



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

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) traveled to the Bay County Jail to extradite Harold W. Small (63) and Carl H. Summers (56). Both subjects were in the custody of the Bay County Jail and held for Gulf County. Small was wanted for Failure to Appear. Summers, a registered sexual offender, was wanted for Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Capt. C. Buchanan arrested Katherine G. Brantley (54) on a warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon after she turned herself in at the GCSO. The warrant was the result of the investigation into a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of Indian Pass Road which occurred on May 27, 2015. Brantley was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Hanson was on patrol in the area of State Road (SR) 22 and the Old Panama Highway when he observed a vehicle cross over the center line into oncoming traffic. Deputy Hanson observed the vehicle run off the shoulder of the road onto the grass. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver, Evan C. Matlock (23). As Deputy Hanson requested Matlock's driver's license he observed a set of digital scales and a bag of syringes in plain view. Deputy Hanson deployed his partner, K-9 Marco, to conduct an open air sniff around the vehicle. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a glass pipe which contained a crystal like substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Matlock was placed under arrest for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Matlock, a registered sexual offender, is on probation for Possession of Child Pornography. He was also charged with Violation of Probation. Matlock was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a traffic accident on SR 30-A near Simmons Bayou, one mile east of Country Club Drive. The caller stated the vehicle involved in the accident was left in the ditch and the driver fled on foot. Deputy P. Baxley responded and arrived to find a Chevy pickup truck in the ditch with major damage. A guardrail also sustained damage from the impact of the vehicle. The traffic investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph A. Coleman (26) for Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Property Damage. Coleman was transported to the GCDF.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the burglary of a shed in the 600 block of Dead Lakes Road in Wewahitchka. Reserve Deputy C. Caro responded to investigate. The complainant reported at some point between March and September 14<sup>th</sup>, someone entered the shed and took a bicycle, chainsaw, electric grinder, circular saw, battery tester, A/C window unit, and a tackle box with assorted tackle. It is believed the door to the structure was left unlocked. The total value of the items reported stolen was \$850.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Lt. T. Wood arrested Gary A. Roberts (38) on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for non-support. Roberts was already in the custody of the GCDF.

On Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Hanson was on patrol at approximately 2:00am in the area of SR 71 and Orange Avenue, in Wewahitchka, when he observed two males standing in the wood line. One of the subjects, Blaine A. Pitts (26), was wanted by the GCSO on a felony warrant for Dealing in Stolen Property. Pitts was immediately arrested. A search of his person revealed he was in possession of a glass pipe which had a crystal like substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. The second subject was identified by Deputy Hanson and released from the scene. Pitts was transported to the GCDF on the felony warrant and charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the 400 block of Ponderosa Pines Drive in Jones Homestead in reference to a vehicle burglary. The complainant reported the theft of a pink nylon Realtree camouflage wallet. The wallet contained personal identification information of the complainant. The vehicle was not locked.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the Dixie Dandy in the 2100 block of U.S. Highway 98 in Highland View in reference to a gas drive off. It was reported a white newer model Ford F-150, occupied by a white male, drove off without paying for \$15.00 of gas. The vehicle was last scene traveling towards St. Joe Beach.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield responded to a construction site in the area of Jarrott Daniels Road and SR 22 west of Wewahitchka. The complainant reported the theft of lumber from the site and offered a suspect in the case. During the investigation, Deputy Layfield located the described lumber at the suspect's home in the 500 block of South Diana Street in Stone Mill Creek. The investigation concluded with the arrest of Ronnie L. Brake (28) for Grand Theft from a Construction Site. Brake was transported to the GCDF.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Lt. T. Wood arrested Deondray Fisher (38) at the GCSO on a warrant for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Battery. Fisher was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey responded to Centennial Bank in the 100 block of North SR 71 in Wewahitchka in reference to trespass. Harold W. Small (63) was warned to stay away from the property and served a trespass warning in June of 2015. Small returned to the property on Wednesday and would not leave the premise. He was arrested and taken into custody for Trespass After Warning. Small was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a complaint regarding theft in the 300 block of Bay Street in St. Joe Beach. The complainant was preparing for a yard sale and left belongings outside while she left the residence. After returning an hour later, it was discovered a blue and yellow plastic toy box was missing. The toy box was valued at \$15.00.

On Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical altercation and domestic disturbance involving a firearm in the 300 block of Chapel lane in Overstreet. Deputies and Investigators responded to the scene to investigate. The suspect Timothy M. Brandon (45) barricaded himself in a motor home on the property and would not cooperate with deputies. Brandon was quoted as telling deputies, "If you come in you'll see what you get." Brandon made an aggressive move and lunged towards a deputy who deployed a Taser. He was arrested and taken into custody. Deputies discovered methamphetamine and marijuana in plain view inside of Brandon's motor home. He was charged with Felony Battery on a Person Over 65, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Brandon was turned over to the staff at the GCDF after being medically cleared.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy J. Hanson arrested Rebecca L. Terry (45) on a warrant for Violation of Community Control in the 100 block of Fern Drive in Wewahitchka. She was transported to the GCDF.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the area of Industrial Road and Port Townsend Road in Port St. Joe. The vehicle was stopped for a tag violation. The stop resulted in the arrest of James T. Cooper (38). Cooper, an occupant of the vehicle, identified himself with his Florida Department of Corrections Identification Card. He revealed he had been in Gulf County for "a week or so." Convicted felons are required by state law to register in the county they reside within 48 hours of release from the Department of Corrections. Cooper failed to meet this requirement. He was arrested for Failure to Register as a Convicted Felon. Cooper was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 76 mph in a posted 60 mph zone on SR 22 just east of Old Panama Highway. Contact was made with the driver Brenda R. Palmer (18). Based on the actions of the occupants, Deputy J. Hanson deployed his partner, K-9 Marco, to conduct an open air sniff around the vehicle. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana. The traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Palmer for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams (LTTG) Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Prescription Drug without a Prescription. Jeffry D. Hill (21) was arrested for Possession of LTTG Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Giving a False Name to a Law Enforcement Officer, and a Bay County warrant for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Eric R. Martin (19) was arrested for Possession of LTTG Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. All were transported to the GCDF.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy B. Smith was on patrol and observed a vehicle stuck in the ditch at Woodward Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Port St. Joe. Contact was made with Armando N. Jimenez (19) who was identified as the driver of the vehicle. Deputy Smith determined Jimenez did not possess a valid driver's license and was in possession of an alcoholic beverage. Jimenez was placed under arrest for No Valid Driver's License and Possession of Alcohol Under 21 Years of

Age. He was transported to the GCDF. The Port St. Joe Police Department assisted in the investigation.

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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