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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

October 31, 2016 – November 7, 2016

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, Robin Alan Vathis (48) surrendered himself at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). There was an active Failure to Appear warrant for Vathis. Deputy P. Baxley served the warrant and delivered Vathis to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Elise Simone Bogle (33) in the 1900 block of County Road 381 in the Dalkeith area on an Out of County warrant. Bogle was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, the GCSO received information two suspicious males were at the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park and believed to be involved in a stolen vehicle investigation from Leon County. Deputy A. White had located the unoccupied stolen vehicle in the Cape San Blas area the night before. Lt. T. Wood, Sgt. J. Murnan, Investigator S. Ferrell, Investigator P. Williams and Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the area attempting to locate the two males. Lt. Wood located the two males identified as, Ian Russell McNab (33) and Jonathan Vaccaro-Pollins (21) on Cape San Blas Road near Rish Park. During a pat down search of Vaccaro-Pollins, Investigator Ferrell discovered he was concealing a handgun in his pocket. A records check of the handgun revealed it had been reported stolen out of Leon County. A continued search of Vaccaro-Pollins revealed he was in possession of marijuana. During a search of McNab it was discovered he was in possession of a controlled substance. Vaccaro-Pollins was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Carrying a Concealed

Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana. McNab was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam). Vaccaro-Pollins and McNab were transported to the GCDF.

On November 3, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 300 block of North 4th Street in Wewahitchka. Deputies D. Sanders and B. Smith responded to the disturbance. After deputies arrived on scene the complainant stated his sister Lenina Rayne Wiles (25) had caused a disturbance with other family members in the 100 block of James Pitts Road. Deputies then learned Wiles had an active violation of probation warrant out of Bay County. Deputies responded to the 100 block of James Pitts Road to attempt to locate Wiles. When the deputies arrived they observed Wiles flee into a wooded area behind the residence refusing to surrender after several verbal commands. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and he immediately alerted to Wiles location with loud barking. Wiles then surrendered to the deputies. She was placed under arrest without incident. In addition to the out of county arrest warrant Wiles was charged with Resisting Arrest without Violence. Wiles was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, November 4, 2016, the GCSO received a 911 call from a female using a cellular telephone stating she had been involved in a physical altercation. Sgt. C. Dixon and Deputy P. Baxley responded to several locations in the Wewahitchka area using GPS coordinates from the 911 caller but did not locate anyone. Through further investigation it was learned the 911 caller left the Wewahitchka area and travelled to Sacred Heart Hospital in Port Saint Joe. Deputy C. Harvey responded to Sacred Heart to continue the investigation. The investigation revealed the 911 caller had been battered by their paramour. The paramour was identified as Preston Ray Porter (48) and was also present at Sacred Heart. Deputy Harvey observed injuries to the victim to substantiate the allegations. Porter was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery and Tamper/Harass Witness/Victim. Porter was transported to the GCDF.

On November 4, 2016, Johnny Phillip Chastain (63) was served with a Grand Theft arrest warrant at the GCDF. The arrest warrant was the result of an ongoing boat/trailer theft investigation by Lt. P. Beasley. The theft occurred in the 400 block of East Creekview Drive in the Stone Mill Creek area. Chastain was already incarcerated at the GCDF on unrelated charges.

On November 4, 2016, Sgt. C. Dixon executed a transport order and transported Joshua Brian Merrill (28) from the Leon County Jail and delivered him to the GCDF. Gulf County held a warrant for Merrill for Failure to Appear.

On November 4, 2016, Sgt. C. Dixon executed a transport order and transported Lenina Rayne Wiles (25) to the Bay County Jail and transported Darrell Larvon Vann (42) back to the GCDF. Gulf County held a warrant for Vann for Violation of Probation.

On November 4, 2016, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell responded to the 100 block of Arrowhead Circle in the northern area of Gulf County to serve an arrest warrant on Ryan Matthew McDonald (23) for Violation of Probation. Investigators located McDonald hiding in the attic. McDonald was arrested without incident and transported to the GCDF.

On November 4, 2016, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 6900 block of Bass Street in Howard Creek. Deputies M. Peek and B. Smith responded to the disturbance to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed a father and son got into a verbal argument with one threatening to do bodily harm. No arrests were made due to conflicting statements. The case has been sent to the State Attorney's Office (SAO) for further review. Criminal charges are pending the SAO review.

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, Keith Quenell Selders (50) surrendered himself at the GCSO for an Animal Cruelty arrest warrant. The arrest warrant is the result of an animal cruelty investigation conducted by Lt. P. Beasley, Deputy M. Peek, Deputy C. Harvey and Gulf County Animal Control Officer R. Mayhann that began on October 23, 2016, in the Wewahitchka area. Deputy P. Baxley served the arrest warrant and delivered Selders to the GCDF.

On November 5, 2016, the GCSO received a trespassing complaint in the 700 block of Bryant's Landing Road in the Dalkeith area. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Samuel Jefferson Harden (69) had been served a trespass warning to stay away from the complaint's residence by a GCSO deputy back in February 2016. Harden admitted to Deputy Harvey he had been trespassed from the property but trespassed to pick oranges from the complainant's orange trees.

Harden was placed under arrest and charged with Trespass on Property Other Than Structure. Harden was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, the GCSO received a complaint to a possible burglary in progress in the 8500 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. Deputy P. Baxley responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed no burglary had taken place and the incident was civil in nature. At approximately 1543 hours the GCSO received a 911 call from the 100 block of Jamie Street in Wewahitchka involving the same earlier complainant and his spouse. Deputy Baxley responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed George Walton Simmons Jr. (55) battered his spouse. Deputy Baxley placed Simmons under arrest charging him with Domestic Battery. Simmons 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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