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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

July 4, 2016 – July 10, 2016

On Tuesday, July 5, 2016, Deputy M. Garrett executed a transport order and transported Katrina Ann Melvin (34) from the Bay County Jail to Gulf County for a court appearance.

On July 5, 2016, Deputy M. Garrett executed a transport order and transported Scott Wesley Burkett (51) from the Franklin County Jail to Gulf County for a court appearance.

On Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Deputy M. Garrett transported Robert Joseph Burch III (41) back to a correctional facility in Holmes County. Burch had been transported earlier from Holmes County for a court appearance in Gulf County.

On July 6, 2016, Steven Patrick Tucker (47) surrendered himself at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) on two outstanding child support warrants. Deputy C. Harvey served the warrants and delivered Tucker to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On July 6, 2016, the GCSO received a call to conduct a welfare check on a teenage juvenile in the 2800 block of Victoria Avenue in Highland View. Sgt. R. Burkett responded to conduct the welfare check. The welfare check revealed the juvenile was home with their mother and had been in a verbal altercation with one another, which is what prompted the caller to request the check. Through further investigation Sgt. Burkett discovered there was an active pick up order for the juvenile for failure to appear in court. The juvenile was arrested and transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in Bay County per the Judge's order.

On July 6, 2016, Sgt. Burkett was dispatched to the 7900 block of St. Joe Beach in reference to a wanted person identified as Twala Evette Tiller (39) walking alongside Highway 98. Tiller was wanted on a felony warrant for Aggravated Battery out of Gulf County. As Sgt. Burkett encountered Tiller he informed her she was under arrest and ordered her to stop. Tiller ignored the verbal commands and continued to walk away. Sgt. Burkett pursued Tiller and grabbed her arm to take her into custody but she pulled away. Tiller then attempted to physically strike Sgt. Burkett and then fled on foot. Sgt. Burkett deployed his taser striking Tiller but she continued to resist. Sgt. Burkett with the assistance of a good samaritan were able to handcuff

Tiller without having to use additional force. Tiller continued to resist until Sgt. Burkett secured her in the rear seat of his patrol vehicle. Tiller was served the arrest warrant for Aggravated Battery and charged with Resisting an Officer with Violence. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, July 7, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey served an arrest warrant on Carole Morrell Turner (45) in the 200 block of Sunset Drive in the Land's Landing area. Turner was wanted for felony Driving while License Suspended or Revoked. She was transported to the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, Deputy served an arrest warrant on Ricky Joe Collins (55) in the 2400 block of Stone Mill Creek Road in the Stone Mill Creek area. Collins was wanted for Stalking. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams served an out of state arrest warrant on Allan Keith Dotson (44) in the 100 block of Old Bay City Road in the Howard Creek. Dotson was wanted out of Georgia for Violation of Probation. Through further investigation it was discovered Dotson had been living in Gulf County for approximately one year and had not registered as a convicted felon which he was required to do so by law. Dotson was arrested on the arrest warrant out of Georgia and charged with Failure to Register as a Convicted Felon. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, Lt. T. Wood served a Violation of Probation arrest warrant on Marvin Walter Farmer (58) at the GCDF. Farmer was delivered to the custody of the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey served an arrest warrant on Edgar NMN Cortez (28) in the 200 block of Quarter Horse Street in the Overstreet area. Cortez was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, the GCSO received an unauthorized use of a vehicle by an unlicensed driver complaint in the 100 block of Schooner Way in the Cape San Blas area. Deputy A. White responded to the complaint and conducted an investigation. While on scene Deputy A. White observed Jessica Marie Luzarraga (34) operating the complainants vehicle and park across the street from the complaint's. Deputy White approached Luzarraga and checked the status of her driver's license. A driver's license checked revealed she was operating a motor vehicle without a license. Luzarraga was arrested and charged with Driving without a License. She was transported to the GCDF.

On July 7, 2016, Deputy M. Manley served four separate arrest warrants on Kenneth David Regan (41) at the GCDF. Regan was wanted on three Burglary warrants and a Failure to Appear warrant. The burglary warrants were obtained back in June 2015 as a result of an investigation conducted by Investigator L. Dickey. Regan had been incarcerated in Georgia on unrelated offenses in another jurisdiction. Regan was delivered to the GCDF.

On Friday, July 8, 2016, Timothy Daniel Buell (37) surrendered himself at the GCSO Sub-Station on a warrant for his arrest for Contempt of Court. Deputy M. Manley served the warrant and transported Buell to the GCDF.

On July 8, 2016, Deputy M. Layfield responded to the GCSO in reference a walk in theft complaint of a utility trailer. The complainant reported his 2008 black utility trailer (no further

description) was stolen from the 400 block of Triton Street in the Beacon Hill area. Deputy Layfield continues to investigate.

On July 8, 2016, Deputy B. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a black Pontiac driven by Daniel Christopher Lister (44) for unlawful speed at the intersection of Bay Avenue and Tupelo Street in Wewahitchka. Through further investigation Deputy B. Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Brix alerted to the vehicle for illegal narcotics. A probable search revealed Lister was in possession of methamphetamine and open container of liquor. Lister was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and issued a citation for the open container violation. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 8, 2016, Sgt. J. Murnan executed a transported order and transported Lenina Rayne Wiles (25) and Shay Nicole Mchenry (35) from the Bay County Jail to Gulf County for court appearances.

On July 8, 2016, the GCSO received a physical disturbance complaint in the 1900 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Sanders responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Charles Edward Gray (66) committed battery to his former co-habitant. Deputy Sanders observed injuries to the victim that substantiated the allegations. Gray was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 8, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on a blue Ford driven by Paige Alexandria Stafford (27) at the intersection of State Road 71 and Long Avenue in Port Saint Joe for a traffic infraction. A driver's license check revealed Stafford was operating a motor vehicle while license suspended or revoked. She was subsequently arrested and informed Deputy Harvey she was in possession of cocaine. Stafford had a one dollar bill containing cocaine rolled up and concealed in her bra. Stafford was charged with Possession of Cocaine and Driving while License Suspended or Revoked. 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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