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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On Monday, August 3rd, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of State Road (SR) 22 and County Road (CR) 5. A motorcycle was observed and clocked on radar traveling 102 mph in a posted of 60 mph zone. Deputy Williams followed the motorcycle with his emergency lights and siren activated signaling to stop the driver. The motorcycle weaved from one side of the lane to the other and posed a danger to the driver and others. The driver, Brandon K. Lee (30), was taken into custody for Reckless Driving. Lee was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). A citation was also issued to Lee for speeding.

On August 3rd, Sgt. J. Murnan met a complainant at the Wewahitchka Substation in reference to a fraud complaint. The complainant reported fraudulent transactions on a bank account. The case is being investigated by Investigator L. Greenwood.

On August 3rd, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding a shoplifter at the IGA in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to investigate. The complainant reported he observed Henry L. Powell, Jr. (53) take several items of merchandise without paying and exit the store. Video evidence corroborated witness statements. Deputy Desrosier arrested Powell and transported him to the GCDF. He was charged with Retail Theft.

On Tuesday, August 4th, Deputy P. Baxley was on patrol in the area of CR 22A when he was flagged down in reference to the theft of a ladder. The complainant reported the theft occurred in the 1700 block of CR 22A. The ladder was described as a twenty foot aluminum extension ladder valued over \$300.

On August 4th, Deputy P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell arrested Eric A. Sims (28) on Texas Street in Wewahitchka. Sims was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). He was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, August 6th, Gene A Porter (41) turned himself in at the GCDF on a warrant for his arrest. Porter was wanted for Battery (Domestic). Deputy M. Layfield served Porter with the warrant and he was booked into the GCDF.

On August 6th, Deputy P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell arrested Angela L. Davis (45) in the 500 block of Sesame Street in Wewahitchka. Davis was arrested on a warrant for Stalking. The case originated in March 2015 after a complaint was received at the GCSO. Investigator L. Greenwood conducted an investigation and developed probable cause for Davis' arrest.

On August 6th, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams arrested Michael W. Yarrell (40) on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Yarrell was arrested in the 100 block of Freeman-Rouse Road in Wewahitchka. Yarrell is on probation for DWLS/R, Unlawful Use of a Drivers License and Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. He was transported to the GCDF.

On August 6th, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams arrested Rebecca L. Terry (45) in the 100 block of Fern Drive in Wewahitchka. Terry was arrested for Violation of Probation on her original charge of the Sell of a Controlled Substance. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, August 7th, the GCSO executed an Order to Transport by traveling to a facility in Gainesville, FL, to transport Jarrod P. Slick (24) back to the GCDF.

On August 7th, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of a vehicle in the 9400 block of Auger Avenue in Beacon Hill. Deputy P. Baxley responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported someone entered the UNLOCKED vehicle and stole a Liz Claiborne purse and a carton of cigarettes. The purse contained personal identification information and \$60 in cash. The purse was recovered by Deputy Baxley after conducting a canvas of the area. The cash was removed from the purse.

On August 7th, Deputy J. Hanson received a complaint of a theft in the 7900 block of Americus Avenue in St. Joe Beach. The complainant reported the theft of a stereo described as a, "DRE Beat Box." The stereo was valued at approximately \$200.

On Saturday, August 8th, Sgt. J. Williams was on patrol in the area of Ward Street in St Joe Beach when he conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle parked in the road. Contact was made with the driver, Christine Malinowski (51). Sgt. Williams detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage when Malinowski was contacted and unopened beverages in the vehicle. An investigation was conducted which resulted in Malinowski's arrest for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was transported to the GCDF.

On August 8th, Deputy B. Smith began observing the operation of a vehicle in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Good Morning Street. The vehicle was exceeding the posted speed limit and could not maintain its lane, even leaving the roadway to the point both passenger side tires were off the pavement. A traffic stop was conducted on U.S. Highway 98 and Pompano Street in Highland View. Contact was made with the driver, Jessica S. Davis (27). During the contact Deputy Smith could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Davis admitted to just leaving a drinking establishment. An investigation was conducted to determine Davis' ability to operate the motor vehicle. The investigation concluded with Davis' arrest for DUI. She was transported to the GCDF.

On August 8th, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the 6500 block of Cape San Blas Road in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of an electric charger for a golf cart. The Club Car charger was valued at \$400.

On Sunday, August 9th, Sgt. J. Williams was on patrol in the Beacon Hill area when he observed Anthony K. Robinson (30) driving a vehicle and not wearing a seat belt. A check of Robinson's driver's license revealed it was not valid. A traffic stop was conducted in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and the Express Lane on St. Joe Beach. Robinson was arrested and taken into custody for DWLS/R. He 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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