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K-9 BRIX NETS TRAFFICKING CASE

Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison announces the arrest of Mac Arthur Griffin (60) of Port St. Joe. Griffin was arrested Friday evening after a traffic stop that was conducted on State Road (SR) 71 north of Wewahitchka.

While traveling on SR 71, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams were passed by a vehicle in a no passing zone. A traffic stop was initiated and Investigator Ferrell identified the driver as Griffin. Investigators developed reason to believe Griffin was in possession of an illegal narcotic. Deputy Brian Smith and his partner, K-9 Brix, arrived to assist with the stop. When deployed to conduct an open air sniff around the vehicle, K-9 Brix alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics. A search of the vehicle yielded approximately 194 grams of cocaine. Investigator Ferrell arrested Griffin and charged him with Trafficking in Cocaine. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

Deputy Smith and K-9 Brix are the newest members of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. The team was recently certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association and the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association. The case was K-9 Brix's first find on the job.

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