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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 23, 2017 – OCTOBER 29, 2017

On October 23, Sharon Elaine Rogers (48) turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility after a warrant was issued for her arrest for Violation of Probation. Rogers is on probation for introducing contraband into a correctional facility.

On October 23, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to West Seascape Lane on Cape San Blas to investigate a theft. Deputy Desrosier learned that a Stihl weed eater, a Craftsman miter saw and some saw horses were stolen. Suspects have been developed in the theft but no arrests have been made at this time.

On October 23, Deputy D. House was assigned to investigate the theft of a Poulan chainsaw from Laurelwood Street in Wewahitchka. The suspects allegedly entered an unsecured home and took the chainsaw, which was the only item reported missing.

On October 24, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Harold Wade Small (65) for Trespassing after violating conditions of a trespass warning at the University of Florida Extension Office located on East Lake Avenue.

On October 25, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the 800 block of Borders Road to investigate a Burglary of a residence. The victim in this case reported several electronic devices and jewelry missing from the home. Deputy Peek collected some evidence from the scene that will hopefully identify a suspect(s).

On October 25, Deputy Peek took a report of a stolen wallet on Byrd Parker Drive. The victim stated that he believes the wallet was stolen from his truck. The victim was uncertain at what point the wallet went missing so a location of the theft could not be determined. Deputy Peek learned from the victim that during the time the wallet could have been stolen, his truck was left unlocked.

On October 25, Deputy L. Greenwood and Deputy M. Peek responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Shell Road in Overstreet. When deputies arrived, they identified a victim that had been attacked by April Leann Johnson (35). Johnson was not able to explain her version of the events as to why she attacked the victim because she appeared to be under the influence of a drugs or alcohol. Johnson was arrested and charged with Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

On October 25, Deputy M. Peek responded to Eagle Street in Overstreet to investigate a report of a suspicious couple that appeared to be “casing” a residence as a potential target for a theft. The couple was described as a white male and white female on bicycles. The subjects were not located when Deputy Peek arrived. Anyone in that area is encouraged to be on the lookout for this couple and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff’s Office. Taking pictures of any suspicious or criminal activity with your smart phones provides helpful information for law enforcement so if practicable, we encourage everyone to take photos.

On October 26, Deputy M. Manley stopped to investigate a vehicle parked on the side of the road on Hwy 98 near the Franklin County line. He contacted the driver of the vehicle, who identified himself as Robert Brannan, who explained that his vehicle was broke down. Brannan asked for a ride to the nearest gas station, which Deputy Manley agreed to. Deputy Manley obtained his information to check him for warrants before transporting him. Deputy Manley ran his name, date of birth and social security number, that Brannan provided, but none of the information was able to be validated. Deputy Manley determined that Brannan was not being truthful about his identity so he was detained for further investigation into his identity. Deputy Manley revealed that Brannan’s real name was Jesse Coltson Hicks (25). The date of birth and social security number Hicks provided was also false. It turned out that Hicks was wanted in Franklin County for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Sale of Marijuana. Once placed under arrest for the warrant, Deputy Manley found that Hicks was in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Hicks was charged accordingly for his drug activity and he was additionally charged with providing false information to law enforcement.

On October 27, members with the Gulf County Sheriff’s and the Port St. Joe Police Department joined the U.S. Marshall’s Fugitive Task Force for the purpose of apprehending Tyson Delandre Pittman (38). Pittman had active warrants from the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office for Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1000 feet from a Church and driving with a suspended driver’s license. The Port St. Joe Police Department had warrants for Pittman’s arrest for Criminal Mischief and Throwing a Deadly Missile into an Occupied Vehicle. Pittman also had several capias warrants issued for his arrest by the 14th Circuit Court for Failure to Appear on approximately ten different drug related charges. Pittman was located and arrested in the 200 block of Avenue D in Port St. Joe without incident. Pittman was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he is held without bond.

On October 27, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on SR C-30A near Country Club Road. Deputy White identified the driver as Samuel Wayne Garrett (46) and learned that Garrett was the respondent on an active Order for Protection. The petitioner on the order was present in the vehicle also. The order prohibits Garrett from being in contact with the petitioner, even when the petitioner consents to the contact, so Garrett was arrested and charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

On October 28, Deputy D. Sanders traveled to the Franklin County Jail and arrested Willie Edward Pelt (35) on a Gulf County warrant for Grand Theft Auto. Pelt was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and posted a \$5,000 bond the following day.

On October 28, Deputy C. Harvey and Deputy G. Desrosier located and arrested Melissa Michele Monk (31), on Fork Drive in Overstreet, for a probation violation warrant. Monk was on probation for the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On October 28, 2017, Deputy C. Harvey located James Bernard Clayton (46) on the corner of Alabama Avenue and Pineda Street. An arrest order had been issued for Clayton's arrest after failing to pay fines stemming from a prior conviction of fire burning without a permit. Deputy Harvey arrested Clayton and transported him to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On October 28, James Walter Lewis Jr. (36) was arrested by Deputy D. House after Lewis was found to be in possession of a concealed firearm on a traffic stop. Lewis was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was charged accordingly.

On October 28, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on CR 386 near James Pitts Road. White identified the driver of the vehicle as Cheryl Ann Holman (40) and discovered that her driver's license was suspended. Holman was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On October 29, Deputy D. House was dispatched to the 200 block of 4th Street in Wewahitchka in reference to a report of someone shooting horses with paintball guns and/or airsoft guns. This is the second reported incident. Anyone with any information on who may be shooting the horses are encouraged to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

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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