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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 29, 2017 – JUNE 4, 2017

On Monday, May 29, 2017, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a theft complaint in the 100 block of Annie Street in the Stone Mill Creek area. Deputy P. Young responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported jewelry stolen from a safe box while they were incarcerated. The safe had been in the possession of an acquaintance. Deputy Young continues to investigate.

On May 29, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 300 block of Pinnacle Lane in the Cape San Blas area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported the hinges to the gate entrance at Ovation had been damaged. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On May 29, Deputy P. Young arrested Shawna Marie O'Bryan (29) in the Wewahitchka RV Park for a Failure to Appear arrest warrant. O'Bryan was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On May 29, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 600 block of Byrd Parker Drive in Wewahitchka. K-9 Deputy M. Peek responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant several jewelry pieces were missing from the home over the past six months. Deputy Peek continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, May 30, Hubert Earl Stevens Jr. (33) surrendered himself at the GCSO. Stevens Jr. was wanted by the Port Saint Joe Department (PSJPD) for Battery. Deputy P. Baxley arrested Stevens Jr. and delivered him to the GCDF.

On May 30, Lt. T. Wood served Charles Dewayne Brant (57) with a Violation of Probation arrest warrant at the GCDF.

On May 30, the GCSO received a walk-in burglary of a conveyance complaint at the GCSO Wewahitchka Sub-Station. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a Stihl chainsaw stolen from their vehicle that was parked at a residence located in the 3700 block of State Road 71 in Wewahitchka. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On May 30, the GCSO received a reckless driver complaint on the beach in Cape San Blas. Deputy C. Harvey located the suspected vehicle on the beach and made contact with the driver, Jacob Vance Dean (18). During the contact Deputy Harvey detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Dean admitted he had smoked marijuana but had “threw out the rest”. During a probable cause search of the vehicle Deputy Harvey discovered marijuana and alcoholic beverages. Dean was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Twenty Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Alcohol Beverage by Person under 21 Years of Age. Dean was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, May 31, the GCSO received a stolen vehicle complaint in the 100 block of Palmetto Drive in the Overstreet area. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their 2006 Ford truck stolen and suspected a family member of taking it. Through further investigation the vehicle was recovered and the complainant declined to pursue criminal charges. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

On May 31, Captain C. Buchanan served Jimmy Wayne Womble (41) with a Failure to Appear arrest warrant at the GCDF.

On May 31, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka. Deputy A. White responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. A City of Wewahitchka employee reported two wood benches had been “flipped over” causing damage. Deputy White continues to investigate.

On May 31, the Abbeville Police Department (APD) contacted the GCSO requesting assistance with a Grand Theft investigation. GCSO Investigator L. Greenwood began assisting with the investigation that led to locating their suspect in Gulf County. Through further investigation APD obtained an arrest warrant for John Emory Hudson (47) of Wewahitchka. On Friday, June 2, Investigator Greenwood, Investigator L. Dickey along with APD Detectives apprehended Hudson at his residence located in the 2600 block of State Road 71 in Wewahitchka. Hudson was transported to the GCDF awaiting extradition to Alabama.

On May 31, the GCSO received a vehicle theft complaint at Iola Landing in Wewahitchka. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their 2006 white Nissan Frontier truck with attached black Bass Tracker boat trailer was stolen from the landing. Sgt. Murnan continues to investigate.

On Thursday, June 1, Deputy A. White served Keith Lawrence Jones (51) with an arrest warrant at the GCDF. Jones was wanted by the PSJPD for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On June 1, Melissa Elaine Mastro (40) surrendered herself at the GCSO on a Non-Support arrest warrant. Lt. T. Wood arrested Mastro and delivered her to the GCDF.

On June 1, Lt. P. Beasley assisted Lakeland Police Department (LPD) Detectives in obtaining a DNA search warrant for an inmate at Gulf Forestry Camp. LPD Detectives were investigating a home invasion robbery that occurred in their jurisdiction. During the course of their investigation evidence was collected and analyzed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). DNA from the analysis matched a Gulf Forestry Camp inmate who was incarcerated for an unrelated offense. Lt. Beasley and LPD executed the search warrant on the inmate and collected a DNA sample.

On Saturday, June 3, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on 1996 white Honda driven by Austin Mitchell Wright (18) on Sunshine Road in the Overstreet area for unlawful speed. The vehicle was occupied by Wright and one white male juvenile passenger. During the traffic stop Deputy Baxley smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. During a probable cause search of vehicle Deputy Baxley discovered marijuana, drug paraphernalia, alcohol and an open 8" knife concealed between the driver's seat & console. Wright was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana Less Than 20 Grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Alcohol under 21 Years of Age and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. The juvenile was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana Less Than 20 Grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Alcohol under 21 Years of Age. Both were transported to the GCDF. The juvenile was booked and released to the custody of a parent/guardian.

On June 3, K-9 Deputy M. Peek served Randall Marion Mccranie (45) with a Violation of Probation arrest warrant at the GCDF.

On Sunday, June 4, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on black Jeep driven by Bailey Colt Amison (19) on County Road 30A west of the Jones Homestead area for running a stop a sign. During the traffic stop Deputy Manley detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Amison admitted he did have "a little bit of pot" in a backpack. A probable cause search was conducted and Amison was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Amison was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Amison 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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