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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 21, 2016 – MARCH 27, 2016

On Wednesday, March 23, Deputy C. Smith arrested Harold C. Lester (44) in the 300 block of Byrd Parker Drive in Wewahitchka. Lester was wanted for several outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On March 23, Alvin D. Chambers (49) turned himself in due to a warrant for his arrest. Deputy S. Cook arrested Chambers for Failure to Register. Chambers failed to report a change in address. Chambers was turned over to GCDF staff.

On Thursday, March 24, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint regarding the theft of a culvert pipe from the 100 block of Griffin Road in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to investigate. The complainant reported that a black plastic piece of culvert pipe, described as approximately three to four foot in length and two feet in diameter, was stolen from the property. The suspect also took a child's small blue BMX style bicycle. The total estimated value of the items stolen was \$100.

On March 24, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the Gulf County Courthouse in reference to a complaint regarding a vehicle burglary in the 100 block of Saturn Drive in Port St. Joe. The complainant stated that between 8:30pm and 10:30pm on Wednesday, March 23, someone entered her unlocked vehicle and took a wallet. The wallet contained personal identification information and a small amount of cash.

On March 24, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a residential burglary in the 1100 block of Country Club Road in Simmons Bayou. Deputy M. Layfield responded to investigate the complaint. Forced was used to gain access to the residence. The complainant reported the theft of several personal items and cash. The scene was documented and processed by Deputy M. Ward.

On March 24, Deputy C. Smith arrested Ray E. Stripling, Jr. (43), in the 100 block of Fork Drive in the Overstreet area. Stripling was wanted for Failure to Appear. He was transported to the GCDF.

On March 24, Scot W. Hanlon, II (28), turned himself in on a warrant for his arrest. Deputy S. Cook arrested Hanlon for Failure to Appear. He was turned over to the GCDF staff.

If you have any information regarding the aforementioned cases, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 850-227-1115, 850-639-5717, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

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