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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

July 25, 2016 – July 31, 2016

On Monday, July 25, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a child abuse report from the Department of Children's & Families (DCF) alleging sexual abuse of two children under the age of twelve. The case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Lt. P. Beasley continues to investigate.

On July 25, 2016, Cpl. J. Newsome arrested Xavier Floyd Bateman (18) at the Gulf County Courthouse for Failure to Appear. Bateman was delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On July 25, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a gray Honda driven by Jessie James Linton (25) for unlawful speed on Highway 71 at Industrial Road. A driver's license check revealed Linton was driving on a suspended license and subsequently placed under arrest. During an inventory search of his vehicle it was discovered he was in possession of several small bags of marijuana packaged for sale and drug paraphernalia. Linton was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 25, 2016, the GCSO received a child abuse report from the DCF alleging physical abuse of a child under the age of twelve. The case has been assigned to CID and Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On July 25, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a white GMC van driven by Robert Brennan-Lemuel Walden (23) for unlawful speed on Highway 98 at Dupont Drive in Port Saint Joe. A driver's license check revealed Walden was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, July 26, 2016, Lt. T. Wood assisted The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) at Gulf Correctional Institution and transported their arrestee Robert Lawrence Parrish (55). Parrish was transported to the GCDF.

On July 26, 2016, the GCSO received a disturbance complaint in the 300 block of Hill Top Drive in the Stone Mill Creek area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed Johnny Phillip Chastain (63) had violated a pre-trial release order. Chastain was arrested and charged with Violation of Pre-Trial Release Program. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey executed a transport order and transported Clyde Dillion McDaniel (18) to Blackwater Correctional Institution. McDaniel had been transported to Gulf County for a court appearance.

On July 27, 2016, Deputy C. Bailey executed a transport order and transported William Santiago Jr (40) from Gulf County to the Bay County Jail. Deputy Bailey then transported James Timothy Cooper (38) from the Bay County Jail back to Gulf County. Cooper was served with a Fail to Appear on Bail arrest warrant. He was delivered to the GCDF.

On July 27, 2016, the GCSO received a trespassing complaint in the 6700 block of State Road 71 in White City. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint conducted an investigation. The complainant reported between July 17, 2016 and July 27, 2016, someone entered their home uninvited and left dresser drawers pulled out. The complainant reported no property had been stolen. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On July 27, 2016, Deputy C. Sanders arrested Hannah Christian Johnson (18) at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka on arrest warrants for Contempt of Criminal Court and Fail to Appear on Bail. She was transported to the GCDF.

On July 27, 2016, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet van driven by Jeffrey P. Schlafke (47) for a moving traffic infraction. Schlafke immediately informed Deputy White his driver's license was suspended and had been since 1991. During the traffic stop Schlafke consented to a search of his vehicle. The search revealed Schlafke was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Schlafke was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, July 28, 2016, Investigator L. Dickey began a sexual battery investigation that occurred back in June 2016. Investigator Dickey continues to investigate.

On July 28, 2016, the GCSO received a sexual abuse complaint on a child under the age of 16 that occurred in the Stone Mill Creek area. Sgt. J. Murnan responded and conducted a preliminary investigation. This case has been assigned to CID. Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On July 28, 2016, Deputy C. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a white Mercury driven by Tammy Jean Beatty (56) for reckless driving on Highway 22 at County Road 5. A driver's license revealed Beatty was driving with a suspended license. She was placed under arrest and

charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While License Suspended or Revoked. She was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, July 29, 2016, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka in reference to a walk-in theft complaint. The complainant reported a gas can was stolen from a job-site located on Jarrott Daniels Road in the Overstreet area. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, the GCSO received a vehicle burglary complaint in the 9400 block of Highway 98 in the Beacon Hill area. Deputy C. Harvey responded and conducted a preliminary investigation. The investigation revealed during the night a firearm was stolen from inside their vehicle that was left unlocked. This case has been assigned to CID. Lt. P. Beasley continues to investigate.

On Sunday, July 31, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey conducted an investigative traffic stop on a blue Ford driven by Aaron Shane Whitehurst (32) that was in the area of a recent theft complaint. A driver's license check revealed Whitehurst was operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the GCDF.

On July 31, 2016, the GCSO received a missing person complaint in the 100 block of Lazy Day Drive in the Douglas Landing area of Dalkeith. Deputies responded to the scene and met with the complainant who reported his brother Michael Eugene McArdle (56) was missing. The complainant reported the night before he and his brother were on their houseboat and both went to bed at approximately 8:30 pm. The complainant further stated when he woke up the following morning his brother was not on the houseboat but all of his personal belongings were still present. The complainant started looking for his brother, checking with neighbors but no one had seen him. The complainant then noticed a broken board on the houseboat and feared his brother may have fallen in the water. Wewahitchka Search & Rescue was notified and responded to the scene with divers. The dive team was delayed going into the water due to inclement weather conditions with lightning present. Once the weather cleared divers began their search locating the body of McArdle at approximately 4:46 pm. The Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) took jurisdiction of the body. The body was transported to the MEO where an autopsy is scheduled to take place on August 1, 2016. This case remains under investigation.

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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