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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

FEBRUARY 26, 2018 – MARCH 4, 2018

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Calvin Starlin Pryor Sr. (70) turned himself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on warrants for Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1000 feet of a Church, Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear in Court.

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Robert Leon Brock (26) was arrested and booked at the Gulf County Detention Facility on an arrest order for Fail to Pay Fines and Fail to Show Cause. Brock was already incarcerated at the Gulf County Detention Facility on unrelated charges.

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier received a report from Port St. Joe High School faculty that a parent had entered the school and was causing a problem at his daughter's classroom. The parent, who was later identified as Billy Cliff Bright (34), was confronted by school officials and removed from the classroom. It was learned that Bright had come to the classroom to make his daughter read a letter that he had prepared for her. The nature of the letter was that she was not allowed to date anyone, especially anyone outside of her race. It was also revealed that Bright had entered the school without checking in at the front desk, which is required according to the Jessica Lunsford Act - F.S. 1012.465. Bright was escorted from the property and was allowed to leave. An investigation into the matter determined that Bright would be charged with Trespassing on School Grounds. A warrant for Bright's arrest was obtained and he was arrested for the warrant on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield was dispatched to the 9000 block of Cockles Avenue in reference to a bicycle theft. It was reported that a Schwinn, three-wheeled bicycle, was stolen from the victim's yard. The bicycle is blue in color and has a black basket on the back of it, containing a walking cane. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the bicycle is encouraged to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. House was patrolling Jones Homestead Road when he encountered a man riding a bicycle. Deputy House identified a bicycle law violation and stopped the subject at the intersection of East Morgan Street. Deputy House identified the man as James Ryan Caswell (37). During his interaction with Caswell, he discovered that Caswell was in possession of marijuana. While Deputy House was securing the

marijuana he found, Caswell began to flee on foot, while he was handcuffed. Deputy House ran after Caswell and caught him. Deputy House completed a search of Caswell's clothing and found a plastic baggie with methamphetamine and digital scales with methamphetamine residue on it. He also found some more marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Caswell was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. Caswell is currently being held without bond at the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. Sanders was dispatched to the 3000 block of N. Hwy 71 in reference to a stolen vehicle. It was reported that Jackie Lee Cox (53), who was employed with a local trucking company, had deserted his duties with the company and was refusing to return the truck and trailer he was driving, which belonged to the company. Investigator P. Baxley became involved in the case and discovered that Cox was retaining the property as the result of a monetary dispute with the owners of the company. Cox was advised that he could not hold the truck and trailer as ransom. He was instructed to return the truck and trailer to the company and he refused to do so. Inv. Baxley obtained a warrant for his arrest for Grand Theft Auto and the vehicle and trailer information was entered as stolen. Cox was arrested on February 28<sup>th</sup>, in Dade City, Florida, and the truck and trailer were recovered for the company.

On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Randall James List (31) was arrested by Deputy P. Young, on Bozeman Circle, on a capias for Written Threats to Kill or Do Bodily Harm. The capias was the result of an investigation where List sent threatening text messages to someone who had a Domestic Violence Injunction against him.

On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, David Sean Roberts (45) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Roberts was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Investigator S. Ferrell and P. Williams observed a motorcycle travelling south on Hwy 71 near West River Road, committing multiple traffic infractions. When investigators attempted to stop the motorcycle, the driver accelerated to speeds up to 80 mph in an attempt to avoid being stopped. The motorcycle forced oncoming traffic off the roadway as it passed vehicles in the southbound lane. Sgt. L. Dickey, who was travelling south on Hwy 71 near Old Transfer Road, became aware of what was approaching him from behind so he activated his emergency lights and attempted to slow down the motorcycle. The driver of the motorcycle attempted to pass Sgt. Dickey and ran off the road onto the northbound shoulder. The motorcycle slowed down to prevent crashing, which gave investigators time to catch up. When they did, the motorcycle re-entered the roadway and crashed into the side of the investigator's vehicle. All vehicles came to a stop and the driver of the motorcycle got up and fled on foot. The man, who was later identified as Blake Tyler Rudd (25), was apprehended after a brief foot chase. Rudd was charged with Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Violation of Probation. Rudd was on probation for Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement. Rudd was also issued twelve

(12) citations, which include the charges of High Speed Fleeing and Eluding and Reckless Driving.

On Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell executed an arrest warrant on Highroller Soldier Drive by arresting Christopher John Girscht (39). Girscht was wanted out of Bay County for failure to pay child support.

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a report regarding a traffic accident with injuries on Hwy 22 in the area of Harrison Curve. Deputies, EMS and Wetappo Creek Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to respond to the scene where two vehicles, travelling toward each other, had collided in a head-on collision. The drivers of each vehicle, Jonathan Glenn Foster (17) and Joseph Kyle Rich (32), were both declared deceased at the time of the accident. The Florida Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy D. House was patrolling the area of Hwy 71 and Stonemill Creek Road when he observed Danielle Nicole Gray (32) walking into the Creek Stop Deli. Gray had a warrant for failing to appear in court so Deputy House contact Gray and placed her under arrest. Gray was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 3000 block of S. Hwy 71 in reference to a traffic accident. Briana Chantel Brown (23) had driven her vehicle into the ditch, with her 9-month-old baby in the vehicle also. During the crash investigation, deputies learned Brown was intoxicated. Brown was arrested and charged by the Florida Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence and driving with a suspended driver's license. Brown was also charged with damaging the transport area of a Gulf County patrol car.

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. House was assigned to investigate a burglary in the 1000 block of Doc Whitfield Road. Someone had entered a shed and rummaged through it, stealing a Yeti cooler, a bucket and some fishing tackle. Deputy House will continue to investigate.

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams, was dispatched to South Squirrel Avenue, in Howard Creek, to investigate a report of a domestic disturbance. According to the victim, she had been engaged in a physical/verbal dispute with her estranged boyfriend for several hours. Deputies observed items damaged and broken inside the house and some abrasions to the side of the victim's face. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph Tavel Stephenson (38) for the charge of Domestic Battery.

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield was dispatched to the 200 block of Buccaneer Drive to investigate an automobile burglary. Two vehicles were burglarized at the residence and both were left unlocked overnight. One vehicle had a firearm and an iPod stolen and the other vehicle was missing some prescription pills, twenty dollars in U.S. Currency, a laptop computer and a purse. Two more car burglaries were reported on Gulf Aire Drive also. Both of those vehicles were also left unlocked. A purse and a cell phone

were reported stolen from one of those vehicles while nothing was reported stolen from the other, it was only rummaged though.

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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