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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

AUGUST 24, 2015 – AUGUST 30, 2015

On Monday, August 24th, Lt. T. Wood served Steven M. Arthur (22) with a warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Arthur was wanted for Failure to Appear.

On Tuesday, August 25th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) traveled to the Bay County Jail to execute an order to transport on Kevin D. Fortier. Fortier was scheduled to appear in circuit court the same day. He was returned at the conclusion of the proceedings.

On August 25th, Deputy D. Wisner responded to the Dalkeith Fire Department in the 2700 block of County Road (CR) 381 in reference to a theft. The complainant reported the theft of a locking 4x4 hub cover which was stolen from a 1986 Chevrolet Blazer. The hub was valued at approximately \$100.

On August 25th, the GCSO received multiple 911 calls regarding a man with a rifle and several people standing at the intersection of Redfish and Sailfish Street in Highland View. Deputy D. Sanders and Deputy M. Peek responded to the call to investigate. Upon the deputies arrival the subject with the firearm had left the scene. Based on witness statements the deputies were led to and made contact with Dustin J. Kilpatrick (32) in the 200 block of Whiting Street. The investigation revealed that a verbal confrontation, which involved Kilpatrick, escalated after he left and returned with a shotgun. One resident described the incident as so disruptive several residents in the area came outside of their homes and observed the incident. The firearm was taken away from Kilpatrick by bystanders. The investigation concluded with Kilpatrick's arrest for Improper Display of a Firearm and Disorderly Intoxication. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, August 26th, Lt. T. Wood arrested Gary A. Roberts (38) after he turned himself in at the Wewahitchka Substation. Roberts was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Burglary and Grand Theft. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, August 27th, warrants were served on David R. Smith (28) at the GCDF. Smith was wanted for Grand Theft, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement, Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R) and No Motorcycle Endorsement. The charges originated from a

case in April 2015. Smith was transferred from the Franklin County Jail to the GCDF to resolve his cases.

On August 27th, Investigator L. Dickey and Investigator S. Ferrell arrived in the 100 block of Woodmere Drive south of Wewahitchka to serve arrest warrants on Brandon L. Burkett (29). During the contact with Burkett he fled on foot from the Investigators into the woods located behind the residence. A perimeter was set up by deputies and the K-9 Unit from Gulf Correctional Institution assisted in a search. The search ended with Burkett surrendering himself to investigators. On August 25th, Investigator L. Dickey initiated an investigation into the theft of two window air conditioner units in the 200 block of Robbie Lane in Wewahitchka. The victim discovered the units stolen and provided information which developed Burkett as the suspect. As a result of the arrest of Burkett, Investigators recovered a stolen weed eater on the property. The item was reported stolen to the GCSO in a burglary report filed in June from the 4500 block of CR 381 in Dalkeith. During an interview with Burkett, Investigators developed probable cause and charged Burkett with the burglary. Burkett was transported to the GCDF and booked into the GCDF on warrants for Grand Theft and Dealing in Stolen Property. In addition to the original warrants, Burkett was charged with Burglary of a Structure and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence.

On August 27th, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 6500 block of Americus Avenue in St. Joe Beach regarding the theft of a bicycle. The complainant reported the theft of a white Schwinn bicycle valued at \$260. The bicycle was said to have a bottle holder on the bottom of it and a wallet sized pouch.

On Friday, August 28th, Deputy D. Sanders conducted a traffic stop in the 2200 block of Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was clocked on radar traveling 75 mph in a posted 45 mph zone. While attempting to stop the vehicle, Deputy Sanders noticed the driver threw a drink out of the driver's window. Once the vehicle was stopped contact was made with the driver, Michael D. Ward (47), who smelled like beer. Ward told Deputy Sanders he threw his beer out of the window and it got all over him. Ward was placed under arrest and charged with Reckless Driving with Alcohol. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, August 29th, Deputy M. Peek arrested Shelton L. Meredith (19) after a traffic stop was conducted in the 4200 block of State Road (SR) 71 in Honeyville. Meredith was stopped due to speed. When asked for his driver's license, Meredith revealed he did not have one. Meredith was taken into custody and charged with No Valid Driver's License. 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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