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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

April 25, 2016 – May 1, 2016

On Monday, April 25, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a shoplifting complaint at the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to investigate the complaint. The investigation revealed two females picked up a pre-ordered pizza and left the business without paying. The cashier provided the identity of one of the females but the other was unknown. Through further investigation Deputy Desrosier located the females at the 100 block of Arrowhead Circle in Wewahitchka. During the encounter with the female the unknown female identified herself as, Laura Raffield, to Deputy Desrosier. The females explained there was a misunderstanding with a third party who actually ordered the pizza and thought it had already been paid for. The females returned to Dixie Dandy and paid for the pizza. After Deputy Desrosier departed from the scene he discovered Laura Raffield was actually incarcerated with the Department of Corrections. The female using the name Laura Raffield was positively identified as, Amy Dyanne Jackson (43), the sister of Raffield. It was discovered Jackson had an active warrant out of Bay County for Grand Theft. Deputy Desrosier was unable to locate Jackson. An arrest warrant has been applied for charging her with one count of Prohibition against Giving False Name or Identification by Person Arrested or Lawfully Detained.

On April 25, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint at the Senior Citizens Building in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Smith responded to investigate the complaint. It was reported an undisclosed amount of US Currency was stolen from inside the building. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On April 25, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 9100 block Highway 98 in St. Joe Beach. Deputy S. Cook and Deputy C. Sanders responded to investigate the disturbance. The investigation revealed Cynthia S. Murphy (56) used a remote control to intentionally strike her spouse in the face during a verbal argument. The victim sustained a laceration as a result of the act. Murphy was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in a wooded area off Jarrod Daniels Road in Overstreet. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to investigate. It was reported stereo speakers had been stolen out of a dump truck that had been left at a job-site. This investigation has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On April 26, 2016, the GCSO received a violation of injunction for protection complaint. Lt. T. Wood conducted an investigation where it was determined the respondent, Wendy Lynn Woodman (38), had violated the court order. Woodman was issued a Notice to Appear in court for the violation.

On April 26, 2016, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 200 block of Freeman Rouse Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Smith responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported hearing a noise coming from outside. The complainant looked outside and discovered their mailbox had been knocked off the post. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Deputy M. Garrett arrested Robert William Hodges (64) for a Failure to Appear arrest warrant. Hodges was delivered to the GCDF.

On Thursday, April 28, 2016, Investigator L. Dickey assisted Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) by authoring a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) search warrant to be executed on an inmate at Gulf Correctional Institution (Gulf C.I.). HCSO developed Gulf C.I. Inmate Zebadiah Herron (31) as a suspect from a strong arm robbery that occurred in their jurisdiction. Herron was not incarcerated at the time of the offense and has since been sentenced to prison for an unrelated offense. Investigator Dickey executed the DNA search warrant and the sample was sent to HCSO.

On April 28, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic violence complaint via 911 requesting a deputy at the intersection of Stone Mill Creek Road and S. Dianna Street in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy P. Baxley responded to investigate. When Deputy Baxley arrived he made contact with the victim who reported her spouse had battered her and threatened to kill her with a metal pipe. The offenses occurred at the marital home in the 300 block of Hill Top Drive in Stone Mill Creek. The investigation revealed physical evidence that substantiated the victim's account of the offenses. The spouse, Johnny Phillip Chastain (62), had fled the scene prior to the deputy's arrival. An arrest warrant was applied for charging Chastain with one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and one count of Domestic Battery. He was subsequently arrested on April 29, 2016, by Deputy G. Desrosier on the active warrant and transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, April 29, 2016, Deputy M. Peek was on patrol at the intersection of State Road 71 and Highway 98. Deputy Peek observed a blue vehicle speed up in a suspicious manner. At that time Port St. Joe Police Department (PSJPD) Officer D. Graham informed Deputy Peek a person inside the aforementioned vehicle shouted, "I got Ezekial". Deputy Peek then observed a male jump out of the vehicle who he immediately recognized as, Ezekial T. Register III (29). Deputy Peek had prior knowledge there was an active warrant for his

arrest for Aggravated Battery resulting from a PSJPD investigation. Deputy Peek and Officer Graham began pursuing Register using their patrol vehicles to establish a perimeter search. After an approximate ten minute search, Officer Graham located Register hiding in the bushes in close proximity to St. Joe Natural Gas. Register was apprehended and transported to the GCDF.

On April 29, 2016, State Probation Officer B. McDonald requested GCSO assistance in the 3800 block of County Road 386 in Overstreet in apprehending a wanted person out of Bay County. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the scene and arrested Stephen Brent Giffin (45). Giffin was transported to the GCDF.

On April 29, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 100 block of Carol Street in Stone Mill Creek. Deputy C. Smith responded to investigate the complaint. The complainant reported a neighbor witnessed two white males (no further description) driving a dark color Chevrolet S-10 truck (no further description) steal an aluminum dog box from their property. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Warren Mitchell Bowers (30) for a Violation of Probation arrest warrant in the 100 block of Gone Fishing Street in Wewahitchka. Bowers 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, 850-639-5717, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 850-785-TIPS.

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