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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JULY 17, 2017 – JULY 23, 2017

On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested William Nathan Hughes (38) in the 200 block of Armstrong Road in Wewahitchka. Hughes was wanted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) for Domestic Battery from an incident that occurred back on June 30, 2017. Hughes was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF).

On July 19, Deputy M. Manley arrested Frederick Donald Pace (52) in the 200 block of Signal Lane in the Windmark Beach area. Pace was wanted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for an Organized Fraud charge that occurred in Escambia County. Pace was transported to the GCDF.

On July 19, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell arrested Tina Marie Chumney (50) in the 100 block of Carol Street in the Stone Mill Creek area. Chumney was wanted by the GCSO for Violation of Probation. Chumney was transported to the GCDF.

On July 19, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a white Toyota driven by Colton Lee Mullinax (22) on 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. Investigators had prior knowledge Mullinax did not possess a valid driver's license due to unpaid traffic fines, and was confirmed through the GCSO Communications Division. Mullinax was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Mullinax was transported to the GCDF.

On July 19, Investigator L. Dickey arrested Adria Lynn Muina (42) in the 300 block of Harden Circle in Wewahitchka. Muina was wanted by the GCSO for Domestic Battery on a person 65yoa or Older and Grand Theft from a person 65yoa or Older. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by Investigator Dickey that began on July 13, 2017. Muina was transported to the GCDF.

On Thursday, July 20, Investigator L. Dickey began a Grand Theft investigation where allegations were made that a sub-contractor stole over \$5,000.00 in building materials from a Gulf County building contractor. Investigator Dickey continues to investigate.

On July 20, the GCSO received a complaint of a shoplifter being detained at a business located in the 200 block of West River Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Baxley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. Employees observed George Roderick Laven (33) attempting to steal alcoholic beverages by concealing the merchandise in his pockets. Laven was arrested and charged with Retail Theft. Laven was transported to the GCDF.

On July 20, the GCSO received a shoplifting complaint that had occurred earlier at a business located in the 800 block of State Road 71 south in Wewahitchka, but was not reported to law enforcement at the time of the offense. Deputy M. Manley responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported George Roderick Laven (33) attempted to steal two bottles of mouthwash by concealing the bottles in his pockets. Laven was confronted by an employee where the merchandise was returned and he was instructed to leave the business. The complainant learned Laven was arrested on this date for an unrelated shoplifting offense and now requested to pursue criminal charges for their offense. Laven was incarcerated at the GCDF for an unrelated shoplifting offense and arrested a second time for an additional Retail Theft charge.

On Friday, July 21, the GCSO received a retail theft complaint in the 3000 block of State Road 71 in the northern area of Gulf County. Deputy D. Sanders responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported a "newer model, Toyota Tundra" drove off without paying for \$30.04 in fuel. The vehicle was not located. Deputy Sanders continues to investigate.

On July 21, the GCSO received a theft of utility complaint in the 800 block of Sesame Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy C. Harvey responded to the theft to conduct an investigation. The Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative reported a meter had been tampered with and power stolen. Deputy Harvey continues to investigate.

On Saturday, July 22, the GCSO received a domestic disturbance complaint that had occurred in the 200 block of Catalpa Street in Wewahitchka. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported her paramour, Michael Stephen Stripling (27), battered her. Deputy Layfield observed physical injuries to the complainant to substantiate the allegations. Stripling had fled the scene prior to law enforcement arrival. An arrest warrant charging Stripling with Domestic Battery has been applied for.

On July 22, the GCSO received a theft complaint in the 700 block of Jones Homestead Road in the Jones Homestead area. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the complaint to conduct an investigation. The complainant reported jewelry and US Currency were stolen

from their residence after allowing a neighbor to use their bathroom. Deputy Layfield continues to investigate.

On Sunday, the GCSO received a report of possible sexual abuse to a child under twelve. Deputy A. White responded to the complaint to take the initial report. This case has been assigned to the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigator L. Greenwood continues to investigate.

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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