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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

September 26, 2016 – October 2, 2016

On Monday, September 26, 2016, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint in the 4200 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their tag had been stolen off their vehicle. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On September 26, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 100 block of Canopie Road in the Honeyville area. Deputy C. Sanders responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported an 8ft orange platform ladder and a 22ft green extension ladder with the initials "KT" on them were stolen from their property. Deputy Sanders continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, the GCSO received a call in reference to suspicious persons entering a residence in the 400 block of Duval Street while the homeowners were out of town. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call to conduct an investigation. During a security check of the residence Sgt. Murnan located Brandon Tommy Mills Few (18) and a male juvenile inside the residence. The two males told Sgt. Murnan they had permission from the homeowner's family member. Through further investigation it was determined the two males did not have permission and subsequently were arrested. Few was charged with Trespassing in an Occupied Structure. Few was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). The juvenile was charged with Trespassing in an Occupied Structure. The juvenile was transported to the GCDF where they were released to their parent/guardian.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016, the GCSO received a credit card fraud complaint in the 3700 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. Deputy M. Manley responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported they discovered two separate fraudulent charges to their credit card. One fraudulent charge was able to be cancelled before the transaction cleared. The second fraudulent charge was in the amount of \$39.00. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On September 28, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 200 block of Richards Avenue in Wewahitchka. Sgt. R. Burkett responded to the complaint. The complainant reported fuel had been stolen from his boat's gas can. Sgt. Burkett continues to investigate.

On September 28, 2016, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 500 block of S. Dianna Street in the Stone Mill Creek area. Deputy C. Harvey responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed the complainant's vehicle had been vandalized. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, the GCSO received a structure fire call in the 400 block of Iola Street in Oak Grove. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the scene to begin an investigation. The investigation revealed Ricky Glenn Rushing (62) intentionally set fire to his camper trailer and exited the structure by diving out a window which he sustained lacerations by doing so. Rushing was found by Deputy Baxley in an alley where he made statements asking the deputy harm him. Rushing was taken into custody and after being medically cleared was transported to a mental health facility. The Fire Marshal's Office was contacted and investigated the arson. The Fire Marshal has obtained an arrest warrant charging Rushing with Arson. The GCSO has obtained an arrest warrant charging Rushing with Resisting an Officer without Violence.

On September 29, 2016, the GCSO was contacted by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) requesting assistance in obtaining a search warrant to collect deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) from inmate at Gulf Forestry Camp. The inmate is a suspect in an ongoing burglary investigation that occurred in the OCSO jurisdiction. The offense occurred prior to the inmate being incarcerated for an unrelated offense. This request has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Lt. P. Beasley continues to investigate.

On September 29, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 100 block of Levi Street in the Overstreet area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Kasey K. Pratt (22) and her spouse Chad Edward Medley (35) had been engaged in a verbal argument at a third parties residence where Medley had previously been trespassed from. Deputy Manley discovered Pratt had an active warrant for her arrest from a GCSO theft investigation. Pratt was arrested for the Grand Theft warrant and transported to the GCDF. An arrest warrant has been applied for charging Medley with Trespassing.

On September 29, 2016, the GCSO received a report of a hit and run that occurred inside Dead Lakes Park in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed a red Corvette (no further vehicle or driver description available) had been driving in a reckless manner and collided with a wood fence causing approximately \$100.00 in damage. The driver of the red Corvette fled the scene without notifying the owner. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On Friday, September 30, 2016, Lt. T. Wood served Marcus S. Phelps (37) with a Non Support arrest warrant at the GCSO. Phelps was arrested and delivered to the GCDF.

On September 30, 2016, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Tammy Nichols Finch (45) in the 100 block of Four Mill Road in Jones Homestead for an arrest warrant. Finch had an active warrant for her arrest for Possession of Methamphetamine and Introduction of Contraband into a Correctional Facility. Finch was transported to the GCDF.

On September 30, 2016, Deputy A. White executed a transport order and transported Michael Sterling Teston (39) and Sean Matthew Keiser (20) from a correctional facility in Chattahoochee. Teston and Keiser were delivered to the GCDF.

On September 30, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 400 block of Hummingbird Lane in Overstreet. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint. The complainant reported their black & yellow, rear high wheel push mower (no further description) had been stolen from their property. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, Gulf Correctional Institution (Gulf C.I.) requested the GCSO assistance with a visitor who was in possession of illegal drugs. Prior to Sgt. J. Murnan's arrival Gulf C.I. Inspector M. Tatum deployed his K-9 where he conducted an open air sniff on a 2016 Kia van driven by Jose Carlos Espada Robles (28). Inspectors Tatum's K-9 gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal drugs. A probable cause search revealed Robles was in possession of marijuana. Robles was arrested and charged with Possession of More Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Introduction, Removal, or Possession of Certain Articles Unlawful at a Correctional Facility. Robles was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, October 2, 2016, the GCSO received a reckless driver complaint on State Road 71. Deputy G. Desrosier subsequently located the reckless driver and observed the several moving violations. Deputy Desrosier conducted a traffic stop the vehicle a white Volkswagen driven by Cruz Alberto Cartagena-Navas (25) at the intersection of State Road 71 and Highway 98 in Port Saint Joe. A driver's license check revealed Cartagena-Navas did not possess a driver's license. Cartagena-Navas was arrested and charged with No Valid Driver's License. Cartagena-Navas was transported to the GCDF.

On October 2, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 300 block of Charles Avenue in White City. Deputy C. Smith responded to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported approximately \$4,000.00 had been stolen from their wallet. Through further investigation the complainant conveyed to Deputy Smith they believed family members are responsible for the theft. Deputy Smith 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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