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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

NOVEMBER 21, 2016 – NOVEMBER 27, 2016

On Monday, November 21, 2016, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a white Toyota van driven by Jeffrey Jonathan Rodriguez (24) on State Road 71 & Stone Mill Creek Road in the northern area of Gulf County for a moving violation. Rodriguez told Deputy White his driver's license were suspended. A records check confirmed his license were suspended and Rodriguez was placed under arrest. During a probable cause search of the vehicle Deputy White discovered marijuana concealed in a cigarette pack in the driver's door compartment. Rodriguez was charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Rodriguez was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, November 22, 2016, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a red Nissan driven by Ryan Micheal Carver (25) on County Road 5 in the area of Bridle Lane in the Stone Mill Creek area for a moving violation. Carver told Deputy White his driver's license were suspended. A records check confirmed his license were suspended and Carver was placed under arrest. Carver was charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Carver was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On November 22, 2016, Deputy M. Layfield executed a transport order and transported Andrea Delores Wimberly (28) from the Bay County Jail and delivered her to the GCDF. Gulf County held an active Violation of Probation

warrant for her arrest. Deputy Layfield served the arrest warrant on Wimberly.

On November 22, 2016, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a white Mercedes on State Road 71 in the White City area. The investigators had knowledge the vehicle was occupied by Dustin Jeffrey Kilpatrick (34). The Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) held an active Violation of Probation warrant for Kilpatrick's arrest. Kilpatrick was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On November 22, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 100 block of East Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their 2009 Kawasaki dirt bike motorcycle green and white in color was stolen from their property. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, November 23, 2016, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a blue Honda driven by Raul Navarro Cruz (28) on Highway 22 near the Gulf/Bay county line for unlawful speed. A driver's license check revealed Navarro Cruz was driving on a suspended license. Navarro Cruz was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Navarro Cruz was transported to the GCDF.

On November 23, 2016, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 200 block of Rhodes Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their aluminum Jon boat had been stolen from their house boat in the northern part of Gulf County where it was tied up. On November 25, 2016, the boat was recovered approximately 1000 yards from their house boat. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On November 23, 2016, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell served two arrest warrants at the GCDF on Nicholas Depree Ellis (27) for Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device and Sale of Cocaine within 1000 feet of a Church. The arrests warrants were the result of a narcotics investigation conducted by Investigators Williams and Ferrell.

On November 23, 2016, Deputy M. Manley served an arrest warrant on Leroy Yarrell Jr. (41) at the GCDF for Non-Support. Yarrell was delivered to the GCDF.

On Thursday, November 24, 2016, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford truck driven by Austin Curtis Burch (25) on State Road 71 in the area of Bodie Lister Road in northern Gulf County for unlawful speed. A driver's license check revealed Burch was driving on a suspended license. Burch was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Burch was transported to the GCDF.

On November 24, 2016, Deputy B. Smith was on a routine call for service in the 300 block of Lake Alice Park Drive. Deputy Smith observed a blue Dodge truck driven by Preston Ray Porter (48) accelerate to a high rate speed approaching his location. Deputy Smith took evasive action behind a vehicle to avoid being struck by the truck. Porter's truck then came to a stop screeching his tires at which time he yelled profanities toward the residence where Deputy Smith was at. Porter then fled the area in the truck. A short time later Deputy Smith and Deputy C. Harvey located Porter's vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on State Road 71 and Pine Street in Wewahitchka. Porter attempted to flee and elude eventually driving through a field in the 100 block of East River Road in Wewahitchka. The deputies were able to use their patrol vehicles to block Porter's vehicle from continuing to flee. Porter began resisting arrest by grabbing for Deputy Smith's firearm subsequently biting the deputy on the forearm and making verbal threats to him. The deputies used the minimal amount of force necessary to effect the arrest. Porter was charged with Aggravated Assault, Battery, Resisting Arrest with Violence, Corruption by Threat Against Public Servant, Attempt to Flee and Elude an Officer, Assault or Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer and Reckless Driving. Porter was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, November 27, 2016, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a blue Ford driven by Marci Ellen Giffen (37) and occupied by a passenger Aaron Shane Whitehurst (32) on Highway 98 & Discovery Lane in the Windmark Beach area for a moving violation. During a consent to search of the vehicle Deputy White located pills without a prescription, brass knuckles and ammunition. Giffen was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Acetaminophen/Codeine Phosphate). Whitehurst was arrested and charged with Possession of a Concealed Weapon and Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon. Giffen and Whitehurst were 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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