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CSB VEHICLE BURGLARIES LINKED TO SUSPECTS IN STOLEN VEHICLE

Monday was a busy day for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. Around 8:30 AM, deputies responded to assist Port St. Joe Police Department Officers who were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle from Panama City. The suspects eluded officers and made their way down the service road that runs adjacent to the railroad tracks towards State Road 71 just north of Avenue A. The passenger, J-Babe Williams (36), jumped out in an attempt to flee and was arrested by PSJPD officers. The driver, Rasha Jahaad Cummings (29), drove the stolen vehicle into the ditch and fled on foot when met by deputies. He was arrested a short time later in the wooded area of Avenue A and SR 71.

While deputies searched for Cummings, complaints of vehicle burglaries were received by the GCSO on Cape San Blas. A total of ten vehicle burglaries are reported. Items such as cash, credit cards, personal identifying information, and other personal effects including a firearm were taken from the vehicles. Each vehicle was reported to be unlocked at time of the crimes and no forced entry to a vehicle was made.

While the recovered stolen vehicle was processed for evidence, stolen items from the reported vehicle burglaries were located. One of the items recovered is believed to be the firearm stolen from one of the unlocked vehicles. Cummings and Williams remain in custody at the Gulf County Detention Facility. Additional criminal charges related to the vehicle burglaries are forthcoming.

If anyone on Cape San Blas discovered they are missing items from their vehicle, they are asked to contact the GCSO at 850-227-1115. The GCSO asks everyone do their part in deterring this type of criminal activity by simply locking their vehicles.

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