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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 – MARCH 5, 2017

On Monday, February 27, 2017, Deputy M. Layfield served Michael Anthony Overton (57) with a Worker's Compensation Fraud warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, February 28, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint in the 100 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their 22ft Travel Rustler camper had been stolen from their property. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID).

On February 28, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a green Honda driven by Jimmy Wayne Womble (41) on McGlon Drive in Wewahitchka for a moving violation. A records check revealed Womble was driving on a suspended license. Womble was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Womble was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, March 1, Charity Brooke Griffin (22) surrendered herself at the GCDF on a Grand Theft warrant. Deputy C. Harvey served the arrest warrant. The arrest warrant was the result of a six month theft investigation by Investigator L. Greenwood. Griffin was delivered to the GCDF.

On March 1, the GCSO received a verbal disturbance complaint in the 6000 block of Ganley Road in the Dalkeith area. Deputy M. Peek responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Stephanie Danielle Grimes (30) and her paramour had been verbally arguing over cigarettes. Grimes was arrested by the GCSO on February 12, 2017, for domestic battery against her paramour and had a conditional release to have no contact with him. An arrest warrant has been applied for charging Grimes with Violation of a Conditional Release.

On Thursday, March 2, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Samantha N. Hood (23) at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka. Hood was wanted by the GCSO for Principle to Manufacture Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Listed Chemicals. Hood was transported to the GCDF.

On March 2, Deputy B. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a blue Kia driven by Violet Renee Elizabeth Foley (30) on Highway 98 near Depot Creek for an equipment violation. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle for the odor of illegal narcotics. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert for the presence of narcotics. During a probable cause search of the vehicle Deputy Smith discovered marijuana, drug paraphernalia and prescription drugs without a prescription. Foley was arrested and charged with Possession Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Acetaminophen/Oxycodone) and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Tramadol). Foley was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, March 3, Deputy A. White executed a transport order and transported Timothy Carson O'Bryan Jr. (36) from the Franklin County Jail and transported him to GCDF. O'Bryan was wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear on a Felony Littering charge. Deputy White served the arrest warrant and delivered O'Bryan to the GCDF.

On March 3, the GCSO received a walk-in theft complaint at the Wewahitchka Sub-Station. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported \$157.00 cash was missing from their wallet after leaving an acquaintance alone with it. Deputy Smith continues to investigate.

On Sunday, March 5, Deputy M. Layfield conducted a traffic stop on a silver Toyota driven by Savannah Grace Owens (20) on State Road 71 and Knowles Road in Port Saint Joe for unlawful speed. A records check revealed Owens was wanted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) for Uttering a Forged Instrument and Grand Theft. Owens was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On March 5, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a green Toyota driven by Tosha Ryan Sawdey (37) and occupied by Lonnie Wayne Cross (46) on Highway 98 and Westview Blvd. for an equipment violation. When Deputy White made contact with the driver he detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Cross removed a black purse/wallet from under his seat and handed over a bag of marijuana to Deputy White. Cross then informed Deputy White there was a firearm under his seat. A probable cause search was conducted and Deputy White discovered (93) Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone pills, (94.5) Alprazolam pills, (2) Alprazolam and (219) Diazepam pills. Sawdey was arrested and charged with Three Counts of Trafficking in Narcotics. Cross was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Sawdey and Cross were 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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