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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 - FEBRUARY 28, 2016

On Monday, February 22, Investigator P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop in the area of Jehu Road in Wewahitchka for an equipment violation. The stop resulted in the arrest of Michael A. Hammond (35) and Brandon Evans (24). Hammond and Evans were charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hammond was also wanted for Violation of Probation. Hammond was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine and the Sale of Methamphetamine within 1,000 Feet of a School. Both were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, February 23, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the area of County Road (CR) 381 near Vann Drive. The vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. Once contact was made with the driver, Elise S. Bogle (32), the odor of burnt marijuana could be smelled coming from within the vehicle. When asked, Bogle told Investigator Ferrell that she had just smoked marijuana prior to the traffic stop. A search of the vehicle yielded a burnt marijuana cigarette and a small plastic container that contained a crystal like substance which field tested positive for Methamphetamine. Bogle was arrested and transported to the GCDF. She was charged with Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams (LTTG) of Marijuana and Possession of Methamphetamine.

On February 23, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding the theft of a piano, along with other items, from a storage unit in the 100 block of Volunteer Avenue in White City. Deputy C. Harvey responded to investigate the complaint. Through the course of the investigation, Deputy Harvey was able to locate the stolen property and developed a suspect. The complainant did not wish to pursue criminal charges. The case is considered closed.

On Wednesday, February 24, Sgt. J. Williams and his partner K-9 Marco conducted a traffic stop on CR 381 just east of SR 71. The vehicle was observed exceeding the posted speed limit of 45 mph and was clocked on radar at 65 mph. Contact was made with the driver, Brooke A. Weatherly (20), and passenger, Anthony E. Fleming, Jr. (26). While preparing K-9 Marco to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle, Weatherly and Fleming were asked to exit the vehicle. Investigator P. Williams Fleming asked Fleming if he had any illegal narcotics or

weapons on his person. Fleming informed Investigator Williams he did have a knife in his right pant pocket and then removed a black bag from his left pocket and attempted to flee. Fleming threw the bag into a yard near the traffic stop. He was taken into custody and Investigator S. Ferrell determined the bag discarded by Fleming contained meth and a smoking piped used to ingest meth. Fleming was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Tampering with Evidence and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence. Weatherly herself was found to possess marijuana. She was arrested for Possession of LTTG of Marijuana. Both Weatherly and Fleming were transported to the GCDF.

On February 24, Deputy C. Smith arrested Alexandria C. Schmidt (27) in the 300 block of Triton Street in Beacon Hill. Deputy Smith executed an order to detain Schmidt for the violation of a court order. She was transported to the GCDF.

On February 24, Investigator P. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the 3800 block of U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe. Investigator Williams observed Scott W. Burkett (50) driving the vehicle and personally knew he did not have a valid driver's license. When contacted, Burkett admitted his license was suspended. He was arrested and transported to the GCDF for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R).

On Thursday, February 25, Investigator P. Williams arrested Randall L. Moore (34) after he turned himself in at the GCSO. Moore was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction. Moore was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On February 25, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the area of CR 386 and Basswood Drive in the Overstreet area. The vehicle was stopped for exceeding the speed limit. The driver, Brian K. Bizek (31), was subsequently arrested for Operating a Vehicle without a License. He was transported to the GCDF.

On February 25, Investigator P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell made contact with Cleatha A. Simmons (44) in the 100 block of Arrowhead Circle in Wewahitchka. Simmons was wanted for Retail Theft. The arrest is the culmination of an investigation into the theft of merchandise that was reported on February 19 at the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka. Simmons was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, February 27, Deputy M. Peek arrested Charles B. Foster (45). Foster was extradited from the Bay County Jail on a warrant issued in Gulf County for Violation of Probation. He was on probation for Grand Theft. Foster was turned over to the staff at the GCDF.

On Sunday, February 28, while responding to a noise complaint from the area of Floating Bridge Road and CR 386, Deputy C. Harvey observed a vehicle traveling around the curve south of the Overstreet Bridge at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was clocked on radar at 106 mph in the posted 45 mph zone. The vehicle was in both the south and north bound lanes and caused Deputy Harvey to take evasive measures to avoid a collision. A traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle finally came to a stop approximately three miles north of the bridge. The driver, William E. Barber (25), was subsequently arrested for Reckless Driving and transported to the GCDF. He was issued multiple citations.

On February 28, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 1200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley and Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint. At the conclusion of the investigation, Lillie M. Davis (42) was arrested for Felony Battery (Domestic) and Battery (Domestic). She was transported to the GCDF.

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