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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On Monday, July 27th, Deputy P. Baxley was on patrol in the area of U.S. Highway 98 just east of Port St. Joe when he had to drive off onto the shoulder of the roadway to avoid being struck head on by a vehicle. After turning around to catch up to the vehicle, Deputy Baxley observed the vehicle swerving from side to side, crossing the white fog line and following a vehicle too closely that was directly in front of it. The vehicle was stopped in the area of Monument Avenue and Constitution Drive in Port St. Joe. The driver, Joshua Greene (25), was contacted and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected coming from his person. At the conclusion of the investigation into Greene's ability to operate the vehicle he was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Greene was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On July 27th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding criminal mischief in the 200 block of Cristin's Curve at St. Joe Beach. The complainant reported finding damage to a portion of fence surrounding a pool four to five days prior to filling the report. The damage to the fence was estimated at \$100.

On July 27th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of equipment from a residence in the 4500 block of County Road (CR) 381 in Dalkeith. Deputy P. Williams responded to investigate. The complainant reported several items stolen from a storage shed at the residence. The items included a Stihl weedeater, Stihl chainsaw, Stihl backpack blower, Stihl pole saw and a pressure washer. The total value of the items stolen is approximately \$3,000. Lt. P. Beasley continues to investigate the case.

On July 27th, Investigator S. Ferrell arrested Terry W. Myers, Jr. (30), in the 100 block of Williams Street in Wewahitchka. Myers was wanted for two counts of the Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1,000 feet of a Church. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 27th, Deputy P. Williams arrested Charles E. Kinney (40) in the 100 block of Sierra Drive in Stone Mill Creek. Kinney was wanted for Violation of an Injunction for Protection. The case

stemmed from a complaint received by the GCSO on Friday, July 24th. Kinney was transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, July 28th, Sgt. R. Burkett was informed of a warrant for the arrest of Matthew L. Bachle (33) issued out of Leon County. Bachle was contacted and taken into custody in the 100 block of Bridgeport Lane in Port St. Joe. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, July 29th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of potted plants in the 200 block of John Dill Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams responded and contacted the complainant who advised five potted plants were stolen off of his porch. The estimate value of the plants is \$50.

On July 29th, Deputy P. Williams and Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the area of Abby Drive in Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a complaint regarding a subject wearing dark clothing going door to door wanting a ride to Stone Mill Creek. Contact was made with the subject who was identified as Kristopher J. Taylor (19). Taylor asked deputies for a ride to Stone Mill Creek. Prior to placing Taylor in Sgt. Dixon's patrol car, Taylor was asked if he had any illegal items or weapons on his person. He informed Deputy Williams he had some "weed" earlier, but had since smoked it and he had a pipe he used to smoke it in his pocket. Deputy Williams checked Taylor for weapons for officer safety prior to allowing him to sit in the patrol vehicle and found Taylor in possession of an empty prescription bottle with marijuana residue in it. The pipe was also located. Taylor was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and transported to the GCDF.

On July 29th, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a subject on the beach in the area of Good Morning Street in Windmark bleeding from the mouth. Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy P. Beuligmann responded to investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation Sgt. J. Williams arrested Keith A. Halpern (51) for Battery. The victim in the case was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital by Gulf County EMS. Halpern was transported to the GCDF.

On July 29th, Deputy C. Harvey arrested Ashton J. Larry (27) at the GCDF. Larry was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation out of Bay County. He was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On Thursday, July 30th, Deputy P. Beuligmann arrested James E. Harris (56) at the GCDF for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Criminal Mischief. Harris was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On July 30th, Deputy P. Beuligmann and Investigator S. Ferrell arrested Bobby J. Griffin (23) in the 200 block of Willow Street in St. Joe Beach. The GCSO had an active warrant for Griffin. He was charged with one count of Trespass. The original case was investigated by the Port St. Joe Police Department.

On July 30th, Dianne R. Knowles (46) was arrested on a Writ of Bodily Attachment after she turned herself in at the GCDF.

On Friday, July 31st, the GCSO received a complaint of criminal mischief in the 6900 block of State Road (SR) 71 in White City. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the Wimico Country Store

after the complainant discovered the front window to the store broken. Deputy Sanders developed reason to believe the glass was broken due to gravel thrown up by two vehicles spinning tires in the parking lot. The value of the window is estimated at \$500.

On July 31st, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator L. Dickey arrested Angela L. Davis (45) in the 500 block of Sesame Street in Wewahitchka. The case originated July 13th after Lt. T. Wood received a complaint of harassing text messages. Davis was transported to the GCDF.

If you have any information regarding any of the aforementioned cases please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115 or 850-639-5717.

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