out of the driver's side window. A strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was coming from within the vehicle. At the conclusion of the investigation, Arrington was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI). He was transported to the GCDF where he refused to submit to a test of his breath.

On Wednesday, April 1st, Deputy S. Ferrell and Deputy D. Wisner arrested Bobby N. Hooper, Jr. (43) in the 700 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka. Hooper was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Cocaine. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, April 4th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a suspicious person in the area of the 7700 block of U.S. Highway 98. A male subject caught the attention of several citizens as he walked up to residences and looked inside them. Deputy G. Desrosier arrived and spoke to witnesses. The subject was contacted and identified as Jarod W. Bennett (40). Bennett was located on the back porch of a residence. The property owner did not wish to pursue charges for trespass. During the investigation, Bennett was found in possession of marijuana. He was placed under arrest for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and transported to the GCDF. Bennett was also wanted by the Leon County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation.

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