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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

OCTOBER 2, 2017 – OCTOBER 8, 2017

On October 2, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the 8000 block of Wentletrap Avenue in reference to a theft. It was reported to Deputy Peek that someone had stolen several Makita and Porter Cable brand power tools from underneath a car port.

On October 3, Deputy Matt Peek went to Annie Avenue to serve a warrant on William Earl Barber (26). Barber was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge Possession of a Controlled Substance. Deputy Peek located Barber and placed him under arrest.

On October 3, Deputy P. Baxley was on Sailfish Street investigating a report of a fraudulent use of a credit card. During his investigation he found the suspect, Macon David Edward Stewart (27), to be in possession of marijuana and a device used to smoke marijuana. Stewart was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The victim in the initial allegation against Stewart declined to file charges for Fraud.

On October 4, Deputy G. Desrosier spotted David Lee Watts (26) traveling in a vehicle on Hwy 71. Watts was wanted in Gulf County for failure to pay child support. Deputy Desrosier stopped the vehicle Watts was in and placed him under arrest.

On October 5, Deputy T. Bailey arrested Sharon Elaine Rogers (46) at the Gulf County Courthouse. Rogers had a warrant for her arrest for Violation of an Injunction for Protection.

On October 5, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on Pine Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy House identified the driver of the vehicle as Jimmie Dean Shores (47). Shores was placed under arrest for attaching a registration tag to a vehicle it was not registered to. During the arrest, Deputy House found a personal amount of marijuana and a pipe in Shores' pockets. Shores was charged accordingly.

On October 6, the Faith Christian School held its annual Community Services Day event. The Gulf County Sheriff's Office joined other agencies in the event such as the Port St. Joe Police Department, Gulf County EMS, Port St. Joe Fire Department, Florida Forest Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Gulf County Health Department. Each agency met with the children to educate them about what we all do. The children were also able to enjoy some hands-on activities to experience what we do on the job.

On October 6, Deputy C. Harvey found a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road near the intersection of Gary Rowell Road and Castlewood Lane. Deputy Harvey stopped behind the vehicle for a few minutes and noticed it would not move. Deputy Harvey then began to smell marijuana burning. He turned on his emergency light and contacted the driver of the vehicle, who was identified as Brenda Gail Taylor (52). There was a passenger in the vehicle identified as Shirley Borders Watts (66). Once Deputy Harvey was at the driver's window, he knew the marijuana he was smelling was coming from inside the vehicle. Deputy Harvey searched the vehicle and found marijuana and methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Taylor was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Methamphetamine and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Watts was charged with Possession of Marijuana and released on scene.

On October 7, Gulf County officials and the Gulf County Sheriff's Office were busy monitoring the rocks at the Stump Hole as we began feeling the effects from Hurricane Nate. The storm surge from Nate washed over the rocks and caused some temporary closure of Cape San Blas Road but road crews were able to work to keep the road open. The rock barrier at the Stump Hole withstood the storm and it remains intact.

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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