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## GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

APRIL 6, 2015 - APRIL 12, 2015

On Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding the theft of a boat motor. Sgt. Burkett responded to the 1700 block of Trout Avenue in Highland View. The complainant reported the theft of a 10 horse power Mercury boat motor. Sgt. Burkett continues to investigate the case.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Investigator J. Hanson arrested Roderick L. Robinson (47) on four warrants. Robinson was wanted for two counts of the Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1,000 Feet of a Park and two counts of the Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communications Device. Robinson was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of Osceola Drive in Wewahitchka when he observed the driver of a motorcycle fail to stop at a stop sign. Deputy Williams conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver, Zeikel P. Pitts (35), was operating the vehicle without a motorcycle endorsement and a valid driver's license. Pitts' license was suspended. He was arrested and transported to the GCDF where he was booked in for No Motorcycle Endorsement and Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R).

On Wednesday, April 8th, Investigator J. Hanson and Deputy S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Stone Mill Creek Road and Long Meadow Drive. The stop resulted in the arrest of Ashley L. Stephens (23) for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Stephens was transported to the GCDF.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Mark W. Moore (58) in the area of State Road (SR) 71 and County Road (CR) 381. Deputy Harvey knew Moore's license was suspended. The suspension was confirmed and Moore was arrested. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with DWLS/R.

On Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a disturbance in the 100 block of Venus Drive at Pine Ridge Apartments in Port St. Joe. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the call and was assisted by the Port St. Joe Police Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, Daniel R. Graney (56) was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Ferrell and Investigator J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of SR 22 near West River Road in Wewahitchka in reference to a moving violation. Contact was made with the driver, Michael C. Howell (27), who was twitching and jerking while scratching sores on his face. When asked to step out of the vehicle, Howell told Deputy Ferrell that he had meth in his pocket. Howell was found in possession of meth. He was arrested and transported to the GCDF. Howell was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical disturbance in the 2400 block of Victoria Avenue in Highland View. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to the call. After conducting an investigation and interviewing witnesses, Deputy Oquendo arrested Jesse Frank Garrett (32) for Domestic Battery. Garrett was transported to the GCDF.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputy B. Smith was on patrol and observed a vehicle exceeding the posted speed on SR 71 in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was clocked on radar traveling 50 mph in a posted 35 mph zone. Deputy Smith conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, Samantha M. Boardway (19), and passenger, Chase D. Beatty (21). The odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle was noticed by Deputy Smith. When asked if any marijuana was in the vehicle, Beatty informed Deputy Smith they had just smoked some. The traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Boardway and Beatty for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Beatty was also charged with Resisting an Officer without Violence. Both subjects were transported to the GCDF.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Abby Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley and Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the complaint. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph M. Davidson (36) for Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield served a warrant for Violation of Probation on Avery J. Holden (28). Holden turned himself into the GCSO. He is on probation for Battery on a Person 65 Years of Age or Older. Holden was turned over to officers with the GCDF.

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