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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 4, 2015 – MAY 10, 2015

On Monday, May 4th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) traveled to the Bay County Jail to extradite Vernetta L. Gibson (30) back to Gulf County. Gibson was arrested in Bay County and was held for the GCSO on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Gibson is on probation for Grand Theft. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 4th, Deputy P. Williams took a report of identity theft. The victim in the case discovered their identity was compromised after attempting to obtain a loan. An account, using the victim's personal information, was opened with a utility company in central Florida. The GCSO encourages citizens to periodically obtain their credit report to verify that all reported activity is legitimate.

On May 4th, Lt. T. Wood arrested Tyson T. Davis (31) at the GCDF. Davis was already incarcerated on numerous drug charges after his arrest on April 28th. A warrant for Davis was served on him from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. He remains in custody at the GCDF.

On Tuesday, May 5th, Investigator J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop in the area of Long Avenue and State Road (SR) 71 in Port St. Joe. Hanson knew the driver of the vehicle, Anthony L. Turner (30), did not have a valid driver's license. Turner was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). During an inventory of the vehicle prior to towing, a knife with an eleven inch blade was found concealed under the driver's seat. Turner, who is currently on probation, was transported to the GCDF and charged with DWLS/R, Possession of a Concealed Weapon, and Violation of Probation.

On May 5th, Deputy P. Williams arrested Tammy J. Melton (33) in the 1000 block of County Road (CR) 386 in Wewahitchka. Melton was wanted for Violation of Community Control on her charge of Dealing in Stolen Property. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, May 6th, Deputy M. Garrett arrested Sabina L. Daniels (34) in the 100 block of Avenue B in Port St. Joe. Daniels had an active warrant held by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. She was transported to the GCDF.

On May 6th, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 200 block of South Palm Street in Indian Pass, after a call was received by the GCSO regarding a residential burglary. The complainant reported discovering the door to the residence unsecured, after returning to the home on May 2nd. Alcoholic beverages were later discovered missing by the complainant, prompting the report. Approximately \$200 in beverages were stolen from the residence. Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate the case.

On Friday, May 8th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of East Osceola Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded and made contact with the complainant who discovered his vehicle's door open. Property from within the vehicle was found on the ground outside of it. The complainant reported observing an unknown person walking in his yard the night before with a flashlight. No property was stolen from the vehicle.

On May 8th, Deputy P. Williams was dispatched to the 5200 block of Clipper Way on Cape San Blas regarding the report of a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a metal custom build fire pit/grill. The pit is described to be approximately twenty-four inches tall and thirty-six inches wide with the name "CROFT" and flames cut out of it. The item was stolen sometime between April 18th and May 8th. The pit is valued at approximately \$500.

On May 8th, Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint of a theft at the Port St. Joe Police Department. The complainant reported the theft of a Rolex watch from a vacation rental in the 8200 block of West U.S. Highway 98 in St. Joe Beach. The theft was stated to have occurred earlier this month. The watch had "Robert Alexander" and "IBM Quarter Century Club" inscribed on the watch. The watch is valued at approximately \$2,500.

On Saturday, May 9th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary in the 700 block of 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams responded to the complaint. The unoccupied residence was found entered and in disarray by the complainant. No items were reported stolen at the time of the report.

On May 9th, Aaron W. Smiley (31) was arrested and served with three warrants at the GCDF after he was extradited from Nassau County. On Wednesday, January 14, 2015, the GCSO received a 911 call in reference to Smiley stealing the purse and keys out of the hands of a female in the 8700 block of CR 386. The purse contained approximately \$34,000. The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division and a warrant for Robbery by Sudden Snatching was obtained for Smiley. Smiley was arrested by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office on April 26, 2015, on the warrant from Gulf County. Smiley was booked into the GCDF for Robbery by Sudden Snatching and two counts of Failure to Appear.

On Sunday, May 10th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the 100 block of West Ovation Drive on Cape San Blas in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of several items of fishing equipment which were left outside the residence overnight. Two surf rods with reels and several tackle boxes with assorted fishing lures were stolen. The estimated value of the items was approximately \$475. The case remains under investigation.

On May 10th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a residential burglary in the 300 block of East Church Street in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon and Deputy P. Williams responded to the call. Deputy P. Williams arrived and contacted the complainant who stated an unknown male knocked on her door and requested a glass of water. When the complainant went to retrieve a glass of water for the person and returned to the door she discovered the subject had entered the home. She said she escorted the subject outside and later discovered her prescription medication was taken. The description of the subject was provided and Deputy Williams recognized the subject described as being Robert D. Alderman (27). Deputy Williams was able to locate Alderman in the area of the 200 block of Osceola Avenue. A prescription bottle removed from the residence was located on the ground where Alderman was standing. Alderman was taken into custody and charged with Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling and Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was transported to the GCDF.

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