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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 2, 2017 – JANUARY 8, 2017

On Tuesday, January 3, Sgt. J. Murnan served Joann P. Wilder (59) with a warrant for Violation of Community Control at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO). Wilder was extradited after her arrest in Bradford County on December 27, 2016, and delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Wilder was on community control for the Sale of Methamphetamine.

On January 3, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven for a moving violation in the area of State Road (SR) 22 and County Road (CR) 22-A. Contact was made with the driver, Robert T. Burch (37), who was operating the vehicle on a suspended license. Burch was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLS/R). He was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, January 4, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a stop sign on Angel Fish Street in Highland View. Contact was made with the driver Nelson Hernandez (28). Deputy Manley determined Hernandez was operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license. He was arrested and charged with No Valid Driver License and transported to the GCDF.

On January 4, Sgt. R. Burkett extradited Christopher A. Williams (20) from the Calhoun County Jail and delivered him to the GCDF. The GCSO held an active warrant for his arrest for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Dealing in Stolen Property.

On January 4, Timothy M. Southerland (34) turned himself in at the GCSO on a Writ of Bodily Attachment. Lt. T. Wood took Southerland into custody and delivered him to the GCDF.

On January 4, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 6900 block of Wild Rose Street in White City. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint. The complainant reported

that a 16 inch Poulan chainsaw, with a case, was stolen from their property. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On January 4, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams, along with Deputy C. Harvey, arrested Ryan M. Carver (25) in the 100 block of Linton Road. Carver was arrested on a Writ of Bodily Attachment and was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, January 5, Deputy M. Peek responded to a burglary complaint in the 600 block of Jehu Road in Wewahitchka. The investigation revealed an intruder trespassed inside the residence, but did not steal any property or cause damage. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On January 5, the GCSO received an attempted residential burglary complaint in the 800 block of Indian Pass Road. Deputy C. Harvey responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed someone attempted to gain entry to the residence causing damage to a door. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On January 5, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Henry C. Calhoun, Jr. (36), on SR 71 and East Church Avenue in Wewahitchka. Calhoun refused to pull over for Deputy Peek with emergency lights and siren activated. He continued to refuse to yield and ultimately led Peek to a residence in the 500 block of 2nd Street. Once stopped Calhoun exited his vehicle and approached Deputy Peek. Deputy Peek informed Calhoun the reason for the traffic stop and requested his driver's license. Calhoun turned and began to walk away, eventually running into the residence. Additional deputies arrived on scene to assist. Through further investigation it was determined Calhoun had exited the residence and fled the area on foot. Calhoun was driving with a suspended license and the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) held active warrant for his arrest. Deputy Peek applied for a warrant for Calhoun and charged him with DWLS/R and Resisting Arrest without Violence.

On January 5, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of 2nd Street in Wewahitchka for an expired tag. Contact was made with the driver Justin R. Taunton (33). A driver's license check revealed Taunton was driving with a suspended license. He was placed under arrest. During a search of his person investigators found Taunton in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Taunton was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and DWLS/R. He was transported to the GCDF.

On January 5, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Robert E. Lynn, Jr. (43), at SR 71 and Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. When investigators asked Lynn for his driver's license he stated he did not have a license. A record check confirmed his driver's license were suspended. Lynn was placed under arrest. Deputy B. Smith arrived on scene to assist and deployed K-9 Brix to conduct an open-air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert for the presence

of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle, investigators discovered several pills that Lynn did not have a prescription for. Lynn was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Acetaminophen/Oxycodone), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam) and DWLS/R. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, January 6, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a moving violation in the area of Country Road 386 and SR 71. Contact was made with the driver, John E. Brier (45). When Investigator Ferrell asked for Brier's license he told Investigator Ferrell that he did not have one. It was confirmed that Brier's driver's license was suspended and he was placed under arrest. Deputy Smith and K-9 Brix assisted with the stop and conducted an open-air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Brix alerted to the odor of a narcotic in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a small bag which contained a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Brier was transported to the GCDF and charged with DWLS/R and Possession of Methamphetamine.

On January 6, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted traffic stop in the 100 block of SR 71 South in Wewahitchka. The stop resulted in the arrest of Jordan L. Nickell (24) for DWLS/R. Nickell was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, January 7, Deputy C. Smith took Curtis L. Gray (51) into custody in the 600 block of 7th Street in Wewahitchka on a Writ of Bodily Attachment. Gray was transported to the GCDF.

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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