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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MARCH 20, 2017 – MARCH 26, 2017

On Monday, March 20, 2017, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint in the 7200 block of State Road 71 in the White City area. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported two outboard motors were stolen from their property while out of town for two weeks. The motors were described as a 20hp (unknown year) Mercury black w/blue stripes and a 1986 35hp Mercury red & gray in color. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On March 20, the GCSO received a burglary complaint in the 500 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported two bicycles, a fish cooker, a ladder, a baby stroller and frozen meat were stolen out of their shed. This investigation was assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). On March 21, based on witness reports Investigator L. Greenwood developed Leila Lynette Barber (45) and Henry Lee Powell Jr. (55) as potential suspects. The investigation led Investigator Greenwood to a residence in the 400 block of Catalpa Street in Wewahitchka where Barber and Powell were located. During a consensual encounter with Barber she confessed to Investigator Greenwood the stolen property was inside the residence. Subsequently, most of the reported stolen property was recovered in addition to a weed trimmer, microwave oven and a décor piece the victim was not aware had been stolen during the offense. Investigator Greenwood conducted an interview with Powell and he admitted to taking the property from the complainant's shed. Barber was arrested and charged with Grand Theft and Trespassing on Property Other Than Structure or Conveyance. Powell was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Structure and Grand Theft. Barber and Powell were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On Tuesday, March 21, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a gray Kia driven by Charlene Dale Powells (64) on Highway 98 & Magellan Street in St. Joe Beach for an expired registration. A records check revealed Powells was driving on a suspended

driver's license and was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Fraudulent Checks. Powells was arrested for the Out of County warrant, and issued traffic citations for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Expired Registration (Less Than 6 Months). Powells was transported to the GCDF.

On March 21, Deputy C. Harvey attempted to serve a civil process paper in the 100 block of Levi Street in the Stone Mill Creek area. The residence was occupant by Krystal L. Pratt (22). Pratt opened the door and Deputy Harvey immediately detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the residence. Pratt admitted to Deputy Harvey marijuana recently had been smoked inside the residence. A consent to search was obtained and the residence was searched by Deputy Harvey, Investigator P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell. During the search a bag of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were discovered. Pratt was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Pratt was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, March 22, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet truck driven by Jason Ivey Weathers (30) on Mace Martin Road in the Howard Creek area for a tag violation. Investigators observed in plain view a syringe with blood and a firearm laying on the seat next to Weathers. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, investigators discovered methamphetamine inside the syringe and drug paraphernalia. Weathers was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Short-Barreled Rifle. Weathers was transported to the GCDF.

On March 22, the GCSO received a report of possible sexual abuse on a child under the age of sixteen but older than twelve. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On Thursday, March 23, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 600 block of Chipola Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported several grocery items and coins were stolen from the residence. Deputy Smith developed Theodore D. Kennell (18) as a suspect and subsequently arrested him. Kennell was charged with Burglary to a Structure, Violation of Probation and Criminal Mischief. Kennell was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, March 24, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a blue Ford driven by Blake Caldwell Lincoln (27) on State Road 71 & Woodmere Drive in the Honeyville area for running a stop sign. The investigators detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Lincoln told investigators he acquired the vehicle the day before and was unsure if marijuana had been in the vehicle. During a probable cause search the investigators discovered a bag of methamphetamine and glass smoking pipe. Lincoln was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Lincoln was transported to the GCDF.

On March 24, Deputy C. Harvey and Reserve Deputy P. Young received an anonymous tip Bobbi Marie Ray (32) was at a residence on Louise Avenue in Howard Creek. Ray was wanted by the GCSO for a Battery charge that resulted from an investigation back in January 2017. Ray was located at the residence and arrested. Ray was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, March 25, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 1400 block of Indian Pass Road in Indian Pass. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their home had been unoccupied for the past nine months and discovered during that time it had been burglarized. The complainant reported power tools and electronics had been stolen. This case has been assigned to the GCSO CID. Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

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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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