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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 1, 2017 – MAY 7, 2017

On Monday, May 1, 2017, Lt. T. Wood served an arrest warrant on William Johnston Riddel Jr. (56) at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 1, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint. The complainant reported their vehicle tag had been stolen off their vehicle. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On May 1, Deputy M. Manley serve an arrest warrant on Dustin Allen Beatty (27) at the GCDF. Beatty was wanted for Non-Support.

On May 1, Gordon Franklin Hammond (41) surrendered himself at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka for a Violation of Probation warrant. Deputy P. Young arrested Hammond and transported him to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, May 2, Deputy P. Young stopped to assist a disabled motorist on State Road 71 approximately two miles south of County Road 381-A in the Dalkeith area. Deputy Young conducted a routine driver's license check on the motorist Frances Irene Tousignant (38). The driver's license check revealed Tousignant was wanted for Contempt of Court. Tousignant was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On May 2, Sgt. R. Burkett arrested David Arthur Broxson Jr. (47) at the State Probation Office located in Wewahitchka for Violation of Probation. Broxson was transported to the GCDF.

On May 2, the GCSO received a physical disturbance complaint in the 400 block of Ponderosa Pines Drive in the Jones Homestead area. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Michael Christopher

Redman (23) physically battered his paramour and fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. Sgt. Dixon has applied for an arrest warrant for Redman charging him with Domestic Battery.

On Wednesday, May 3, the GCSO received a prowler complaint in the 1700 block of Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported Anthony Bryan McDaniel (33) attempted to break into their residence using force. During the attempted break-in McDaniel made verbal threats to the complainant. While Deputy Harvey was on scene conducting the investigation, McDaniel arrived back at the scene in a truck. Upon seeing the deputy's patrol vehicle McDaniel accelerated the truck spinning the tires and fleeing the scene in a reckless manner. Deputy Harvey attempted to stop McDaniel but lost sight of him and terminated the pursuit. Deputy Harvey has applied for arrest warrants charging McDaniel with Aggravated Stalking, Trespass on Property other than Structure and Reckless Driving.

On May 3, Deputy D. Sanders served William Johnston Riddel Jr. (56) with a Violation of Probation arrest warrant at the GCDF.

On May 3, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle driven by Michael Fredrico Avitia (38) on S. Dianna Street in the Stone Mill Creek area for a tag violation. A driver's license check revealed Avitia was a habitual offender driving with a suspended license. Avitia was placed under arrest and a probable cause search of his person was conducted. The search revealed he was in possession of a handgun, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Avitia was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Violation of Probation. Avitia was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, May 5, the GCSO received a 911 call from a female who stated, "She had just shot a man in her yard". Deputy M. Layfield responded to the scene to find a male victim lying on the ground with apparent gunshot wound. The GCSO Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Investigators responded to the scene to conduct the investigation. The investigation revealed Kelly Diane Evans (49) shot her paramour with a shotgun from inside the residence through a window. Her paramour was outside the residence attempting to leave following a domestic related argument. Evans was arrested and charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery with a Firearm. The victim was transported to Bay Medical in Panama City where he was listed in stable condition and expected to recover.

On Saturday, May 6, Deputies C. Harvey and P. Baxley observed a wanted person out of Franklin County, Wendy Lynn Woodman (39) in the yard of a residence in the 6900 block of Doc Whitfield Road in Howard Creek. The deputies attempted to apprehend Woodman but she fled on foot into the residence. The deputies continued to pursue Woodman into the residence where she attempted to discard a plastic baggie containing a crystal

substance. Woodman was apprehended and the plastic baggie was recovered. The plastic baggie contained a crystal substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Woodman was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Woodman is also being held for the Out of County warrant. Woodman was transported to the GCDF.

On May 6, the GCSO received three separate reports of vehicle burglaries in the parking lot of Windmark Beach parking area. Deputy M. Manley responded to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed three separate vehicles were parked in close proximity in the parking lot and were burglarized during the same time frame. The investigation has been assigned to the GCSO CID. Investigator L. Dickey 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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