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### **SUSPICIOUS PERSON COMPLAINT LEADS TO METH LAB**

Sheriff Mike Harrison announces the arrest of two Wewahitchka residents on meth charges. Gary Allen Roberts (39) and Christopher Allen Nelson (32) were both arrested for Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Listed Chemicals, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia on Friday, February 24, 2017.

On Friday, Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Communications received a complaint from a citizen about a suspicious person in the 100 block of Ridgewood Street. The caller told the dispatcher that a person parked a vehicle, exited it and ran across their property. Deputy C. Harvey responded to investigate the complaint and was led to 174 Laurelwood Drive where another citizen saw the unknown person run to. As Deputy Harvey approached the residence he smelled a strong chemical odor. After knocking on the door, Roberts and Nelson made contact with Deputy Harvey and when asked what the odor was Nelson said they had a cook going.

Narcotic Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrived and recognized the odor as a meth lab. Investigators determined the lab was active and ensured the residence was no longer occupied. After contacting the fire department to stand by Investigators neutralized the lab. During a search of the residence Investigators found methamphetamine, digital scales, syringes, and chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Nelson has a history of arrests by the GCSO for meth related charges. His most recent being November 2016 for Possession of Meth and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was out on a \$7,500 bond. Roberts and Nelson were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Roberts was first appeared and released on a \$12,750 bond. Nelson remains in custody.

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