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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MARCH 6, 2017 – MARCH 12, 2017

On Monday, March 6, 2017, Cpl. J. Newsome arrested a male juvenile at the Gulf County Courthouse for a Violation of Probation pick up order. The male juvenile was delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On March 6, Sgt. C. Dixon executed a transport order and transported Rex Aaron Veasey Jr. (25) from the Bay County Jail and delivered him to the GCDF. The GCSO held a Failure to Appear warrant for Veasey's arrest.

On March 6, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a 911 call reporting a couple were fighting in the parking lot at the Creek Stop Deli located north of Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams responded to the 911 call to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Jonathan Wayne Mudge (23) committed battery against his paramour Jennifer Ashley Kennedy (30). Deputy Baxley obtained an independent witness statement that substantiated the offense. During a vehicle inventory search investigators discovered marijuana, drug paraphernalia and an unknown paste type substance inside the vehicle. A third occupant in the vehicle was identified as Joshua Lee Mudge (25). The investigation further revealed all three occupants were in possession of the drugs and drug paraphernalia. Jonathan Wayne Mudge was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery, Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Kennedy was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Joshua Lee Mudge was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The unknown paste substance will be sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for analysis. Depending on the analysis results additional criminal charges are pending. All three were transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, March 7, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Stephanie Danielle Grimes (30) in the 6000 block of Ganley Road in the Dalkeith area for Violation of Pre-Trial Release. Grimes was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, March 8, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in the 2400 block of Hayes Avenue in Highland View. Deputy M. Peek responded to the burglary to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported approximately 01:19 am she witnessed an unknown male inside her vehicle. The complainant reported the unknown male stole \$100 cash, earrings and medication out of their purse and ran off. The vehicle had been left unsecured. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Thursday, March 9, the GCSO conducted a narcotics operation at Port Saint Joe High School (PSJHS) with K-9 Deputy B. Smith. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of vehicles in the parking lot. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert to a student vehicle. GCSO School Resource Officer Sgt. S. Strickland escorted the student to the parking where a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. The search did yield marijuana and an alcoholic beverage. The investigation revealed two students were involved. Both students were issued Notice to Appear in court for Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.

On March 9, Deputy G. Desrosier served an arrest warrant on David John Dicho (52) at the GCDF for Failure to Appear.

On March 9, Deputy C. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a white Nissan driven by Cortavious Deshawn Childs (23) on Highway 22 in Wewahitchka for unlawful speed. A records check revealed Childs was driving on a suspended driver's license. Childs was arrested charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Childs was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, March 10, the GCSO received a report of an elderly male laying in a field in the area of State Road 71 and Woodmere Drive in the Honeyville area. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the report to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Timothy Lamar Taunton (53) was intoxicated laying on the ground. When Deputy Baxley make contact with Taunton he began yelling obscenities at the deputy and threaten to do violence to him. Taunton was placed under arrest and charged with Disorderly Intoxication and Resisting an Officer without Violence. Taunton was transported to the GCDF.

On March 10, Deputy B. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a black Chevrolet truck driven by Stephen Justus Morrow (37) on State Road 71 & Pridgeon Lane for an equipment violation. A records check revealed Morrow was driving on a suspended driver's license. Morrow was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Morrow was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, March 11, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 1900 block of Stone Mill Creek Road in the Stone Mill Creek area. The complainant reported Charlie Mc Hill Jr. (50) was loading a firearm and threatening to “kill” everyone in the home. Deputy M. Peek responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. When Deputy Peek arrived on scene he confirmed Hill was not armed and no witnesses actually saw a firearm. During the investigation Hill became aggressive towards a family member causing Deputy Peek to stand between the Hill and his family. Hill then grabbed Deputy Peek by both of his arms. Deputy Peek used a minimal amount of force to place Hill under arrest. Hill was charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer and transported to the GCDF.

On March 11, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 300 block of E. Church Street in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported their bicycle had been stolen. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint. During the investigation Deputy Harvey located the complainant’s bicycle and returned it the owner. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On March 11, the GCSO received a report of a physical disturbance in the area of Dead Lakes Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey and Deputy B. Smith responded to the disturbance to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed a physical altercation occurred involving Shawna Marie O’Bryan (28), Steven Joseph Williams (28) and another white male. During the course of the investigation it was discovered O’Bryan had a warrant for her arrest for Failure to Appear. O’Bryan was placed under arrest for the active warrant. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff on William’s vehicle for the presence of illegal drugs. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal drugs. During a probable cause search of the vehicle Deputy Smith discovered methamphetamine. Williams was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. O’Bryan and Williams were transported to the GCDF.

On March 11, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a Pontiac driven by Jessika Louise Turner (25) on Highway 98 & Pine Street in the St. Joe Beach area for an equipment violation. Deputy B. Smith assisted Deputy Peek on the traffic stop as a backup unit. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of the vehicle for the presence of illegal drugs. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal drugs. During a probable cause search of the vehicle it was discovered Turner was in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Turner was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Turner was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, March 12, the GCSO received a complainant that “meth” was found inside the pants of an ex-husband and complainant wanted the individual removed from their home. Deputy P. Baxley and Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. When deputies arrived on scene the complainant escorted them inside and showed them a pair of shorts where methamphetamine was located. The deputies verified the substance was methamphetamine. During a post Miranda Warning interview

with James Richard Haney (40) admitted the methamphetamine was his and he has a drug problem. Haney was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Haney was transported to the GCDF.

On March 12, the GCSO received an unauthorized use of a credit card complaint in the 500 block of Duval Street in Oak Grove. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported there were several unauthorized transaction on their debit card. Deputy C. Harvey continues to investigate.

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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