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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 5, 2017 – JUNE 11, 2017

On Monday, June 5, 2017, the Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a Dodge truck driven by Clarissa Bacchus Nicholas (34) for an equipment violation. A driver's license check revealed Nicholas was driving without a valid driver's license. Deputy Baxley detained Nicholas in the rear-seat of his patrol vehicle while he completed a criminal traffic citation. After the citation was completed Nicholas was released at the scene with a mandatory required court appearance. After the traffic stop Deputy Baxley searched the rear-seat area of his patrol where Nicholas had been seated. Deputy Baxley discovered a make-up container which contained a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. An arrest warrant has been applied for charging Nicholas with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On June 5, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a walk-in stolen vehicle complaint at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their vehicle had been stolen by a family member. Through further investigation it was learned the family member had been arrested in Bay County for an unrelated offense and the vehicle had been impounded. The complainant declined to pursue criminal charges for Grand Theft against the family member.

On June 5, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet on County Road 386 west of State Road 71 that was occupied by Taylor Michelle Green (29). The investigators had prior knowledge Green was wanted by the GCSO for Violation of Probation. Green was arrested without incident and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On June 5, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet driven by John Edward Burrows (34) on Alabama Avenue in the St. Joe Beach area. Deputy White had prior knowledge Burrows was driving on a suspended license due to being a habitual traffic

offender. Burrows was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLS/R). Burrows was transported to the GCDF.

On June 5, Deputy D. Sanders arrested Tyler Jacob Nichols (19) in the 600 block of West Creekview Drive in the Stone Mill Creek area. Nichols was wanted by the Port Saint Joe Police Department (PSJPD) for Grand Theft. Nichols was transported to the GCDF.

On Tuesday, June 6, the GCSO received 911 call from a residence in the 6100 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. The caller reported they woke up with a nude male inside their residence and had chased him out. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant positively identified the male as a neighbor, Wesley Alexander Alday (21). Through further investigation Alday was arrested and charged with Trespassing in an Occupied Structure. Alday was transported to the GCDF.

On June 6, Jonathan Curtis Gates (33) surrendered himself at the GCSO for a Violation of Probation arrest warrant. Deputy C. Smith arrested Gates and delivered him to the GCDF.

On June 6, Sgt. J. Murnan arrested Alvin Dereak Chambers (50) at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka. Chambers was wanted for Violation of Probation. Chambers was transported to the GCDF.

On June 6, the GCSO received a retail theft complaint in the 200 block of Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a shoplifter stole several items from the store totaling approximately \$4.00. The shoplifter was on scene and identified as, Elliott Edward Samples (63). The business surveillance was reviewed and depicted Samples concealing merchandise in his pocket and exiting the business without paying. Samples was arrested and charged with Retail Theft. Samples was transported to the GCDF.

On June 6, the GCSO received a 911 call reporting two black males were seen running out of their residence. Deputy A. White responded to the report to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported upon returning home a noise was heard inside the residence. The complainant began searching the residence when someone came behind them and shoved them into a closet. The complainant chased the intruders out of the residence discharging a warning shot into the air. Additional GCSO deputies responded to the scene and immediately established a perimeter. K-9 teams from Gulf Correctional Institution and Calhoun Correctional Institution responded to assist in searching a wooded area, but the suspects were not located. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Lt. P. Beasley continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, June 7, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in the 100 block of Port Street in the Cape San Blas area. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported while on vacation at

Cape San Blas a firearm was left inside their vehicle. During their vacation the firearm was stolen out of their vehicle with no forced entry. This case has been assigned to CID. Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On Friday, June 9, GCSO Bailiff Deputy C. Bailey arrested Paul Jock Causey (33) at the Gulf County Courthouse for a Contempt of Court arrest warrant. Causey was delivered to the GCDF.

On June 9, the GCSO received a burglary of a structure complaint in the 500 block of Catalpa Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported storm plywood cutouts for their windows had been stolen from a storage shed. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On Saturday, June 10, Deputy A. White, Port Saint Joe Police Department (PSJPD) Officers C. Kesterson and D. Graham were foot patrolling an alley between Avenue "A" and Avenue "B" in Port Saint Joe attempting to locate a wanted fugitive. The deputy and officers had a received an anonymous tip the fugitive was in the area. During the search for the fugitive Deputy White and Officer Kesterson encountered Rico Lenard Yarrell (40) sitting in a black Cadillac in the alley who was unrelated to the fugitive search. Deputy White detected the odor of marijuana coming from the Cadillac. Deputy White made contact with Yarrell but he denied being in possession of any marijuana. Officer Kesterson observed in plain view a large quantity of marijuana on the floorboard by Yarrell's leg. Deputy White informed Yarrell what Officer Kesterson observed. Deputy White attempted to handcuff Yarrell but he resisted by pulling away from the deputy and a foot pursuit ensued. Deputy White recaptured Yarrell while he was attempting to jump a chain-link fence. Yarrell continued to physically resist arrest but Deputy White and Officer Kesterson were able to handcuff Yarrell using a minimal amount of force. A probable cause search of Yarrell's car revealed he was in possession of marijuana, methamphetamine and cocaine all packaged for distribution. After arriving at the GCDF, Yarrell was again searched by Deputy White. Deputy White discovered Yarrell was concealing more marijuana inside his sock. Yarrell was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Resisting an Officer without Violence, Introduction of Contraband into a Detention Facility and Out of County Warrant.

On Sunday, June 11, Deputy C. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet truck driven by James Bernard Clayton (46) on County Road 30 in the Indian Pass area for a seat-belt violation. A records check revealed Clayton was driving with a suspended license. Clayton was arrested charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Clayton 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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