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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

August 8, 2016 – Augusts 14, 2016

On Monday, August 8, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey responded to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) in reference to a walk-in complaint theft complaint. The complainant reported several checks had been stolen from their business account and uttered at two separate local financial institutions. The investigation revealed Shelton Dale Hall (36) and Vertis Ray Hysmith (33) uttered two separate business checks totaling \$340.00. Deputy Harvey obtained arrest warrants for Hall and Hysmith. On August 11, 2016, Hall and Hysmith were arrested and charged with Uttering a Forged Instrument and delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On August 8, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey responded to the GCSO in reference to a walk-in complaint theft complaint. The complainant reported \$15.00 in US Currency had been stolen out of their bingo bag. The theft occurred at their residence located in the 700 block of Old Bay City Road in Howard Creek. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On August 8, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley was patrolling in the area of Pleasant Rest Cemetery and County Road 386. Deputy Baxley observed the stop sign with an amber flashing light at the intersection had been knocked down by a vehicle that left the scene without reporting. The driver responsible did not contact law enforcement to report the accident, therefore, committed the offense of leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Gulf County Public Works estimated a replacement stop sign in the amount of \$400.00. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On August 8, 2016, the GCSO received a report of an intruder being restrained by the homeowner in the 200 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove. Sgt. R. Burkett and Deputy M. Peek responded to the scene and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed Sarah Elizabeth Johnson (29) committed burglary. Johnson had unlawfully entered the residence while some of the occupants were asleep. A short time later another occupant returned home to find Johnson inside the residence. One the sleeping occupants woke and physically restrained Johnson until deputies arrived. It was discovered Johnson had stolen

one of the occupant's cell phone and bank card. Johnson was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Structure. She was transported to the GCDF.

On August 8, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 400 block of State Road 71 in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Manley responded to the scene and conducted an investigation. The complainant reported a bicycle, a leaf blower and a pair headphones were stolen from underneath their open carport. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, August 9, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 700 block of Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey responded and conducted an investigation. The complainant reported fishing equipment, a stereo surround sound and hamburger meat had been stolen from their houseboat in the Red Bull Island area. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On August 9, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of Grouper Avenue in Highland View. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the scene and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed David Shane Watts (25) committed domestic battery against his paramour. Deputy Baxley observed physical injuries to the victim to substantiate the allegations. Watts had fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. An arrest warrant charging him with Domestic Battery was issued and he was subsequently arrested by Captain C. Buchanan at the Gulf County Courthouse on August 10, 2016. He was delivered to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley executed a transport order and transported Austin Slay Pitts (25) from a correctional facility in Ozark, Alabama to Gulf County. The GCSO held an active warrant for Possession of More Than 20 Grams of Marijuana for Pitts. He was transported to the GCDF.

On August 10, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint at the GCSO Substation in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint. The complainant reported two chainsaws and a skill saw were stolen from their shed located in the 1800 block of Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On August 10, 2016, Deputy C. Sanders served an arrest warrant on Curtis Wayne Butrick (54) for Violation of Probation at the GCDF.

On Thursday, August 11, 2016, Joshua Andrew Lollie (25) surrendered himself at the GCSO on an active arrest warrant for Lewd or Lascivious Molestation on a Child under the age of 12. The arrest is the result of an investigation by Investigator L. Dickey that began back in February 2016. Lollie was delivered to the GCDF.

On August 11, 2016, the GCSO received a fraud complaint in the 100 block of Bliss Lane in the Overstreet area. Deputy M. Layfield responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed the complainant met someone online and during communications with an individual they convinced the complainant to provide bank account information. This individual transferred \$4,000.00 to the complainant's bank account then instructed

them to withdraw the funds and wire via a money gram to their account in Africa. The complainant was contacted by their financial institution to learn this was a fraudulent transaction. Deputy Layfield continues to investigate.

On Friday, August 12, 2016, James Waylon Porter (37) surrendered himself at the GCDF for an active Failure to Appear warrant. Deputy C. Harvey served the arrest warrant and Porter was delivered to the GCDF.

On August 12, 2016, the GCSO received a vehicle burglary complaint in the 300 block of Nutmeg Street in Beacon Hill. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed the complainant reported a trolling reel and two nail guns were stolen out their vehicle. The vehicle was left unlocked by the complainant. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On Sunday, August 14, 2016, the GCSO received a disorderly intoxicated person complaint in the 9400 block of Highway 98 in Beacon Hill. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint. Deputy Manley received statements from witnesses that Jimmy Guy Gibson (27) was intoxicated and had verbally threatened customers and had attempted to batter an employee. The employee had to physically restrain Gibson until law enforcement arrived. Gibson was arrested and charged with Disorderly Intoxication. He 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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