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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

JUNE 26, 2017 – JULY 9, 2017

On Monday, June 26, 2017, Deputy C. Harvey served Kyle Ross Kitchens (30) with a Violation of Probation arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On June 26, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a theft complaint in the 8000 block of Highway 98 in the St. Joe Beach area. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to take the initial report. The complainant reported a cooler valued approximately \$500.00 had been stolen from underneath their beach house. The case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On June 26, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 100 block of North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed someone attempted to break into a storage shed but was not successful and only damaged the locking mechanism. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, June 27, Deputy P. Baxley served Eugene Cardin Bryant (32) with two arrest warrants at the GCDF. The warrants were the result of the riot that occurred at Gulf Correctional Institution on June 21, 2017. Prison officials have charged Bryant with Attempted Felony Murder and Assault or Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

On June 27, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in the 100 block of East Magnolia Avenue in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a purse and computer tablet were stolen out of their vehicle during the night. The vehicle was left unsecured at the time of the burglary. This case has been assigned to CID where Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate.

On June 27, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell observed Billy Joe Nichols (43) at McDonald's restaurant in Port Saint Joe. The investigators had prior knowledge Nichol's was wanted by the GCSO for Violation of Probation. Nichols was arrested without incident and transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, June 28, Lt. T. Wood served Ian Russell McNab (33) at the GCDF with a Failure to Appear arrest warrant.

On June 28, GCSO Bailiff Deputy C. Bailey transported Kyle Ross Kitchens (30) and Dustin James Pittenger (22) and delivered them to correctional facilities in Bay County.

On June 28, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet truck driven by Lonnie Charles Ash Jr. (44) on Cape San Blas Road for an equipment violation. When Deputy Harvey asked Ash for his driver's license he replied, "I do not have a license". A records check confirmed Ash was driving on a suspended license. Ash was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Ash was transported to the GCDF.

On June 28, Investigator S. Ferrell, Investigator P. Williams and Deputy A. White arrived at a residence in the 700 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka to serve an arrest warrant on an individual. An occupant of the residence opened the door and the investigators unexpectedly observed Champion Travis Traylor (36) run through the living room and enter a bedroom. The investigators had prior knowledge Traylor was wanted by the GCSO for Burglary. The investigators pursued Traylor into the bedroom and observed him attempting to conceal a cigarette pack under the mattress. Traylor was taken into custody and the cigarette pack was recovered. Inside the cigarette pack, Investigators discovered two plastic bags containing over 16 grams of methamphetamine. The Burglary arrest warrant was the result of an investigation conducted by Deputy C. Smith on June 6, 2017. In addition to arrest warrant, Traylor was charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine. Traylor was transported to the GCDF.

On June 28, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested John Buford Lynn (41) and Kasey Katherine Pratt (23) in the parking lot of the Express Lane in Wewahitchka. Lynn and Pratt were both wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear. Both were transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, June 29, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a black Toyota driven by Crystal Darleen Bailey (27) on State Road 71 north of Wewahitchka. The investigators had prior knowledge Bailey was wanted by the GCSO for Contempt of Court. A records check revealed Bailey was also wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Bailey was arrested and transported to the GCDF.

On June 29, Jessica Louise Montgomery (32) surrendered herself to Deputy G. Desrosier in the Gulf County Courthouse parking lot. Montgomery was wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear. Montgomery was taken into custody and delivered to the GCDF.

On June 29, Deputy G. Desrosier served Jose F. Moreira (26) with two arrest warrants at the GCDF. The warrants were the result of the riot that occurred at Gulf Correctional Institution on June 21, 2017. Prison officials have charged Moreira with Attempted Felony Murder and Assault or Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

On June 29, Deputy A. White served Preston Lee Burkett (18) with a Battery arrest warrant at the GCDF. The arrest warrant was the result of a Port Saint Joe Police Department (PSJPD) investigation.

On Friday, June 30, Sgt. C. Dixon assisted Probation Officer N. Alcorn by arresting David John Dicho (53) for Violation of Probation in the 200 block of Ward Street in St. Joe Beach. Dicho was transported to the GCDF.

On June 30, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 200 block of West Lakeview Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Young responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported an air compressor had been stolen from their property. Deputy Young continues to investigate.

On June 30, Deputy P. Young arrested Eric Anthony Sims (29) in the 100 block of Laurelwood Street in Wewahitchka. Sims was wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear. Sims was transported to the GCDF.

On June 30, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint in the 100 block of Armstrong Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed William Nathan Hughes (37) committed domestic battery against his spouse but had fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. Deputy Desrosier observed physical injuries to the victim that substantiated the allegations. An arrest warrant charging Hughes with Domestic Battery has been applied for.

On Saturday, July 1, the GCSO received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling east on Highway 22 crossing the Bay/Gulf County line. The caller reported a white Ford truck was traveling, "all over the road". Deputy P. Young responded to the area and located the suspect vehicle traveling in the wrong lane of traffic. Deputy Young conducted a traffic stop on the white Ford truck driven by Joshua Curtis Waring (36). The only identification Waring could produce was a Department of Corrections Inmate Card. A records check revealed Waring was a habitual traffic offender was driving on a suspended license. Waring was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLS/R). During an inventory search of the vehicle Deputy Young discovered a bag of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. In addition to the DWLS/R charge, Waring

was also charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia. Waring was transported to the GCDF.

On July 1, the GCSO received a 911 call from a caller who reported they had been sexually assaulted by a roommate. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. Upon arrival the reporting person refused to cooperate and left the scene. On July 2, the reporting person contacting the GCSO a second time requesting to file a report. Based the nature of the circumstances, the case was sent to the State Attorney's Office for review. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On Monday, July 3, the GCSO received a 911 call at approximately 02:30 am Eastern Time from a caller stating they had been battered by several young males down on the beach in the 4300 block of Cape San Blas Road in the Cape San Blas area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported while walking on the beach he was approached by an unknown male who accused him of following his "boy". The complainant reported the unknown male then hit him two times in the face. The complainant further reported he then wrestled the unknown male to the ground to defend himself. The complainant released the unknown male and he fled the scene. Deputy Manley continues to investigate.

On July 3, the GCSO received a hit & run complaint that occurred in a parking lot in the 3400 block of County Road 30 in the Simmons Bayou area. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a silver Toyota van hit a parked vehicle in the parking lot and fled the scene. Deputy Layfield continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, July 4, the GCSO received a physical disturbance complaint in the 100 block of Bliss Lane in the Overstreet area. Deputy C. Smith responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported she had been battered by her paramour, who was identified as, Michael Anderson (49), causing physical injuries. Anderson had fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. Deputy Smith observed physical injuries to the victim that substantiated the allegations. An arrest warrant charging Anderson with Battery has been applied for.

On July 4, the GCSO received a burglary of a conveyance complaint in the 6800 block of Highway 98 in the St. Joe Beach area. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported three rod/reels were stolen from the bed of his truck while unattended. Deputy Sanders continues to investigate.

On July 4, the GCSO received a 911 call from a caller reporting they had been battered. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the call to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Michael Deane Ward (49) committed battery against two victims. Deputy Sanders observed injuries to the victims to substantiate the allegations. Ward was arrested and charged with two counts of Battery. Ward was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, July 5, the GCSO received a 911 call in reference to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Canopie Road in the Honeyville area. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the call to conduct an investigation. The investigation revealed Jens Winder (36) committed battery against his paramour's parent and tampered with a victim by depriving them the means to call for help. Winder was arrested and charged with Tampering with a Victim and Battery. Winder was transported to the GCDF.

On July 5, the GCSO received a burglary of a structure complaint in the 300 block of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their red Murray push lawn mower had been stolen from underneath their open carport. Deputy Baxley continues to investigate.

On Thursday, July 6, Glae Rea Laluzerne (55) surrendered herself at the GCDF. The GCSO held an active Grand Theft warrant for her arrest. The warrant was the result of an investigation conducted by Lt. P. Beasley that began back in February 2017. The investigation revealed Laluzerne, who was terminated back in January 2017 from the St. Joseph Humane Society (SJHS), had been using a SJHS credit card to make personal purchases. In addition to the credit card purchases, Laluzerne was stealing monetary donations received at shelter. Laluzerne was released on a \$1000.00 bond.

On July 6, the GCSO received a criminal mischief complaint in the 6800 block of Alabama Avenue in the St. Joe Beach area. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported their vehicle had been keyed during the night. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On Friday, July 7, Deputy C. Harvey transported Jacob Adam Rodriguez (23) from the Bay County Jail and delivered him to the GCDF. Rodriguez had a Violation of Probation warrant for his arrest.

On July 7, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 8900 block of Highway 98 in the Beacon Hill area. Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported fishing equipment was stolen from the bed of his truck during the night. Deputy Desrosier continues to investigate.

On Saturday, July 8, Deputies D. Sanders and M. Layfield arrived a residence in the 100 block of Bliss Lane in the Overstreet area to serve a felony arrest warrant on Michael Anderson (49). Upon the deputies arrival Deputy Layfield observed Anderson in the backyard of the residence. Deputy Layfield attempted to apprehend Anderson but he fled on foot into a wooded area. A search was conducted but Anderson was not located. In addition to the Violation of Probation warrant, an arrest warrant has been applied for charging Anderson with Resisting and Officer without Violence.

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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