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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 8, 2015 – JUNE 14, 2015

On Monday, June 8th, Investigator J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near State Road (SR) 71 and the Stone Mill Creek Road. The vehicle was operated by Margaret E. Kelsoe (37). Investigator Hanson knew Kelsoe did not have a valid driver's license and stopped the vehicle. Kelsoe was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R).

On June 8th, Deputy M. Ward arrested and served Neva E. Blackmon (25) with a warrant for Violation of Probation. Blackmon was arrested at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). Blackmon was on probation for Grand Theft and Uttering a Forged Instrument. She was booked into the GCDF.

On June 8th, the GCSO extradited Rodney D. Johnson (37) to the GCDF. Johnson was arrested in Okaloosa County. Johnson was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Felony DWLS/R. He was booked into the GCDF.

On June 8th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary in the 1800 block of Cobia Avenue in Highland View. Deputy P. Bueligmann responded to investigate. The complainant discovered the burglary after an extensive time away from the residence. A 55 inch Sony TV and a blue/pink Schwinn bicycle was discovered stolen from the residence, including keys to a golf cart and boat. The bicycle was recovered by the Port St. Joe Police Department in front of the Dollar General Market on June 13th. The case is still under investigation.

On June 8th, Deputy C. Harvey responded to the 500 block of Barrier Dunes Drive on Cape San Blas after the GCSO received a complaint of criminal mischief. The complainant reported he discovered the sidewall of his boat trailer tires punctured. The offense is believed to have occurred at some point in the past two weeks.

On Wednesday, June 10th, Investigator J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop in the area of SR 71 and Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka for failure to display a tag. The stop resulted in the arrest of Carolyn A. Shrewsbury (46) for DWLS/R. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, June 11th, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 200 block of Bill Nelson Road in Five Acre Farms. The caller reported a domestic disturbance. Deputy M. Layfield and Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint. At the conclusion of the investigation, Deputy Layfield arrested Joseph D. Sewell (36) for Battery on a Person 65 Years of Age or Older (Domestic), Aggravated Assault on a Person 65 Year of Age or Older (Domestic) and Criminal Mischief. Sowell was transported to the GCDF.

On June 11th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of a sign from the community pool located in the Gulf Aire Subdivision on St. Joe Beach. Deputy M. Layfield responded and made contact with the complainant. The complainant stated she went to the pool to look at a new sign which displayed the subdivision's pool rules, but when she arrived she found the sign missing. The sign was installed by the home owners association on the same day.

On June 11th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a suspected drunk driver in the area of SR 71 and the Stone Mill Creek Road north of Wewahitchka. Investigator J. Hanson located the vehicle and observed it cross the center line into oncoming traffic and fail to maintain its lane. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, Christy E. White (24), and two other passengers. When contacted, White admitted to drinking. An investigation was conducted and White was arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). During the stop a handle of a gun was observed sticking out from under the driver's seat. She was also charged with Possession of a Concealed Weapon.

On Friday, June 12th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Griffin Road in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy P. Williams responded to the complaint. At the conclusion of the investigation, Deputy P. Williams arrested Amanda L. Skipper (24) for Domestic Battery. Skipper was transported to the GCDF.

On June 12th, Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy M. Ward arrested James A. Fenn, Jr. (55) in the 400 block of Battles Street in Port St. Joe. Fenn, a registered Sexual Offender, reported his permanent address as 4212 County Road (CR) 386 in Overstreet. The Gulf County Sheriff's Office attempted to verify the address, but an occupant of the residence stated he didn't reside at the location nor did they recognize him. A warrant was obtained for Fenn's arrest for two counts of Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender. Fenn failed to report his change of address and maintain a Florida driver's license or ID Card. He was transported to the GCDF.

On June 12th, the GCSO received a complaint of criminal mischief in the 8500 block of U.S. Highway 98 in Beacon Hill. Deputy P. Bueligmann responded and made contact with the complainant who stated they observed the screen torn on the patio door and found damage to the lock and clasp. No property was taken from the residence.

On June 12th, Deputy S. Ferrell and Investigator J. Hanson arrested Travis I. Whitfield (29) in the 200 block of Johnson Street in Red Bull Island. Whitfield was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of the Sale of Methamphetamine. He was transported to the GCDF.

On June 12th, Deputy S. Ferrell and Investigator J. Hanson arrested Justin R. Taunton (31) in the 100 block of Canopy Road in Honeyville. Taunton was wanted for Violation of Community Control on his original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. He was transported to the GCDF.

On June 12th, Deputy S. Ferrell and Investigator J. Hanson arrested Joseph T. Adkison (23) in the 900 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka. Adkison was wanted for Violation of Probation out of Jackson County. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, June 13th, Sgt. J. Williams served Randall R. Holden (35) a Writ of Bodily Attachment for child support at the GCDF. Holden was originally arrested on the writ in Polk County and was extradited to Gulf County. He was booked into the GCDF.

On Sunday, June 14th, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation at Good Morning Street in the Windmark subdivision. Contact was made with the driver, Christopher R. Flannery (21). Deputy Oquendo developed reason to believe the driver and a passenger, Brandon L. Burtz (18), were under the influence of a narcotic. Deputy Oquendo deployed his partner, K-9 Marco, to conduct an open air sniff around the vehicle. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle and a search was conducted. Deputy Oquendo located 21 small plastic bags with white powder, which tested positive for cocaine. Drug paraphernalia was also located in the vehicle. Burtz and Flannery were arrested and transported to the GCDF. Both were charged with Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On June 14th, the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary in the 6900 block of U.S. Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach. Deputy P. Beuligmann responded to investigate. The complainant discovered a door to the residence forced opened. A 42 inch LG television and a Westinghouse television were stolen from the residence.

On June 14th, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the complaint of a residential burglary in the 6300 block of U.S. Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach. The complainant arrived and discovered someone had busted the rear sliding glass door to the home. Four televisions were stolen from the residence. They were described as two 19 inch Insignia televisions, one 55 inch Samsung television, and an unknown make 42 or 50 inch television.

On June 14th, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 7700 block of U.S. Highway 98 in St. Joe Beach after the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary. The complainant discovered the door to the residence open and two televisions stolen. The televisions were described as a 60 inch Samsung and a 55 inch LG.

If anyone has any information regarding the aforementioned burglary cases, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Criminal investigations Division at 850-227-1160, or call Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

On June 14th, Deputy S. Ferrell and Investigator J. Hanson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of SR 22 and the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was stopped for careless driving. The traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver, Elise S. Bogle (31), and passenger, Carolyn A. Shrewsbury (46), for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bogle also was charged with Possession of Marijuana. Bogle and Shrewsbury were transported to the GCDF.

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