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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 27, 2017 – APRIL 2, 2017

On Monday, March 27, 2017, Sgt. C. Dixon executed two transport orders and transported Tristan Lamar Darna (31) from the Santa Rosa County Correctional Institution Work Camp and Jessie Clyde Kelley Jr. (31) from the Walton County Correctional Institution Work Camp. Both inmates were delivered to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) for court appearances. On March 30, Kelley and Darna were transported back to the state correctional facilities by Deputy A. White.

On March 27, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a shoplifting complaint at Randy's Grocery in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Sanders responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant observed Samuel Jefferson Harden (69) conceal merchandise in his socks then exit the store without paying. The complainant confronted Harden outside the business and escorted him back inside where he contacted law enforcement. Harden admitted to Deputy Sanders he committed the theft. Harden was arrested and charged with Retail Theft. Harden was transported to the GCDF.

On March 27, the GCSO received a theft of utilities complaint in the 700 block of Bryant's Landing Road in the Dalkeith area. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. A representative with the Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative (GCEC) reported residential power was turned off for non-payment and a lock was placed on the meter. The GCEC discovered the lock had been cut off and the meter reading indicated power had been used at the residence. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On March 27, Deputy A. White arrested Crystal Darleen Bailey (27) in the 6800 block of Bass Street in Howard's Creek for an out of county warrant. Bailey was transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, March 28, Deputy C. Harvey executed a transport order and transported Joshua Brian Merrill (28) from the Leon County Jail to the GCDF. The GCSO held a Violation of Probation warrant for his arrest.

On Wednesday, March 29, the GCSO received a check forgery complaint in the 100 block of Palm Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a personal check, given as payment to hired help, had been altered. The suspect attempted to utter the check at a financial institution in Wewahitchka. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On March 29, the GCSO received a complaint in the 200 block of E. Lakeview Drive in Wewahitchka from probation that a probationer attempted to tamper with their electronic monitoring device. Deputy M. Peek responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation led Deputy Peek to another residence located in the 300 block of Gary Rowell Road in Wewahitchka. An occupant at that residence was identified as Dannyelle Mari White (29). White told Deputy Peek the probationer was not at the residence. A records check revealed White was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Violation of Probation. White was arrested and transported to the GCDF. The probationer was not located and probation continues to investigate.

On Thursday, March 30, Laura Lee Macks (38) was transported from the Bay County Jail on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Deputy Harvey served the arrest warrant and delivered Macks to the GCDF.

On March 30, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in the 200 block of Osceola Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported leaving a purse in an unlocked vehicle during the night. The purse contained miscellaneous items. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On March 30, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Leila Lynette Barber (45) in the 300 block of E. Creekview Drive in the Stone Mill Creek area for Violation of Probation. Barber was transported to the GCDF.

On March 30, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 500 block of Corn Griffin Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported clothing items, a boat propeller, prescription pills and jewelry had been stolen from their residence. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On March 30, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 400 block of N. 4th Street in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a tan push lawnmower (unknown description)

and a silver metal gas can (unknown gallons) were stolen from their garage. Sgt. Dixon continues to investigate.

On March 30, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford truck driven by Steven Joseph Williams (28) on Highway 98 in the parking lot of the Dixie Dandy for an expired registration. The vehicle was occupied with a passenger identified as Colton Lee Mullinax (21). K-9 Deputy B. Smith arrived to assist Deputy Peek. Deputy Smith deployed K-9 Brix and conducted an open air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle for the odor of illegal drugs. K-9 Brix gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal drugs. A probable cause search was conducted where methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were discovered. During a post Miranda Warning interview with Mullinax he admitted to Deputy Peek the drugs and paraphernalia belong to him. Mullinax was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Williams was arrested and charged with Attaching License Plate Not Assigned. Mullinax and Williams were transported to the GCDF.

On March 30, the GCSO received a complaint of suspicious activity in the 500 block of Chapel Lane in the Overstreet area. Deputy B. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. When Deputy Smith arrived at the residence he made contact with several individuals. One individual was identified as David Lee Bollinger (49) who told Deputy Smith he had permission to be there by "Craig" as "security" for the residence. The homeowner was contacted and told deputies no one was supposed to be at the residence nor had permission been given for anyone to be on the property. Two other occupants were identified as Justin Erik Toporcer (33) and Amy Marie Dougherty (34) who initially gave false names to Deputy Smith. The homeowner consented to a search of the residence. During the search Deputy Smith discovered marijuana and drug paraphernalia that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Bollinger was arrested and charged with Trespass in unoccupied Structure. Toporcer was arrested and charged with Giving False Identification to Law Enforcement. Dougherty was arrested and charged with Giving False Identification to Law Enforcement. Bollinger, Toporcer and Dougherty were transported to the GCDF. Deputy Smith continues the investigation into the drugs and paraphernalia that were discovered. Deputy Smith anticipates additional criminal charges being filed.

On Friday, March 31, Quentin Artez Hamilton (29) surrendered himself at the GCSO for a Non-Support arrest warrant. Deputy B. Smith served the arrest warrant and delivered Hamilton to the GCDF.

On March 31, GCSO Investigators, deputies and officers with the Port Saint Joe Police Department (PSJPD), executed a search warrant in the 100 block of Apollo Street in Port Saint Joe. The search warrant was the result of an ongoing GCSO investigation which resulted in the arrest of Michele Christine Meyer (36). During the search investigators discovered marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a reported stolen motorcycle from

Calhoun County. Meyer was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Meyer was transported to the GCDF.

On March 31, Deputy G. Desrosier was contacted by a complainant in the parking of the GCSO Wewahitchka Sub-Station. The complainant reported that a boat trailer tag was stolen while fishing in the Iola Landing area of Wewahitchka. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On March 31, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Joshua Lee Easter (26) in the 100 block of Armstrong Road in Wewahitchka on an Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon warrant. The warrant was the result of an investigation by Deputy C. Smith on March 27, 2017, involving a traffic accident. Easter was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, April 1, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint that occurred in the 400 block of N. Highway 71 in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported they left their vehicle unsecured, and during the night their purse and cellular telephone were stolen. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On Sunday, April 2, the GCSO received a burglary complaint in the 500 block of Sparrow Street in the Overstreet area. Deputy Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported between September 2016 and April 2, 2017, their camper trailer had been burglarized. A television and laptop computer were stolen. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Greenwood 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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