



# ***Gulf County Sheriff's Office***

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

JULY 10, 2017 – JULY 16, 2017

On Monday, July 10, 2017, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a retail theft complaint in the 6900 block of State Road 71 in White City. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a customer who was identified as, Rickey Emerson Maffett Jr. (42), attempted to steal beer from the business. The complainant confronted Maffett at which time he removed the concealed beer from underneath his clothing and placed it on the counter. Maffett apologized to the complainant and left the business. Sgt. Dixon located Maffett at his residence and issued him a Notice to Appear for Retail Theft which requires a mandatory court appearance.

On July 10, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Harold Canning Lester (45) in the 300 block of Byrd Parker Drive in Wewahitchka. Lester was wanted by the GCSO for Failure to Appear. Lester was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On July 10, the GCSO received a third party 911 call reporting a residence in Wewahitchka had been broken into and the occupant was "beaten up". Deputy P. Baxley responded and located the victim who was visibly battered and had numerous bruises and a laceration. Through further investigation it was determined the victim had been burglarized, battered and raped. The victim identified the offender as Anthony Bryan McDaniel (33). Deputy Baxley located McDaniel still inside the victim's residence and placed him in custody. The GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID) responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. Investigators executed a search warrant on the residence and found evidence to corroborate the allegations made by the victim. The victim was transported to Bay Medical Sacred Heart in Panama City. McDaniel was charged with Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling with Battery, Sexual Battery (two counts), Aggravated Battery and False Imprisonment. McDaniel was transported to the GCDF where he is being held without bond.

On July 10, the GCSO received a residential burglary complaint in the 800 block of Old Bay City Road in the Howard Creek area. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported sometime during the past fourteen months his residence which was unoccupied had been burglarized. The complainant reported two window unit air conditioners, a well pump, a drill press and NASCAR memorabilia had been stolen. This case has been assigned to the CID. Investigator L. Greenwood continues to investigate.

On Tuesday, July 11, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell attempted to serve an arrest warrant at a residence in the 1000 block of County Road 381 in the Dalkeith area. An occupant at the residence told investigators the wanted person was not there and consented to a search of the residence to confirm. During the search the investigators located marijuana and drug paraphernalia in a bedroom belonging to Zachary Allen Hire (21) who was not at the residence. Investigators contacted Hire via telephone and he agreed to meet them at the GCSO Sub-Station in Wewahitchka. Hire was interviewed and confessed the marijuana and drug paraphernalia found belong to him. Hire was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hire was transported to the GCDF.

On July 11, the GCSO received a trespass/prowler complaint at TL James Ball Park in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported finding a crow bar and hack saw near the club house. The investigation revealed someone forcefully removed the lock to the female restroom. Sgt. Dixon continues to investigate.

On July 11, the GCSO received a report of a reckless driver in a white Cadillac traveling west on Highway 22. Deputy P. Baxley located the suspected vehicle and observed the driver failing to maintain a single lane. Deputy Baxley conducted a traffic stop on the Cadillac driven by Pamela Denise Rouse (43) on Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka. Through further investigation Rouse consented for Deputy Baxley to search her vehicle. The search resulted in Deputy Baxley discovering a bag of marijuana underneath the driver's seat. Rouse was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than 20 Grams of Marijuana. Rouse was transported to the GCDF.

On July 11, the GCSO received a report of a white male wearing black shorts "exposing" himself and staggering in the 3500 block of Cape San Blas Road in the Cape San Blas area. Deputy M. Manley responded to the report to conduct an investigation. Deputy Manley located the suspect who was identified as, Braden Michael Gaines (22), walking on Cape San Blas Road in the Stump Hole area. Deputy Manley stopped to make contact with Gaines and then observed him urinating behind a vehicle parked on the shoulder of roadway. Deputy Manley requested identification from Gaines and he told him it was inside his vehicle. Gaines entered the vehicle and began searching through the console area retrieving a key. He then put the key in the ignition started the vehicle attempting to leave. Deputy Manley ordered Gaines to shut the vehicle off and exit.

Gaines exited the vehicle where Deputy Manley observed him to be possibly under the influence of a controlled substance. During the encounter a group of females walked up and it was determined the vehicle in question belonged to them and they did not know Gaines. Gaines had unlawfully entered their vehicle and attempted to drive off. Gaines was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Conveyance and Indecent Exposure in Public. Gaines was transported to the GCDF.

On Wednesday, July 12, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell received an anonymous tip that Jovi Dwayne Huckelba (33) was selling narcotics out his residence located in the 200 block of Hurd Street in Wewahitchka. The investigators made contact with Huckelba at his residence and confronted him with the information. During the encounter Huckelba told investigators he only had a "1/4 ounce of marijuana inside the residence, and only supplies to his friends". Huckelba then reached into his pocket and investigators asked if he had a weapon. Huckelba replied, "no, but I do have some Lortabs". Huckelba removed a plastic bag containing twenty pills that were identified as Hydrocodone (narcotic prescription drug). Investigators secured the residence and procured a search warrant. The search warrant was executed on the residence. The search resulted in investigators discovering approximately 118 grams of marijuana, more prescription pills without a prescription, drug paraphernalia and a high concentrated extract of the chemical THC. Huckelba and his paramour, Lacey Mae Franklin (30) who was not on scene, were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance w/intent to Distribute (Hydrocodone), Possession of Marijuana w/intent to Distribute, Possession of a Controlled Substance (THC Concentrate/Budder) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Huckelba were transported to the GCDF. Arrests warrants were obtained for Franklin who was subsequently arrested on Friday, July 14, by investigators.

On July 12, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Jason Ivey Weathers (30) in the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Weathers was wanted for Violation of Probation. Weathers was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, July 14, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Michael Anderson (49) out of a vehicle in the area of Bliss Lane in the Overstreet area. Investigators were in the area serving an unrelated arrest warrant and received a tip Anderson was a passenger in a vehicle en route to the area. Investigators arrested Anderson without incident. Anderson was wanted for Battery and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Anderson was transported to the GCDF.

On July 14, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Kasey Katherine Pratt (23) and Blaine Allen Pitts (28) at a residence in the 200 block of Osceola Avenue in Wewahitchka. Pratt was wanted for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Credit Card. The arrest was the result of an ongoing Burglary of a Conveyance investigation by Investigator L. Dickey that occurred in Wewahitchka back in April 2017. Pitts was

arrested for a Violation of Probation warrant issued by the Bay County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Pratt and Pitts were transported to the GCDF.

On July 14, Deputy P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on a beige GMC truck driven by Ernest Charles Thursbay (52) on Lake Alice Drive in Wewahitchka for an equipment violation. A records check revealed Thursbay was driving on a suspended driver's license. Thursbay was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Thursbay was transported to the GCDF.

On Saturday, July 15, the GCSO received a welfare check request on Kimberly Denise Rhames (45) in the 100 block of Glenwood Street in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported not seeing Rhames for over two weeks. Deputy P. Young responded to make contact with Rhames to check on her welfare. Deputy Young was unable to locate Rhames but neighbors reported seeing her walking the neighborhood two days ago. On July 16, Deputy Young was patrolling the area of Glenwood Street and observed Rhames walking. Deputy Young stopped and made contact with Rhames to check on her welfare. During the contact with Rhames she was asked if she had anything illegal on her person. Rhames replied, "Yes, I have meth". Rhames retrieved a plastic bag of methamphetamine from her waistband. Rhames was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Rhames 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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