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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2, 2015 - NOVEMBER 8, 2015

On Monday, November 2nd, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding criminal mischief in the 3800 block of Cape San Blas Road. Sgt. R. Burkett responded to investigate the complaint. The caller advised that someone had "flooded" the rental property. A bathroom in the unit was undergoing renovations, leaving pipes exposed and the sewer line open. The incident occurred between October 31st and November 1st. A neighbor noticed water dripping from the bottom floor of the unit, which was built on pilings, on November 1st. Based on their statement, it appeared someone used the other shower in the unit and water ran out of the open sewer line onto the ceiling of the floor below. Prior to Sgt. Burkett's arrival the unit was dried and construction had begun to repair the damage. There were no signs of forced entry into the home and no items were reported stolen from the residence. The case is being investigated as Criminal Trespass.

On November 2nd, Sgt. R. Burkett responded to the 7600 block of U.S. Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach in reference to the theft of two coolers. The complainant reported the theft of two Yeti Coolers which were taken from under his residence. One of the coolers was described as a 65 quart and the other a 125 quart. Both coolers were white. The complainant stated the two coolers were left unsecured and were noticed missing on Thursday, October 22nd. The total value of the items reported stolen was \$815.

On November 2nd, Avias K. Bailey (26) as extradited from the Bay County Jail and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Bailey was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Cocaine. Bailey was extradited with the assistance of the GCDF staff.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Cody G. Massey (23) turned himself at the GCSO on a warrant for Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. The case stemmed from an investigation conducted by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. Massey was booked into the GCDF.

On Wednesday, November 4th, Investigators arrested Michael B. McDaniel (35) in the 100 block of State Road (SR) 22 in Wewahitchka. McDaniel was wanted for Lewd or Lascivious

Molestation on a Child Under 12. The case originated on Thursday, October 22nd, after a complaint was received by the Criminal Investigations Division. McDaniel was booked into the GCDF.

On November 4th, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams arrested Kathleen M. Shipman (54) in the 400 block of Burgess Creek Road. Shipman was wanted for Violation of Probation for the Sale of Methamphetamine. She was transported to the GCDF.

On November 4th, Sgt. J. Williams was dispatched to the 9400 block of U.S. Highway 98 in Beacon Hill to assist the Mexico Beach Police Department (MBPD). Daniel J. Wilder (31) fled from a MBPD Officer and traveled in a vehicle north on County Road (CR) 386. He was later located and taken into custody at the Overstreet Boat Landing on a warrant out of Gulf County for Failure to Appear. He was transported to the GCDF.

On November 4th, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 300 block of CR 381 in Dalkeith in reference to theft. The complainant reported the theft of several electronic devices which were valued at approximately \$500. Suspects were developed in the case and it remains under investigation.

On Thursday, November 5th, Deputy J. Hanson responded to the 100 block of Mitchell Road in Wewahitchka in reference to a verbal disturbance. The case resulted in the arrest of Bradley A. Blackmon (30) for Disorderly Intoxication. He was transported to the GCDF.

On November 5th, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams attempted to serve an arrest warrant on a subject in the 1300 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka. While speaking to James E. Wright (49) in the yard they noticed several marijuana plants being grown in the yard. When asked, permission to search the residence and property was granted. Additional plants were located on the premises, along with drug paraphernalia used to smoke and prepare the marijuana to be smoked. Wright and Ashley N. Wright (29) were both arrested for Cultivation of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were transported to the GCDF.

On November 5th, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the report of a residential burglary in the 4900 block of Cape San Blas Road. Persons who conduct routine maintenance on the home discovered the burglary and contacted the Sheriff's Office. The residence was forcefully entered and a shotgun was stolen from within. Physical evidence was recovered during the investigation and a lead was developed. Sgt. Williams continues to investigate the case.

On November 5th, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the area of CR 381 and the Dalkeith Fire Station. The vehicle was occupied by Josie W. Miller (31) who was wanted by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Miller was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On November 5th, Timothy W. Williams (49) registered as a Sexual Predator at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. Williams is a white male with gray hair, brown eyes, 6' 02" tall and weighs approximately 174 lbs. Williams is a registered sexual predator and lives at 195 Timberlane Road in Wewahitchka.

On Saturday, November 7th, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. Contact was made with the driver, Harold C. Lester (43), and while doing

so Deputy Baxley observed a shotgun in the vehicle. The gun was determined to be loaded. Lester was found in Violation of a Protective Injunction; in which he was ordered not to possess a firearm. He was subsequently arrested for the violation. The passenger, Darrell L. Vann (41), was also arrested for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams (LTTG) Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Lester and Vann were transported to the GCDF.

On November 7th, the GCSO received a complaint of the burglary of a shed in the area of Dead Lakes Drive in Wewahitchka. Sgt. R. Burkett responded to investigate. A fish cooker, set of cast iron pots and pans, and a white plastic fold up table were stolen. The items were valued at approximately \$350. The case remains under 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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