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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 27, 2017 – DECEMBER 3, 2017

On Monday November 27, Lonnie Charles Ash Jr. (45) turned himself to authorities after a warrant was issued for his arrest for failing to appear in court on a felony charge of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On November 27, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Josie Whitfield Miller (33) on Catalpa Street on a probation violation warrant. Miller was on probation for two counts of Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Tuesday November 28, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell were looking to execute an arrest warrant on Gary Allen Noah Roberts (40). Roberts was wanted for Violation of Probation for the original charges of Sale of Cocaine with 1000 feet of a Church, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Listed Chemicals. Roberts was located on Laurelwood Drive in Wewahitchka and taken into custody.

On November 28, Warren Mitchell Bowers (31) was charged with Violation of Probation at Gulf County Detention Facility. The violation stemmed from an incident on November 25, where Bowers was arrested for Disorderly Intoxication and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. Bowers was on Probation for Sale of Methamphetamine.

On November 28, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Church Street and Lucy Circle. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Benjamin Lee Russell (37), who was found to have a suspended driver's license. Russell was placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

On November 28, K-9 Deputy M. Peek, with the assistance of Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams, conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 in the parking lot of the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka. While Deputy Peek was speaking with the driver, he detected an odor of marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. Deputy Peek deployed K-9 "Brix" and the K-9 alerted on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle proceeded and approximately 6.7 grams of Methamphetamine was found inside. Also found in the car was a hydrocodone tablet, marijuana and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. The driver of the vehicle, Linda McLin Bice (59), was arrested for the contraband found inside the

vehicle. Bice was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Hydrocodone), Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday November 29, Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy D. House went to a residence on Whippoorwill Avenue, in Overstreet, to locate Rhea Camille Brookins (23) and arrest her on a Violation of Probation warrant. Brookins was apprehended and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On November 29, Keith Hal Mork (49) was arrested on a warrant for Lewd and Lascivious Molestation on a child under 12 years old. The warrant resulted from a joint investigation with the Department of Children and Family Services that began on November 26, 2017.

On November 29, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Winnie Street. During the course of the traffic stop investigators discovered that the driver, Curt Larson Johnson (34), had a suspended driver's license. They also discovered that Mandy Denise Vickery (35), who was a passenger in the vehicle, was concealing a pocket knife and some pills in her hand. The pills she had were possessed illegally because she did not have a prescription for them. Johnson was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license. Vickery was arrested and charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance and allowing an unauthorized person to drive her vehicle.

On November 29, Deputy C. Harvey travelled to the Bay County Jail to execute an arrest warrant on Christopher Johnathan Jones (34) and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility. The warrant on Jones was for failing to appear in court to answer to a felony DWLSR (Driving While License Suspended or Revoked) charge.

On November 29, a citizen found some abandoned hand tools near the intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. The tools were turned over to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office for safe keeping. Anyone missing tools can come to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office to prove ownership and make a claim to the tools.

On November 29, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98, near the intersection of Avenue B. During the stop, Deputy Harvey was given consent to search the vehicle, which resulted in Deputy Harvey finding a personal amount of Marijuana inside it. The driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, was identified as Allen Lavone Mitchum (58). Mitchum was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana.

On November 29, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Daniel Adam Hill (36) on East River Road after warrants were issued for his arrest for Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, Theft of Medication and Possession of a Controlled Substance. The charges against Hill resulted from an investigation that Deputy L. Greenwood began on November 22, 2017.

On November 29, Deputy D. Sanders and Port St. Joe Police Officer David Graham made contact with Ashley Nicole Scruggs (31). While talking with Scruggs, Deputy Sanders discovered that Scruggs had a warrant for her arrest in Walton County for failure to appear court. Scruggs was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On November 29, Deputy G. Desrosier was investigating the whereabouts of Leila Lynette Barber (46) for the purpose of executing an arrest warrant on her. Barber was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Sale of Methamphetamine within 1000 feet from a Church. Deputy Desrosier located Barber on Catalpa Drive and placed her under arrest. Barber was then transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday November 30, Sgt. J. Williams was dispatched to the 8000 block of CR 386 to investigate a report of a burglary. It was reported that someone had broken into a residence and ransacked the interior of the home. In the process, several items were stolen, including a television. No arrests have been made at this time.

On November 30, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had an expired vehicle registration, greater than 6 months. Deputy House identified the driver as Damon Kyle Rink (32) and discovered that his driver's license was also expired for a period exceeding six months. Deputy House placed Rink under arrest and charged him with driving with an expired license, greater than six months.

On November 30, Deputy C. Harvey was dispatched to the 800 block of Jones Homestead Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. Once on scene, Deputy Harvey learned that Arthur George Savageau (51) was in a conflict with co-inhabitants within his home. Deputy Harvey attempted to mediate a peaceful resolution between Savageau and the others but Savageau's belligerent behavior would continue, not staying confined to his home. With Savageau's behavior now disrupting the neighborhood, Deputy Harvey placed him under arrest and charged him with Breach of the Peace.

On Friday, December 1, the GCSO assisted the Gulf County Detention Facility in the transportation of three female inmates to the Florida Department of Corrections in Ocala, FL. At the same time, the GCSO executed an Order to Transport for Danyelle M. White (30). White was transported to and held at the Gulf County Detention Facility for her court appearance on Tuesday, December 5. Mickel A. Jones (26) was transported from the Cross City Correctional Institution to Gulf County. Jones was held for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office on a detainer due to an active warrant for his arrest. Jones was wanted by the Port St. Joe Police Department for Uttering Counterfeit Bills.

On December 1, Deputy M. Layfield received a call from the staff at Port St. Joe Elementary School regarding a disturbing picture drawn on a student's homework assignment. The drawing depicted a school house on fire, a person running from the school on fire and several others standing in a line being shot by an individual. The image included two people on the ground in what appeared to be a pool of blood. Lt. P. Beasley and Investigator L. Dickey responded to the school and started an investigation. Through the

investigation it was determined Robert Paul Alexander Edwards (33) drew the image. He was arrested and charged with violating Florida State Statute 836.10 - Written threat to kill or do bodily injury. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and remains in custody on a \$150,000 bond.

On December 1, Deputy L. Greenwood responded to the 1600 block of State Road 71 South in Wewahitchka. The GCSO received a complaint of a burglary at the location. The complainant reported the theft of medication from within the location. The offense is believed to have occurred the day prior to the report. There were no signs of forced entry. The case remains under investigation.

On December 1, K9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 300 block of Avenue B in Port St. Joe. Deputy Peek activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle on North Park Ave, but the driver refused to stop. Once the vehicle stopped the driver, Stefan L. Sims (55), exited the vehicle and ran. Deputy Peek learned the vehicle did not have the correct tag displayed on it and that Sims' driver's license was not valid. The vehicle was towed. Deputy Peek applied for warrants for Sims' arrest charging him with Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, Attaching a Tag Not Assigned, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence, and Failure to Obey Lawful Commands.

On Saturday, December 2, Deputy L. Greenwood responded to Sacred Heart on the Gulf Hospital in reference to a report of Domestic Battery. The investigation of the case resulted in the arrest of John J. Moore (45). Moore was taken into custody and charged with Felony Battery (Domestic Battery by Strangulation). He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Sunday, December 3, Deputy M. Manley was on patrol in the area of County Road 386 and Auger Avenue in Beacon Hill. He observed a pickup truck with flames coming from under the engine driving west on County Road 386 towards US Highway 98. Deputy Manley activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle. Once the vehicle stopped the driver was aware his truck was on fire. The driver had a dog inside the vehicle and moved the animal to safety. Deputy Manley retrieved his fire extinguisher from his patrol car. The driver requested that Deputy Manley hold his dog so it would not run into traffic. The driver used the extinguisher to get the flames under control. Deputy Manley had the Beaches Volunteer Fire Department dispatched to the scene who extinguished the fire and assisted with traffic control. No one was hurt during the incident.

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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