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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 15, 2017 – MAY 21, 2017

On Monday, May 15, 2017, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested William Earl Barber (26) in the 100 block of Annie Avenue in the Stone Mill Creek area. Barber was wanted for a Failure to Appear warrant. During a probable cause search of Barber, investigators discovered methamphetamine, prescription pills without a prescription and drug paraphernalia. In addition to the arrest warrant, Barber was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Tramadol) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Barber was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 15, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a burglary complaint in the 400 block of Amy Circle in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported two laptop computers were missing from the residence. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, May 16, the GCSO received a call from a motorist reporting a careless driver who failed to maintain a single lane on Highway 22 west of Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Young responded to the area and observed the suspect vehicle run off the road onto the shoulder. Deputy Young conducted a traffic stop on a green Ford, driven by Jessica Marie Mumford (22), on Highway 22 in the area of the Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative. Mumford told Deputy Young the vehicle had mechanical problems. A driver's license check revealed Mumford was driving on a suspended license. Mumford was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLS/R). She was transported to the GCDF.

On May 16, Jarrett Cleveland Pridgeon (35) surrendered himself at the GCSO for a Violation of Probation arrest warrant. Deputy M. Manley arrested Pridgeon and delivered him to the GCDF.

On May 16, Deputy P. Baxley initiated a traffic stop a four-wheeler driven by Charles Dewayne Brant (57) on Old Bay City Road in Howard Creek for operating the four wheeler on a county road and unlawful speed. Brant fled from the deputy at a high rate of speed, subsequently crashing the four-wheeler. He was treated at an area hospital for back pain and released. Brant was arrested and charged with Felony Fleeing & Eluding Police with Lights and Sirens and Felony (DWLS/R). Brant was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, May 17, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a black GMC driven by James Richard Haney (41) on Dead Lakes Drive in Wewahitchka for no valid driver license. Haney attempted to flee from the investigators by refusing to stop. He eventually drove to a residence in the 600 block of Dead Lakes Drive. Haney and his passenger, who was identified as Jesse Lavon Johnson Jr. (37), exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Haney was apprehended by investigators after a brief foot chase. Johnson was found hiding inside a camper and taken into custody without further incident. Johnson had a Violation of Probation warrant for his arrest. Haney was charged with Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer and DWLS/R. Both were transported to the GCDF.

On May 17, Deputy C. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet Tahoe driven by William Franklin Stanley Jr. (31) on State Road 71 north of Wewahitchka for an expired tag. Stanley told Deputy Smith he did not have insurance for the vehicle and his driver's license was suspended. A records check confirmed the suspension. During a probable cause search of Stanley, a .380 caliber handgun was found in his front pocket along with a knife and methamphetamine. An inventory of Stanley's vehicle revealed he was in possession of drug paraphernalia and several more firearms. Stanley was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Expired Tag and No Proof of Insurance. Stanley was transported to the GCDF.

On May 17, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet driven by Brenda Jean Neel (27) on State Road 71 north of Wewahitchka. Investigators had prior knowledge Neel was wanted by the GCSO for Violation of Probation. Neel was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, May 18, Deputy D. Sanders extradited John Patrick Gant (46) from the Bay County Jail and delivering him to the GCDF. GCSO held two Failure to Appear warrants for Gant.

On May 18, Deputy A. White arrested Remy Babe Miller (22) at State Road 71 and E. Church Street in Wewahitchka for a Failure to Appear arrest warrant. Miller was transported to the GCDF.

On May 18, Deputy D. Sanders conducted a traffic stop on a white Dodge truck driven by Daniel Cody Guynn (32) on State Road 30A in the Simmons Bayou area for unlawful speed. A driver's license check revealed Guynn was driving with a suspended license for support

delinquency (child support). Guynn was arrested and charged with DWLS/R. He was transported to the GCDF.

On May 18, Captain C. Buchanan served William Earl Barber (26) with a Violation of Probation arrest warrant at the GCDF.

On Friday, May 19, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 1900 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their residence had been burglarized and a large amount of US Currency had been stolen. This investigation was assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Divisions (CID). Investigator L. Greenwood continues to investigate.

On Saturday, May 20, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 100 Ridge Road in the Dalkeith area. Deputy M. Peek responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported someone spray painted his child's bicycle. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On May 20, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a white Buick driven by Rebecca Anne Bielser (49) on 4th Street in Port Saint Joe for an equipment violation. Upon making contact with Bielser, Deputy Baxley smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted by Deputy Baxley. Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in Bielser's purse. Bielser was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bielser was transported to the GCDF.

On Sunday, May 21, the GCSO received a vehicle burglary complaint in the 9300 block of Auger Avenue in the Beacon Hill area. Deputy P. Young responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. During this time the GCSO received another vehicle burglary complaint in the 9300 block of Argonaut Lane also in the Beacon Hill area. GCSO Investigator L. Dickey responded to assist with the investigation. The investigation revealed both vehicles had been left unsecured by the owners. One vehicle had a firearm stolen and the other had a flashlight stolen. Investigator Dickey continues to investigate.

On May 21, the GCSO received a 911 call of a possible burglary in progress in the 200 block of Carr's Lane in the Pleasant Rest area. The caller informed the dispatcher that an unknown male was attempting to break into a home, was armed with a bat or pipe, and also had a flashlight. Deputy M. Peek responded to the call and made contact with three individuals who denied calling 911 or that a burglary was in progress. At the conclusion of the investigation Deputy Peek arrested Roy A. Foster (27) for Making a False 911 Report. He 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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