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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 1, 2018 – JANUARY 7, 2018

On Monday, January 1st, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the Lookout Lounge in reference to a person causing problems with passengers on a trolley. When Deputy Peek arrived, he found that officers with the Mexico Beach Police Department had arrived on scene and quelled the disturbance. The person identified as the agitator was Sarah Amelia Skilling (47). Skilling was intoxicated and was offering law enforcement no explanation as to why she was disrupting order on the bus. Skilling was placed under arrest and charged with Disorderly Intoxication.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, Deputy A. White traveled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Deonte James Ray (25) on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation and transported him to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Ray is on probation for Felony Battery.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams went to the 200 block of Osceola Avenue to execute an arrest warrant on Matthew Ross Green (22). Green was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Trafficking in Stolen Property. Green was apprehended and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 22, near the Bay County line. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Danielle Nicole Gray (32) and a driver's license check revealed that Gray had a suspended license. Gray was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license.

On Tuesday, January 2nd, Deputy A. White and Sgt. J. Williams stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in 8000 block of Americus Avenue. The vehicle was occupied by Joshua Lee Knapp (39) and Brandy L. Kelly (44). While approaching the vehicle to contact the driver (Knapp), Sgt. Williams noticed that Knapp looked like he was trying to conceal something between the seats. Sgt. Williams already knew that Knapp had a suspended driver's license (Habitual Offender) so Knapp was asked to exit his vehicle and was placed under arrest. Sgt. Williams searched the area where Knapp was trying to conceal something and found a glass pipe used for smoking methamphetamine. Kelly was also

found to be in possession of a pipe with methamphetamine residue. Kelly and Knapp were both arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Knapp was also charged with DWLSR (Habitual).

On Thursday, January 4th, Deputy M. Manley was dispatched to the Buy Rite Pharmacy in Wewahitchka to investigate a disturbance inside the store. Upon arrival, it was reported to Deputy Manley that Harold Wade Small (66) had entered the store yelling and cursing and was disturbing customers. Deputy Manley had warned Small earlier in the day for that same type of behavior at another establishment. Small was taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

On Thursday, January 4th, Deputy P. Young took a report of a phone scam. The scam involved a man calling over the phone, posing as a law enforcement officer from another state. The victim was told by this person that a family member was in jail on a \$3,000.00 bond and was asked to purchase \$3,000.00 worth of gift cards, locally, and give the card numbers to the caller. Unfortunately for the victim, the caller was successful in completing the scam. This is a popular scam so be aware and do not let this happen to you.

On Thursday, January 4th, Deputy M. Manley was assigned to investigate a theft of a gas tank from the Bryant's Landing area. The gas can was stolen from a boat, underneath a car port. Deputy Manley located a potential suspect with gas cans in his yard but none of the gas cans belonged to the victim.

On Thursday, January 4th, Investigator's S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Bass Street and South Murphy Street in Howard Creek. During the traffic stop, K-9 Deputy M. Peek deployed K-9 Brix to conduct a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. The K-9 alerted, indicating an illegal narcotics scent. A search of the vehicle revealed an amount of Marijuana inside. The driver, Donna Sue Hillard (63), was charged on the scene and release with a court date to answer for the charge.

On Friday, January 5th, K-9 Deputy M. Peek, conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71, near Doc Whitfield Road. During the stop, Deputy Peek deployed his K-9 to conduct a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Brix alerted, indicating an odor of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed medication that did not belong to the driver, who was identified as Keith Lanier Hanley (52). Hanley is a convicted felon and shotgun ammunition was found in the vehicle also. Hanley was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

On Friday, January 5th, Deputy D. House was dispatched to investigate a report of a theft at the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park. It was reported to Deputy House that someone had stolen a stack of tire blocks from a camp site. The blocks were returned by a fellow camper who stated that he retrieved the blocks from another man who was responsible for taking them. A description of the suspect was given to Deputy House but he was not

able to locate the person described to him. The owner of the tire blocks declined any further investigation.

On Friday, January 5th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Luke Ford Road. They identified the driver as Paul Jock Causey (34) and determined that he did not have a valid driver's license. Subsequently, Causey was placed under arrest for DWLSR. Causey was also found to be in possession of a glass pipe with methamphetamine inside. Causey was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, January 5th, Deputy D. Sanders located Shelton Dale Hall (37) on Bryant's Landing Road. Hall was wanted for Violation of Probation (Uttering a Forged Instrument) and failing to pay child support. Hall was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, January 5th, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Kelly Christine Bartlett (30) on Church Ave in Wewahitchka. Bartlett was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, January 6th, the GCSO received a call from an alarm company reporting a panic alarm at the Express Lane in Wewahitchka. Deputy D. Sanders responded and learned that the store clerk activated the alarm after refusing to sell alcohol to an intoxicated and unruly patron of the store. The suspect had left the store prior to law enforcement arriving on scene.

On Sunday, January 7th, Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy A. White responded to a report of a domestic disturbance on Osceola Avenue in Wewahitchka. As a result of their investigation, Paul Jock Causey (34) was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Causey was on probation so he was additionally charged with Violation of Probation as result of the new charge.

On Sunday, January 7th, Deputy D. House served an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on Travis Alvin Gould (22). Gould was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Aggravated Assault with a Weapon.

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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