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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

May 2, 2016 – May 8, 2016

On Monday, May 2, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a complaint of a physical disturbance that occurred in the 100 block of Chapel Lane in Overstreet. While Deputy C. Smith was en route to the scene, a second 911 call was received from William Farrell Dobbins Jr. (54). Dobbins told the dispatcher he had hit someone over the head with a pipe. It was determined Dobbins was involved in the physical disturbance originally reported. The investigation revealed Dobbins did hit the victim in the head with a metal pipe. The victim was transported to Bay Medical and treated for a head laceration. Dobbins was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 2, 2016, Scott Wesley Burkett (51) was extradited from the Bay County Jail back to Gulf County by Deputy M. Garrett. Burkett was wanted on outstanding arrest warrants for Operating a Motor Vehicle while License Suspended or Revoked, and a Traffic Accident with Vehicle and/or Property Damage. He was booked into the GCDF.

On May 2, 2016, GCSO Deputy P. Baxley responded to a single vehicle traffic accident on State Road 71 approximately one mile south of Industrial Road. The accident claimed the life of, Bobby Gene Creamer (42), who was a passenger in the vehicle. The driver, a teenager, was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital in Port Saint Joe for non-life threatening injuries. The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is investigating the accident.

On May 2, 2016, GCSO Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the Wewahitchka Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Building in reference to a domestic disturbance that had already occurred. The complainant had called the GCSO requesting to meet a deputy at that location. The investigation revealed the complainant had been battered by their cohabitant, Michael D. Jones (37). The complainant suffered a head injury resulting from the incident. Deputy Peek attempted to locate Jones but was unsuccessful. A complaint affidavit was completed charging Jones with one count of Domestic Battery. On May 3, 2016, Lt. T. Wood arrested Jones at the GCSO and delivered him to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Veronica Lynn Pickron (41), surrendered herself at the GCSO on an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear on a Driving While License Suspended or Revoked charge. Deputy C. Harvey arrested Pickron and turned her over to the custody of the GCDF.

On May 3, 2016, the GCSO received a missing person complaint in the 500 block of Catalpa Street in Wewahitchka. Sgt. R. Burkett responded to the scene and began the investigation. The complainant reported her daughter, Jamie Lynn Bruner (30), had not been seen or heard from for approximately one month. The complainant provided information to Sgt. Burkett that created an immediate concern for her personal safety. It was also discovered she had an active warrant for her arrest out of Gulf County. GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID) was notified and Investigator L. Dickey responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. After conducting several interviews and following up on investigative leads, Sgt. Burkett and Investigator Dickey developed information that Bruner was in the company of, Joseph West Sketoe (40). The information developed a possible whereabouts for Bruner at a location in the northern part of Gulf County. While responding to the location to further investigate, Investigator Dickey encountered a blue Cadillac driven by Sketoe. Investigator Dickey conducted an investigative traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered Bruner laying down in the backseat. Bruner was found not to be in danger and was arrested for a Violation of Probation warrant out of Gulf County. It was discovered Sketoe was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Sketoe and Bruner were transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, Deputy C. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a gold Ford Focus for unlawful speed on Highway 22 in the area of the Gulf / Bay County line. Deputy Smith observed the driver, Dylan L. Blackwell (19), switch seating positions with a passenger, Devan A. McDonald (21). A third passenger in the vehicle was identified as, Natala E. Zahara (18). A driver's license check revealed Blackwell and McDonald had suspended licenses and subsequently both were arrested. Deputy Smith performed a probable cause search of the vehicle and discovered large quantities of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and US Currency associated with the drugs. The illegal drugs consisted of more than twenty grams of marijuana, methamphetamine packaged for sale, twenty-one Xanax pills (narcotic). The drug paraphernalia consisted of scales use to weigh the drugs, a glass smoking pipe, plastic baggies, and a syringe. Based on the investigation Blackwell, McDonald and Zahara were arrested. Blackwell was charged with Possession of Methamphetamines, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Drug Trafficking and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Zahara was charged with Possession of Methamphetamines, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Drug Trafficking. McDonald was charged with Possession of Methamphetamines, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of More Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Drug Trafficking and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. All were transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, May 5, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of a physical disturbance that occurred in the parking lot of the IGA in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Sanders responded to the scene and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed, Lukesha M. Myers (36), committed battery against an adult victim and a juvenile victim. Myers was arrested and charged with two counts of battery. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, May 6, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary in the 100 block of Riverview Drive in the Land's Landing area. Deputy M. Peek responded to the scene to investigate. The investigation revealed televisions were stolen from the residence. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of a residential burglary in the 100 block of Chipola Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the scene to investigate. The investigation revealed a vacuum cleaner was stolen from the residence. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On May 7, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of a disturbance in the 300 block of Fire House Road in Overstreet. Deputy M. Peek responded to the disturbance to investigate. The complaint reported to Deputy Peek he observed a white truck parked in his driveway and walked toward the truck to ascertain what the driver wanted. The complainant reported the driver, Joshua Lee Knapp (38), accelerated quickly traveling toward him causing him to take evasive action to avoid being struck. Evidence along with an eyewitness to the incident substantiated the complainant's allegation. Complaint affidavits were submitted and arrest warrant applied for.

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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