



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

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

AUGUST 10, 2015 – AUGUST 16, 2015

On Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Venus Drive in Port St. Joe. Sgt. J. Williams responded to the call and was assisted by the Port St. Joe Police Department. Sgt. Williams conducted an investigation and concluded the case with the arrest of Sherry A. Robinson (48). Robinson was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and charged with Battery (domestic).

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams observed a vehicle in the ditch on State Road (SR) 71 three miles south of County Road (CR) 381A. The driver, Leonard L. Noble (47), told Deputy Williams he had reached for something in his vehicle while driving and ran off of the roadway. Noble over corrected the vehicle and lost control. The crash left the vehicle inoperable. When asked to produce his driver's license he informed Deputy Williams he did not have a valid license and that they were suspended. After confirming the information, Noble was arrested for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R). It was also determined he had an active warrant in Calhoun County for Failure to Appear. Noble was transported to the GCDF.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO executed an Order to Transport by traveling to Walton Correctional Institution in Defuniak Springs. Jonathan F. Sapp (31) was transported from the facility to Gulf County for his scheduled appearance in circuit court on August 11<sup>th</sup>. He was returned to the facility on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. Sanders responded to the 300 block of Oak Avenue in Dalkeith after the GCSO received a complaint regarding unwanted guests. The complainant phoned the GCSO and stated their neighbor advised them someone was at their residence. The owner stated no one should be at the residence or on the property. When Deputy Sanders arrived he could see lights on inside the residence and could hear movement inside. Deputy Sanders knocked on the door and it was answered by William H. Brown (20). As the door remained open, Deputy Sanders could smell the odor of burnt marijuana in the home. Brown held a plastic baggie in his hand, which was later determined to contain marijuana. When asked what he was doing in the home Brown told Deputy Sanders he was just hanging out. Brown was placed under arrest and transported to the GCDF. He was charged with Burglary of a Residence, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield arrested Laramie W. Whitten (23) after he turned himself in at the GCDF. Whitten was wanted for Violation of an Injunction. He was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Lt. T. Wood arrested Derek R. Martina (33) after he turned himself in at the GCSO. Martina was wanted on a warrant out of Franklin County for Grand Theft. He was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft in the 100 block of Colleen Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy D. Wiser responded to investigate the complaint. An electric blower that inflated a child's jump house was removed from the yard of the residence. The item was valued at \$200.

On Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Lt. T. Wood arrested Joseph M. Davidson (36) after he turned himself in at the GCSO. Davidson was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charges of Possession of Meth, Grand Theft, and Fraud. He was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical altercation in the 3200 block of Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy B. Smith responded to the call. During the investigation, Deputy Smith determined the offense to be domestic. Charles W. Thaxton (29) was arrested at the conclusion of the investigation for Battery (domestic). Thaxton was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Firehouse Road in Overstreet. Deputy P. Baxley responded to investigate the complaint. Damon B. Eaker, Jr. (60) was placed under arrest for Battery (Domestic), Assault, and Felony Battery by Strangulation (Domestic). Eaker was transported to the GCDF.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy B. Smith took a report of the theft of a firearm from the 400 block of Bonita Street in Highland View. The complainant reported the theft of a Browning .243 BAR II Safari rifle. The rifle was described as having a wood grain stock with a scope and valued at \$1,200.

On Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a residential burglary in the 600 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported someone had busted a window at the residence and took a small caliber handgun from the window sill that was busted. The suspect did not enter the residence and fled after the resident yelled at them. The investigation into the case is ongoing.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams responded to the 8100 block of Alabama Avenue on St. Joe Beach to assist Emergency Medical Services personnel on a call. Deputy Williams observed Sean M. Keiser (19) pull a fixed blade knife from his waist area and brandish the knife at EMS personnel. Keiser was arrested and transported to the GCDF for Aggravated Assault on EMS Personnel.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams made contact with a complainant at the GCSO in reference to the theft of a motor scooter from the 8700 block of CR 386. The complainant reported the

theft of a blue 2003 Extreme Motorscooter valued at \$1,000. The theft occurred during the first two weeks of August.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary in the 200 block of Catalpa Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy D. Sanders responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported that while his was sleeping, someone entered his bedroom during the early morning hours and took a bank card, two twelve inch R.C.A. speakers, a cell phone, several miscellaneous tools and an automotive decoder. The total value of the items taken were \$130.00. The residence was unlocked at the time of the reported incident. Deputy Sanders continues to investigate the case.

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Dixon made contact with a subject in Wewahitchka that had a coin proof set in his possession. The subject did not own the set and stated he had found it. Sgt. Dixon took the proof set into custody for safe keeping. If you are missing a coin proof set, contact Lt. Beasley at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell arrested Jerry T. Gates (71) in the 200 block of South Bass Street north of Wewahitchka. Gates had an active warrant for Failure to Appear. He was transported to the GCDF.

If you have any information regarding the aforementioned cases please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115, or 850-639-5717. If you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

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