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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

May 23, 2016 – May 29, 2016

On Monday, May 23, 2016, Deputy C. Sanders conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford truck in the area of County Road 30A and Golf View Drive in the Simmons Bayou area for unlawful speed. The driver was identified as Geovany Guzman-Veliz (22) at which time he told Deputy Sanders he did not have a driver's license. A check revealed Guzman-Veliz was operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. He was placed under arrest and charged with Driving with no Valid Driver License. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 23, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a residential burglary complaint in the 3500 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed the vacation home had been burglarized and property stolen. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

On May 23, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of lewd or lascivious molestation in the Stone Mill Creek area. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the complaint and subsequently requested an investigator respond to the scene. Investigator L. Greenwood responded and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed a juvenile suspect did commit lewd or lascivious molestation on a child under 16 years of age but older than 12 years of age. An arrest warrant has been applied for.

On May 23, 2016, at approximately 11pm Eastern Time the GCSO received a complaint of a suspicious female walking in the Creek View Drive area in Stone Mill Creek carrying a suitcase with clothes falling out of it. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the area and when he arrived he observed several pieces of female clothing scattered in the roadway. Also with the clothing was a zipper bag. Deputy Desrosier opened the zipper bag and discovered two syringes with one containing a clear liquid he suspected to be methamphetamine. Through further investigation Deputy Desrosier identified the owner of the property in the 300 block of E. Creek View Drive in Stone Mill Creek as April Denise Strickland (43). Strickland admitted to Deputy Desrosier the aforementioned property belonged to her. The clear substance was field

tested and gave a positive reaction for methamphetamine. Strickland was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 7000 block of County Road 30 in Cape San Blas. Deputy C. Smith responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a ring had been stolen from inside the vacation the rental. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, the GCSO received a burglary of shed complaint in the 600 block of Bryant's Landing Road in Dalkeith. Deputy M. Peek responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported an air compressor, a chainsaw and two ladders were stolen from their shed. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On May 25, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint from property located off of Jarrett Daniels Road. Deputy M. Manley responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a chemical sprayer and seed/fertilizer spreader had been stolen from the property. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the Iola Landing area in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported after returning from his fishing trip he discovered two of his vehicle tires had been deliberately punctured. It's suspected this malicious act was the result of an argument the complainant had with another fisherman while on the river. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 200 block of Bay Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed William Vincent Hurd (24) forced his way into the home arming himself with a piece of lumber. Hurd then attacked the victim with the lumber striking him several times. The victim was able to wrestle Hurd to the floor at which time Hurd fled the scene. Deputies attempted to locate Hurd but were unsuccessful. An arrest warrant has been applied for charging Hurd with Armed Burglary.

On Sunday, May 29, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint of a verbal altercation at the Mainstay Hotel located in Port Saint Joe. A hotel employee reported hearing loud arguing and items being thrown in the room. Investigator S. Ferrell, Deputy C. Harvey and Reserve Deputy P. Beuligmann responded to investigate the report. The deputies made contact with the hotel room male occupant who stated the disturbance was only verbal and his girlfriend, Catherine Elizabeth McNeill (22) had left. While making contact with the male occupant the deputies detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the hotel room. Through further investigation McNeill arrived back at the hotel room where she told deputies the disturbance was only verbal. Investigator Ferrell questioned McNeill about the smell of burnt marijuana at which time she admitted to being in possession of marijuana. McNeill retrieved from her purse a clear plastic container with marijuana and a multicolored smoking device. McNeill was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She 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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