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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

September 5, 2016 – September 11, 2016

On Monday, September 5, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint in the 100 block of Reynolds Road in the Five Acre Farm area. Deputy M. Manley responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a reciprocating saw and a jigsaw were stolen from a storage trailer located on their property. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On September 5, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford driven by Glen Paul Rushing (42) for a moving violation. A driver's license checked revealed Rushing was driving on a suspended license. Deputy Baxley issued Rushing a criminal citation for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked with a mandatory court date to appear. He was released at the scene.

On Tuesday, September 6, 2016, GCSO Investigator L. Dickey and Crime Scene Technician R. Zemlock assisted Port St. Joe Police Department (PSJPD) with an ongoing burglary investigation that occurred in the 1000 block of 10th Street in Port St. Joe.

On September 6, 2016, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Kenneth Satreon Fisher Jr. (25) in the 100 block of Williams Street in Wewahitchka. Fisher was wanted for Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On September 6, 2016, the GCSO received a report of a domestic violence disturbance in the 400 block of East Creekview Drive in the Stone Mill Creek area. Deputy M. Peek responded and conducted an investigation. The investigation revealed Lawesla D. Matlock (36) committed battery against her teenage child. Matlock was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. She was transported to the GCDF. The investigation further revealed during the domestic disturbance the juvenile committed battery against a juvenile sibling. Charges for Domestic Battery against the juvenile are pending.

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, Cpl. James Newsome arrested James Owen Jamison (49) at the Gulf County Courthouse for Domestic Battery. The charge was the result of an investigation conducted by Deputy P. Baxley on September 1, 2016.

On Thursday, September 8, 2016, Captain C. Buchanan served a Violation of Probation warrant on William Johnston Riddel Jr. (55) at the GCSO. Riddel was delivered to the GCDF.

On September 8, 2016, Deputy C. Sanders served an arrest warrant on James William Hostrop (43) in the 400 block of N. 4th Street in Wewahitchka. Hostrop was wanted for Violation of Probation. He was transported to the GCDF.

On September 8, 2016, Cpl. J. Newsome arrested David Jeremy Lewis (38) at the Gulf County Courthouse for an out of county warrant. Lewis was delivered to the GCDF.

On September 8, 2016, the GCSO received a burglary complaint in the 100 block of 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported several tool boxes with assorted tools, a 13ft extension ladder and a Stihl chainsaw were stolen from a storage shed on the property. This investigation has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

On Saturday, September 10, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 400 block of Ponderosa Pines in Jones Homestead. Sgt. Burkett responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their paramour identified as Troy Dewonne Williams (37) committed battery against them. Sgt. Burkett observed physical injuries to the complainant that substantiated the allegations. During the initial investigation Williams

returned to the residence while deputies were still on scene. Sgt. Burkett observed Williams drop a plastic bag with marijuana on the ground. He attempted to arrest Williams but he fled on foot in a wooded area and was not located. Arrest warrants charging Williams with Domestic Battery, Resisting an Officer without Violence and Possession of Marijuana Less Than 20 Grams.

On September 10, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 9100 block of Highway 98 in the Beacon Hill area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint. The complainant reported a crab net and several beach towels were stolen from an area on the beach in front of their residence. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On September 10, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 300 block of Canning Drive in the Red Bull Island area. Deputy M. Peek responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a mini bike had been stolen. Through further investigation the mini bike was located in a wooded area in Wewahitchka and returned to the owner. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, the GCSO received a suspicious person complaint on Highway 22 near the Kemp Cemetery Road area. Deputy M. Manley responded and located the suspicious person identified as Dustin James Pittenger (22). Pittenger told Deputy Manley he had been left in Wewahitchka and was walking to his residence in Bay County. Pittenger was offered a ride by Deputy Manley which he accepted. Prior to entering the patrol vehicle he consented to a search of his back pack and person. During the search Pittenger was found to be in possession of a control substance (narcotic pills without a prescription), meth oil, syringes and a firearm. Pittenger was placed under arrest charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Carrying a Concealed Firearm. He was transported to the GCDF.

On September 11, 2016, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint that occurred while parked at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported while parked at Lake Alice Park their vehicle was burglarized. The complainant reported their wallet, a flashlight and a prescription of oxycodone were stolen out of their vehicle. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On September 11, 2016, the GCSO received a hit and run complaint with property damage in the 800 block of Griffin Road in the Stone Mill Creek area. Deputy C. Harvey responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed a white Nissan truck left the roadway and collided with the complaint's fence and left the scene without reporting the accident. Deputy Harvey located the suspect vehicle unoccupied in the 100 block of Levi Street in Stone Mill Creek. The vehicle was towed and impounded as evidence. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

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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