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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On Monday, December 4th, Deputy A. White was assigned to investigate a report of a theft at the Family Dollar Store in Wewahitchka. Deputy White learned that days prior, a shoplifting had occurred inside the store and the store's surveillance system recorded the act. The suspect was identified as Eric Anthony Sims (30). Sims was arrested the following day as a result of this investigation.

On Monday, December 4th, Roderick Chaquaq Chambers (36) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Chambers was on probation for Sale of Cocaine (four counts) and Possession of Cocaine.

On Monday, December 4th, Deputy A. White was traveling along Hwy 71, North of the Wewahitchka City Limits, when he observed Kenneth Ray Strickland Jr. (20) walking along the side of the road. Deputy White knew Strickland had warrants for his arrest for Burglary and Grand Theft so Deputy White stopped and apprehended Strickland. Strickland was then transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Monday, December 4th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a report from the Grady County Sheriff's Office that a stolen vehicle from their jurisdiction was in our area. Deputy G. Desrosier located the vehicle on West Rogers Street in Jones Homestead, in the custody of James Walter Lewis Jr. (36). The vehicle was recovered. The following day, Grady County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant for Lewis' arrest, charging him with Grand Theft of an Automobile. Lewis was arrested on the warrant on December 5th, while visiting the Gulf County Court House.

On Tuesday, December 5th, Deputy D. House went to the Gulf Correctional Institution to transport Kaleb C. Cowen (35) to the Gulf County Detention Facility to attend court. Cowen was transported back to GCI later in the afternoon by Deputy A. White when his court appearance was complete.

On Tuesday, December 5th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Dead Lakes Drive in Wewahitchka. Investigators identified the driver as Joseph Tyler Adkison (25) and identified a passenger as Christie D. Johnson (42). Adkison had a

warrant for his arrest for Violation of Probation so he was taken into custody. Adkison was on probation for Sale of Methamphetamine. During the course of the traffic stop, investigators could smell marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, they found a personal amount of marijuana and a glass smoking device. Johnson claimed ownership to the contraband; she was arrested and charged accordingly.

On Tuesday, December 5th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams went to a residence on Dead Lakes Drive to attempt to locate Eric Anthony Sims (30) and arrest him on a warrant for Theft. Sims was located and placed under arrest. While making the arrest, investigators found Sims to be in possession of Methamphetamine, Diazepam, Marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Sims was also found possessing an orange purse with miscellaneous jewelry items inside. Sims was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Medication without a Prescription.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Sgt. R. Burkett was dispatched to the area of Atlantic Street in reference to someone who had pitched a tent on the right of way and was presumably camping on the side of the road. Sgt. Burkett could not find an owner in the area so Gulf County Public Works was called to pick up the camp site.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams located Tyler Anderson Bowles (29) in the parking lot of the Subway in Wewahitchka. Bowles had a warrant for his arrest for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of Methamphetamine. Investigators contacted Bowles and placed him under arrest. While making the arrest, they found Bowles to be in possession of two syringes containing liquid Methamphetamine. In addition to the warrant, Bowles was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, December 6th, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to the Dollar Store located on North Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka, in reference to an unruly patron in the store. Deputy Desrosier arrived and contacted Christopher Lee Bowers (33). Bowers had become belligerent toward store employees as a result of his ATM card not working at the checkout counter. During his interaction with Bowers, Deputy Desrosier could smell odors of alcohol and marijuana coming from Bowers person. Bowers was found to be in possession of Marijuana so he was arrested and charged accordingly.

On Thursday, December 7th, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing person. Remy Babe Miller (23) was reported missing by family members after it was discovered that no one had heard from Miller since October 26, 2017. His social media activities have been dormant also. Miller was last seen walking along Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka, wearing a green shirt, blue jeans and carrying a blue back pack. Anyone with information on Miller's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Thursday, December 7th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71, north of Stonemill Creek Road. Investigators identified the driver as Bryan Keith Peoples (45). While speaking to Peoples, investigators could smell Marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of Peoples clothing revealed a personal amount of Marijuana and a smoking pipe. Peoples was arrested and charged accordingly.

On Friday, December 8th, Deputy A. White, along with Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell, went to Woodmere Drive to attempt to apprehend Darrell Larvon Vann (43) on a Violation of Probation warrant. Vann was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine. Vann was located and placed under arrest.

On Friday, December 8th, Ladarious O'Bryan Myers (28) turned himself in to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office after learning that warrant was issued for his arrest for Violation of Probation. Myers was on probation for possession of more than twenty grams of marijuana.

On Sunday, December 10th, Deputy D. House and Deputy A. White responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Bryant Landing Road. During their investigation they determined that Billy Joe Barfield (45) acted as the aggressor toward the victim in the case. As a result, Barfield was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery.

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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