



# ***Gulf County Sheriff's Office***

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

**MARCH 13, 2017 – MARCH 19, 2017**

On Monday, March 13, 2017 the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a residential burglary complaint in the 100 block of Forest Street in the Overstreet area. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a jar of coins totaling approximately \$1000.00 had been stolen from their residence. Deputy C. Smith continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, March 14, Deputy C. Harvey executed a transport order and transported Michael Lance Huff (39) from the Escambia County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). The GCSO held a Violation of Probation warrant for Huff.

On March 14, Deputy C. Harvey executed a transport order and transported Ola Lee Thomas (58) from the Bay County Jail to the GCDF. The GCSO held a Violation of Probation warrant for Thomas.

On March 14, Sharon Elaine Rogers (47) surrendered herself at the GCSO for a Failure to Appear warrant. Rogers was out on bond for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Introduction of Contraband into a Correctional Facility. Rogers was delivered to the GCDF.

On March 14, Jeremy Edward Hysmith (37) surrendered himself at the GCSO for a Violation of Probation warrant. Hysmith was on probation for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Deputy A. White served the arrest warrant and delivered Hysmith to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, March 15, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint at T.L. James Ball Park in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported vandalism to the bathrooms. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On March 15, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 200 block of Joe Avenue in White City. Deputy M. Peek responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a firearm missing from his vehicle after dropping two passengers off. The complainant further reported he believes one of the passenger later returned and stole the firearm. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Thursday, March 16, Deputy C. Harvey was patrolling in the area of West River Road in Wewahitchka when he passed a vehicle with a passenger he recognized as Justin Demond Jackson (38). Deputy Harvey had prior knowledge there was an active Gulf County warrant for Jackson's arrest for Violation of Probation. Deputy Harvey conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Jackson was a passenger in and placed him under arrest. Jackson was transported to the GCDF.

On March 16, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 3100 block of Highway 98 in Highland View. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a motel guest stole linens upon checking out. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On March 16, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a red Chevrolet driven by a white male juvenile on Highway 22 & Road 5 east of Wewahitchka for an equipment violation. A records check revealed the juvenile did not possess a valid driver's license. The juvenile was arrested and charged with Driving with No Valid Driver's License and Attaching a Tag not Assigned. The juvenile was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, March 17, Deputy M. Peek was patrolling the Wewahitchka area at approximately 3:00am when he observed a male working on a vehicle at a closed business. Deputy Peek made contact with the male to identify and offer assistance. Deputy Peek identified the male as Elijah Earl Spencer (32). A records check revealed Spencer was wanted by the Walton County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) for Failure to Appear for a Retail Theft charge. Spencer was placed under arrest and transported to the GCDF.

On March 17, Deputy A. White received an anonymous tip that a wanted person Kasey Katherine Pratt (23) was at a residence located in the 400 block of Bonita Street in Highland View. Through further investigation Deputy White apprehended Pratt at the address the tipster provided. Pratt was wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear. Pratt was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, March 18, the GCSO received a report of a reckless driver in a silver Toyota north on State Road 71, stopping and starting in the middle of the roadway. Sgt. J. Murnan subsequently located the suspected vehicle in the area of State Road 71 south of Wewahitchka in a parking lot. The driver was identified as Katelyn Lorraine Kaepfel (26). A records check revealed Kaepfel was driving with a suspended driver's license. Kaepfel

was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Kaeppel was transported to the GCDF.

On March 18, Deputy B. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a gray Acura driven by Benjamin Wyatt Bosstick (19) on Highway 98 and Redfish Street in the Highland View area for unlawful speed. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle for the presence of illegal drugs. K-9 gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal drugs. Deputy Smith informed Bosstick he would be conducting a probable cause search of the vehicle. Bosstick admitted he was in possession of a bag of marijuana and a glass smoking pipe in the center console of his vehicle. Bosstick was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bosstick 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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