



# ***Gulf County Sheriff's Office***

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MAY 25, 2015 – MAY 31, 2015

On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Marvin W. Farmer (57) turned himself in at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). Farmer was wanted for Domestic Battery. Sgt. J. Murnan took Farmer into custody and turned him over to the staff at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint of a car burglary located at State Road (SR) 22 and County Road (CR) 5 west of Wewahitchka. The vehicle's window was busted and an inverter was stolen from within. Deputy C. Harvey responded to investigate the case.

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a residential burglary in progress in the 300 block of Bay Street in St. Joe Beach. Sgt. J. Murnan and Investigator L. Dickey responded to the call. The resident returned home to find a car parked in the driveway. A subject was walking around inside and the rear door to the home was standing open. The resident entered the home and discovered it in disarray. While exiting to locate the subject, the resident found the subject in the front yard where he confronted him. The subject fled the scene in the car parked in the driveway. The resident pursued the subject, in his own vehicle, down Alabama Avenue. The subject turned around and the resident used his vehicle to block the roadway. The subject then collided with the resident's vehicle. The crash caused the bumper of the subject's vehicle to fall off. Investigators were able to identify the subject using the vehicle identification number found on the bumper. Inside the home, the contents of drawers and cabinets had been emptied and left on the floors. Personal property was stolen during the burglary. The vehicle used to flee the residence was located abandoned at the end of Americus Avenue on St. Joe Beach. Based on information obtained from the vehicle and the description obtained from the victim in the case, Anthony L. "Tony" Malerba, Jr., (20) was developed as the suspect. Malerba was arrested on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure and Violation of Probation.

On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 800 block of Mace Martin Road in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. The complainant reported the theft of a 9mm Kahr

Arms handgun stolen from his truck. The burglary possibly occurred during May 19<sup>th</sup> or May 20<sup>th</sup>. A fishing reel was also stolen from the vehicle.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance involving a firearm in the 1100 block of Indian Pass Road. Deputy B. Smith and Sgt. R Burkett arrived on scene and determined the suspect fled prior to their arrival. An investigation was conducted and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint of a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Dogwood Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams arrived on the scene to investigate the complaint. While taking a juvenile offender in custody, Deputy Williams was resisted and the juvenile attempted to obtain Deputy Williams' duty weapon. The juvenile fled on foot, but was arrested shortly thereafter. The juvenile was charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest with Violence, and Attempt to Deprive a Law Enforcement Officer of Means of Protection. After being booked in at the GCDF, the juvenile was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Buddy K. Wood (38) turned himself in at the GCSO. Deputy D. Wiser served Buddy K. Wood (38) with two warrants for Abuse of a Disabled Adult and Tampering with a Witness. The case originated by an investigation conducted by the Port St. Joe Police Department. Wood was booked into the GCDF.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received multiple 911 calls regarding a traffic accident at Harden Circle and SR 71. A vehicle collided with a power pole at the intersection. The crash was investigated by the Florida Highway Patrol and resulted in the arrest of Robert E. Lynn, Jr., (41) for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), DUI with Property Damage, and Reckless Driving.

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Deputy P. Baxley arrested Koran A. Rouse (33) in the 100 block of Palm Breeze Way in Jones Homestead. Rouse was wanted by the GCSO for two counts of Failure to Comply with Sexual Predator Registration. Rouse failed to report his social media account and comply with address verification. He was transported to the GCDF.

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