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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

DECEMBER 7, 2015 – DECEMBER 13, 2015

On Monday, December 7, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the area of State Road (SR) 71 and Myers Road near the Five Acre Farms area. The driver of the vehicle failed to maintain the lane. Contact was made with the driver, Cody B. Paquette (23), and passenger, Austin L. Scott (27). Both acted extremely nervous and sweated profusely. During the contact, investigators detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a plastic bag containing 147.8 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Paquette and Scott were arrested for Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On December 7, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Avenue C. The driver, Leroy Yarrell, Jr. (40), was wanted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for child support. He was placed under arrest and transported to the GCDF.

On December 7, Sgt. J. Murnan was contacted at the Wewahitchka Substation in reference to the theft of a jewelry armoire. The offense occurred in the 200 block of Lester Drive in Wewahitchka. The armoire contained several pieces of jewelry, which included a white gold diamond marquis ring and a yellow gold wedding band set. The total value of the stolen items were estimated at \$1500. Sgt. Murnan continues to investigate the case.

On Tuesday, December 8, Deputy P. Williams arrested Stephen B. Giffin at the probation office in Wewahitchka. Giffin was wanted out of Bay County. He was transported to the GCDF.

On December 8, Christan R. Moses (31) turned herself in at the GCSO on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Moses was on probation for the Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of a Church. She was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On December 8, the GCSO received a call from a person who stated they received a text message from their mother and she told them she was being held against her will at gunpoint.

Information led deputies to 195 Timberlane Road, north of Wewahitchka. Once deputies arrived, the victim was located and Timothy W. Williams (50) was immediately arrested. Investigators learned the victim offered Williams a ride to a location in Port St. Joe. While en route back to Wewahitchka, Williams solicited the victim for sex. When the victim refused, Williams forced the victim into a wooded area at gunpoint and sexually battered her. He later bound the victim's hands with zip ties and forced her to go to his residence where he continued to hold her against her will. The victim was able to send text messages to her daughter, which in turn facilitated the response of deputies. Williams was charged with Kidnapping, Sexual Battery, and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. He transported and booked into the GCDF.

On Wednesday, December 9, Deputy P. Baxley arrested Anthony L. Turner (31) at the GCDF on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Turner was originally arrested in Bay County on the warrant. He was on probation for Sale of Cocaine and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On December 9, Deputy P. Baxley responded to a complaint of a battery, which occurred in the 100 block of Coronado Street in St. Joe Beach. The victim reported Todd A. Mohr, Jr. (25) battered him. Deputy Baxley investigated the complaint and filed an application for a warrant on Mohr. Mohr was arrested, on the warrant for Battery, Monday, December 14.

On December 9, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of two ladders and roofing tin in the 2500 block of McKinnon Avenue in Oak Grove. Deputy P. Baxley responded to investigate the complaint. It was reported that a twenty-foot aluminum extension ladder, valued at \$400, and a six-foot fiberglass stepladder, valued at \$70, was stolen from the property. In addition, several pieces of roofing tin, which measured six to eight feet, were also stolen. The roofing tin was painted orange and green. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On Thursday, December 10, Deputy P. Baxley arrested Bobby J. Griffin (24) in the 100 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka. Griffin was arrested for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams (LTTG) of Marijuana. The arrest came after a field contact with Griffin. He was transported to the GCDF.

On December 10, the GCSO extradited Jeremiah G. Riley from the Bay County Jail. He was held for the GCSO on three warrants for the Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1,000 Feet of a Church and a Writ of Bodily Attachment. Riley was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, December 11, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical altercation in the 100 block of North Patrick Street in the Overstreet area. Sgt. Burkett responded to the call. The complainant reported an altercation occurred between himself and Timothy M. Brandon (45). Brandon left the scene prior to the arrival of deputies. A warrant for Battery was applied for and obtained for Brandon's arrest. He was arrested on the warrant on Monday, December 14, at the GCDF.

On December 11, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Williams contacted two males walking in the area of Our Town Road. One of the subjects, identified as Thomas K. Mosher (20) was wanted out of Bay County on a warrant for Violation of Probation. He was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, December 12, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to assist correctional officers at the Gulf Correctional Institution Annex. Officers at the facility had a visitor introduce contraband into the facility. At the conclusion of the investigation, Deputy Desrosier arrested Casandra L. Eye (36) from Orlando. She was charged with Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Facility and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Eye was transported to the GCDF.

On December 12, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 100 block of North Patrick Street in the Overstreet area. Deputy J. Hanson responded, along with Deputy M. Layfield. The complainant reported Timothy M. Brandon (45) assaulted him with a pipe and nearly struck him in the head. The victim was able to get away from Brandon. The altercation was over a cellular phone. Physical evidence was collected at the scene and Brandon was taken into custody. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

On December 12, Deputy M. Layfield and Deputy J. Hanson arrested William H. Brown (20) for Disorderly Conduct in the 200 block of West Avenue in the Burgess Creek area. Brown was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, December 13, the Narcotics Unit and deputies executed a search warrant at 1879 County Road 381 in Dalkeith. Alex C. Caster (37) was arrested on two warrants for the Sale of Methamphetamine. The search warrant was the culmination of an investigation by the GCSO Narcotics Unit. In addition to the felony drug warrants, Caster faced additional charges after the conclusion of the execution of the search warrant. Investigators found methamphetamine and digital scales. In addition to the drug and paraphernalia, items such as plastic tubing, glass-smoking pipes, Coleman propane bottles and syringes were found. Caster, a convicted felon, was also determined to be in possession of ammunition for a firearm. He was transported to the GCDF on the warrants and additional charges of Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

On December 13, Deputy J. Hanson and deputies arrested Ryan M. McDonald (22). Deputy Hanson responded to the 500 block of East Church Avenue in Wewahitchka in reference to McDonald entering a residence and threatening the complainant. Prior to deputies' arrival, McDonald fled the scene. Several hours later, he phoned the complainant and threatened to return to the residence. Deputy Hanson was able to contact McDonald by phone and encouraged him to surrender himself. Investigator Ferrell met McDonald and took him into custody. McDonald is currently on probation for Felony Battery, Burglary and Grand Theft. He was arrested and charged with Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling, Assault and Violation of Probation. 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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