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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 18, 2016 – JANUARY 24, 2016

On Monday, January 18, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was stopped for a moving violation. Contact was made with the driver, Justin D. Jackson (37), and he was asked to produce his driver's license. Jackson informed Investigator Ferrell that he did not have it with him. It was confirmed that Jackson was actually operating the vehicle on a suspended driver's license. Once informed he was under arrest Jackson resisted and fought Investigators. Once in custody a search of Jackson revealed he was in possession of marijuana. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and charged with Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R), Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams (LTTG) Marijuana, and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer with Violence.

On Tuesday, January 19, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call in reference to a physical altercation in the 100 block of Linton Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint. The complainant reported that William L. Kelly, IV (31), and Jennifer E. Rhodes (26) entered his residence and battered him. The complainant's statement was corroborated through a witness statement. Warrants for Burglary of a Structure with a Battery were obtained. Kelly was arrested on Wednesday, January 20, and Rhodes was arrested on Friday, January 22.

On January 19, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Cristina A. Rhodes (33) on a Writ of Bodily Attachment in the 300 block of State Road (SR) 71 North in Wewahitchka. Rhodes was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, January 20, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of James Pitts Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the complaint. After completing an investigation, Deputy Sanders arrested Remy B. Miller (21) for Battery (Domestic) and transported him to the GCDF.

On Thursday, January 21, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a vehicle in the ditch on County Road (CR) 386 and Borders Road. The caller informed dispatch there was a male asleep behind the wheel. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the area and located a newer model Ford F-150 pickup

truck across the ditch near the tree line on the northwest side of CR 386 near Borders Road. Contact was made with the driver, Travis I. Whitfield (29), who Sgt. Dixon knew was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of the Sale of Methamphetamine. Whitfield was taken into custody. A search of his person revealed he was in possession of a syringe which was suspected to contain methamphetamine. Two additional syringes were located in his sock. The substance in the syringes field tested positive for methamphetamine. Deputy D. Sanders conducted an inventory of Whitfield's vehicle prior to tow and located a .22 caliber rifle. Whitfield is a convicted felon and is not allowed to possess a firearm. He was transported to the GCDF and charge with Violation of Probation, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon.

On Friday, January 22, Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Lisa L. Cross (43). Cross was known to not have a valid driver's license. She was subsequently arrested for DWLS/R. Sgt. J. Williams deployed K-9 Marco to conduct an open air sniff around the vehicle. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics which prompted the search of the vehicle. Based on evidence recovered during the search Cross was charged with Possession of LTTG of Marijuana. She was transported to the GCDF.

On January 22, Sgt. J. Williams responded to the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka to investigate the complaint of retail theft. The suspect in the case removed merchandise from the store without paying. Sgt. Williams was able to identify the suspect and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On January 22, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams observed two subjects on an ATV traveling north on SR 71. A traffic stop was conducted on the ATV on Our Town Road and Linton Road north of Wewahitchka. The occupants Katrina A. Melvin (33) and Blake C. Lincoln (26) were contacted. Melvin, who was driving the vehicle, did not possess a valid driver's license. While contact was made Investigators noticed Lincoln repeatedly reach into his pocket. When asked to remove his hand from his pocket, Investigator Williams observed two syringes which contained a clear liquid in his hand. The liquid field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. Melvin was arrested and a search of her person revealed she was in possession of a plastic baggie which contained a substance which field tested positive for methamphetamine. Melvin and Lincoln was transported to the GCDF. Melvin was charged with DWLS/R, Possession of Methamphetamine and Violation of Probation. Lincoln was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, January 23, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by Billy J. Nichols (42) in the area of U.S. Highway 98 and Abalone Street. Nichols was wanted for Failure to Appear in Court on his original charge of DWLS/R and Contempt of Court. Nichols was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, January 24, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Kenneth S. Noll (54). Noll was arrested after a traffic stop, conducted by Sgt. Williams, revealed he did not have a driver's license. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with No Valid Driver's License.

On January 24, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Chancella L. Doe (24) after receiving a request for assistance at the Gulf Correctional Institution (GCI) in Stone Mill Creek. GCI staff had information regarding a vehicle parked in the parking lot that possibly contained illegal narcotics and believed the occupants may attempt to smuggle contraband into the facility. After

conducting a free air sniff around thirteen vehicles, K-9 Marco alerted on the suspected vehicle. During the search of the vehicle Sgt. Williams located a glove. Inside the glove was two objects wrapped in electrical tape. Once unwrapped, a substance believed to be synthetic marijuana was discovered. Also, a small amount of marijuana was located in an item that Doe claimed was hers. She was subsequently transported to the GCDF and charged with Possession of LTTG Marijuana.

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