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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JULY 13, 2015 - JULY 19, 2015

On Monday, July 13th, Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with an unreadable tag in the area of Marina Drive in Port St. Joe. The driver, James A. Fenn, Jr. (55), was contacted, but could not produce a registration for the vehicle and stated he did not have the vehicle registered. Deputy Williams determined the tag displayed on the vehicle was not registered to it. The stop resulted in Fenn's arrest for Attaching a Tag not Assigned to a Vehicle and No Motor Vehicle Registration. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, July 14th, Lt. T. Wood served Gary L. Hudson (46) with a warrant at the GCDF for two counts of Exploitation of an Elderly Person and one count of Operating as an Uncertified Contractor. The warrant was the result of an investigation conducted by the Port St. Joe Police Department. Hudson was already in custody on unrelated charges.

On July 14th, Deputy P. Williams arrested Carlos C. Lucas (56) in the area of Burgess Creek Road in Dalkeith. Deputy Williams was on patrol and observed Lucas riding his bicycle. Lucas was wanted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) for Trespass. He was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, July 15th, Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a faulty equipment violation in the area of Tupelo Street and Bay Avenue in Wewahitchka. The driver, Jered W. Roberson (22), was contacted and requested to produce his driver's license. Roberson was not able to produce the license, due to a suspension. Deputy P. Williams placed Roberson under arrest for knowingly Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). While searching Roberson he revealed to Deputy Williams that he was in possession of a small bag of marijuana in his pocket. While transporting Roberson, Deputy Williams discovered he attempted to hide a container in the back seat of his patrol vehicle, which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Roberson was charged with DWLS/R, Possession of Less than Twenty

Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Tampering with Evidence. He was turned over to the staff with the GCDF.

On Thursday, July 16th, Deputy P. Baxley responded to assist the Port St. Joe Police Department after a 911 call was received regarding a prowler in the 300 block of Avenue A. While assisting in the investigation, Deputy Baxley was on the scene of a second 911 call when a subject drove into the yard and exited the vehicle approaching officers in a hostile manner. After failing to obey several lawful commands to leave Sidney Harris (49) arrest for Obstruction of Justice after he refused. Harris was transported to the GCDF.

On July 16th, Deputy P. Baxley was flagged down in the 100 block of Rhodes Drive in Wewahitchka in reference to a disturbance. It was determined the incident was domestic related. The conclusion of the investigation resulted in the arrest of Lindsay A Vazquez (29) for Battery and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence.

On Sunday, July 19th, Deputy D. Sanders responded to assist the staff at the Gulf Correctional Institution in Stone Mill Creek. The staff detained Wanda Venice Lopez (46) for attempting to smuggle narcotics into the facility during visitation. Deputy Sander's investigation resulted in Lopez's arrest. She was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute and Introduction of Contraband into a Correctional Facility. Lopez was transported to the GCDF.

On July 19th, Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop while on patrol in the area of Brian Setterich Road north of Wewahitchka. The driver of the vehicle, Shawn D. Stephens (43), was operating the vehicle without a valid driver license. Stephens was arrested and transported to the GCDF. He was charged with Driving without a Valid Driver's License.

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