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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

APRIL 20, 2015 – APRIL 26, 2015

On Monday, April 20th, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of Old Dairy Farm Road in Wewahitchka when he observed Westley J. Mayo (21) operating a vehicle on the roadway. Deputy Williams knew and confirmed Mayo did not have a valid driver's license and conducted a traffic stop. Mayo was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). He was charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLS/R).

On Tuesday, April 21st, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of State Road (SR) 22 and Jarrott Daniels Road, west of Wewahitchka, when he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was clocked on radar traveling 80 mph in a posted 60 mph zone. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, Richard W. Bozeman (27). As Deputy Williams spoke to Bozeman, he could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from within the vehicle. When asked if he had any illegal items, or narcotics, in the vehicle Bozeman replied, "Yes, I got weed and my prescriptions." The location of the marijuana was revealed by Bozeman and collected as evidence. Bozeman was also found in possession of drug paraphernalia related to the marijuana. It was also determined Bozeman attached a tag not registered to the vehicle he was operating. Along with his citation for speed, he was criminally charged with Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Attaching a Tag not Assigned. Bozeman was transported to the GCDF.

On April 21st, deputies assisted the Florida Department of Corrections Probation Office with a home visit in the 100 block of Burgess Creek Road in Dalkeith. While attempting to make contact with Scotty L. Herrell (43) a vehicle drove by the residence as if it were about to turn in, but once the occupants saw the presence of law enforcement at the residences they sped off. The vehicle was stopped for several moving violations on County Road (CR) 381 and Ridge Road. Herrell was a passenger in the vehicle. Consent to search the vehicle was obtained and a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine was located. The pipe, which contained methamphetamine, was determined to be Herrell's.

He was arrested and transported to the GCDF for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Probation.

On Wednesday, April 22nd, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block of East Creekview Drive in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy P. Baxley responded to investigate. The complainant reported her unlocked vehicle was entered and had cash, a reel and rod, sunglasses stolen from it. It was also learned the vehicle was entered two weeks ago, when it had a Taser and an iPod Nano stolen from it but law enforcement was not notified. The vehicle was processed and the case continues to be investigated.

On April 22nd, deputies arrested Sidney L. Robbins (22) in the 100 block of Guilford Drive in Overstreet. The GCSO held an active warrant for Violation of Probation on Robbins' original charge of the Sale of Methamphetamine within 1,000 Feet of a Park. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, April 23rd, at 2:22am Deputy G. Desrosier was on patrol in the area of SR 71 and Pidgeon Road when he observed a motorcycle with no tail lights. When Deputy Desrosier turned around to stop the vehicle and activated his emergency lights, the motorcycle accelerated. The speed of the motorcycle was estimated at 80 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. Deputy Desrosier pursued the motorcycle for a short distance, before terminating his pursuit due to safety reasons. The motorcycle was observed turning onto the Stone Mill Creek Road where site was lost. While patrolling the area of Stone Mill Creek, attempting to locate the vehicle, Deputy Desrosier spotted the motorcycle and once again the motorcycle fled. Shortly thereafter it was determined that the driver crashed the motorcycle at the intersection of Stone Mill Creek Road and CR 5. Through further investigation it was learned that the motorcycle, operated by David R. Smith (28), was stolen from Panama City Beach. Smith was transported by EMS for medical treatment. While being transported by EMS Smith jumped out of the ambulance in Bay County and fled on foot. On Friday, April 24th, Smith was arrested by the Bay County Sheriff's Office on an open warrant out of Franklin County. Traffic related charges are pending for Smith in Gulf County.

On April 23rd, Investigator J. Hanson and Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Joanna M. Wilder (39) in the 100 block of Burgess Creek Road in Dalkeith. Wilder was wanted for Violation of Probation on her original charge of the Sale of Methamphetamine. She was transported to the GCDF.

On April 23rd, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft in the 1200 block of SR 71 North in Wewahitchka. Deputy J. Oquendo responded to investigate. The complainant reported the theft of six saltwater rods and two five gallon tanks of gasoline.

On April 23rd, the GCSO received a complaint of a theft in the 100 block of Sunnybrook Drive in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy J. Oquendo responded and made contact with the complainant. The complainant stated she was missing an electronic tablet and a bowl of change was stolen from a camper. The camper was not locked.

On Friday, April 24th, Deputy G. Desrosier conducted a traffic stop in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Gulf Coast State College. The vehicle had a trailer in tow which did not display a tag. The driver, Shawn R. McPherson (54), was determined to have an active warrant out of Geneva County, AL. McPherson was arrested and transported to the GCDF to await extradition.

On April 24th, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of East River Road in Wewahitchka when he observed Ellis Bryan Brogdon (42) driving a motorcycle. Deputy P. Williams knew Brogdon did not have an endorsement on his driver's license that permitted him to operate a motorcycle. A traffic stop was conducted, which resulted in the arrest of Brogdon. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with No Motorcycle Endorsement.

On April 24th, Deputy D. Wisner arrested Ashton J. Larry (27), after he turned himself in, at the GCSO. Larry was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell.

On April 24th, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 200 block of Canoe Lane in Indian Pass. The GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of beach chairs. The complainant observed the occupants of a vehicle take their beach chairs they left on the beach. The chairs were later located by Deputy Smith and returned to the owner.

On Saturday, April 25th, Deputy M. Layfield served a warrant for Violation of Probation on Codie R. Letchworth (22). Letchworth was extradited from Bradford County, Florida, after he was arrested on April 14, 2015. Letchworth is on probation for Burglary of a Structure.

On April 25th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 500 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View after the GCSO received a complaint of a physical disturbance. At the conclusion of the investigation, David L. Griffin (35) was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, April 26th, Deputy D. Sanders stopped a vehicle in the area of SR 71 near Lester Drive in Wewahitchka for an equipment violation. Contact was made with the driver, Patrick J. Dawson (42), who operated the vehicle on a suspended license. Dawson was arrested for DWLS/R and transported to the GCDF.

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