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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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On August 29, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams was dispatched to 200 block of Foxchase Road in reference to the theft of scrap metal from private property. During his investigation, he discovered that the scrap metal that was reported stolen was cleaned up by the Gulf County Public Works under a court order.

On August 28, Deputy D. House was dispatched to Hazelwood Street in reference to a baby that was locked inside of a vehicle. When Deputy House arrived on scene he found two people frantically attempting to access the locked vehicle. Deputy House broke a window and accessed the vehicle, allowing the baby to be rescued. EMS was called to the scene to assess the baby and the baby was unharmed.

On August 28, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Mitchell Road and Bob Little Road. During the course of the traffic stop, Sgt. Williams and Deputy G. Desrosier gained consent to search the vehicle and passenger, Tristan Lamar Darna (32). Darna was found to be in possession of a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue in it. Deputy Desrosier also found a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine on the ground at Darna's feet. Darna was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On August 28, Deputy P. Baxley responded to the 500 block of Bonita Street in reference to a hit and run accident. According to evidence collected on scene, Deputy Baxley began looking for a 1990's model Lincoln Continental, silver or gray in color. The following day, Elmer Lee Green (64) called the Sheriff's Office and report that he was the driver of the Lincoln Continental. Green was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident and issued a summons to appear in court.

On August 28, Deputy P. Baxley was dispatched to the 400 block of Sailfish Street in reference to a physical altercation. While Deputy Baxley was investigating, the victim decided not to press charges against the assailant.

On August 29, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams began investigating the burglary of a storage shed in White City. Sgt. Williams learned that the shed was left unlocked so no force was used to enter the shed. Several pieces of jewelry were stolen from the shed. No arrests have been made at this time as Sgt. Williams continues to investigate.

On August 29, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Jason Wayne Laurimore (38) on a warrant for Violation of Community Control. Laurimore was on probation for Sale of Methamphetamine.

On August 29, K-9 Sgt. Jerome Williams was patrolling the Jones Homestead area when he located Penny M. Ramos (30) standing in a yard on Jones Homestead Road. It was known that Ramos had an active warrant for failure to appear in court on narcotic sale charges and Grand Theft. The Port St. Police Department also had warrants for her arrest for Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Credit Card and Petit Theft. Sgt. Williams turned around to contact Ramos and believed she had left the area in a red Dodge car, which was leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Williams was able to catch up to the vehicle and stop it at Hwy 98 and 4th Street. He confirmed that Ramos was in the vehicle and placed her under arrest for the warrants. The driver of the vehicle, John Patrick Gant (47), was driving with a suspended driver's license and also had warrants for his arrest for unrelated charges. Gant, in fear that he would be taken into custody, fled from the scene at a high rate of speed. The vehicle would later be located abandoned. Ramos is currently being held without bond.

On August 29, Deputy P. Baxley responded to a verbal disturbance in the area of Fish Camp Circle. As Deputy Baxley investigated the disturbance, he discovered that Trisha Lynn Brooks (35) was wanted out of Bay County, Florida, Failure to Pay Child Support. Brooks was arrested for the warrant and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. No criminal charges stemmed from the disturbance.

On August 30, Lt. T. Wood and Deputy P. Young were dispatched to the 1000 block of Old Bay City Road in reference to a disturbance. A Gulf County work crew was in this area, by court order, to clean up private property as the result of an unlawful accumulation case brought against Donald M. Burkett (76). Burkett, who had been contesting the actions taken by the county, obstructed the progress of court order. Burkett's actions would ultimately lead to him being arrested and charged with Obstruction of Justice.

On August 30, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop Maddox Street in Oak Grove. During the traffic stop the driver gave investigators consent to search the vehicle. As a result, investigators found marijuana, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia inside the car. The driver, Jessika Louise Turner (25), was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A passenger in the vehicle, Jonathan Andrew Gay (31), was arrested and charged with Possession of Less than 20 Grams of Marijuana and Violation of Probation.

On August 30, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell responded to a disturbance call in the 300 block of Marlin Street. Investigators learned that Joseph Daniel Turner (32) was intoxicated and there causing the disturbance. Investigators searched for Turner and found him on Maddox Street in Oak Grove. Turner was arrested for violating conditions of his probation.

On August 30, Gary Lee Hudson (48) called the Gulf County Sheriff's Office nineteen time. According to communications dispatchers, Hudson seemed intoxicated and spoke without purpose, expressing no need for law enforcement. Our dispatchers dealt with Hudson's harassing phone calls for approximately 6 hours while maintaining calls for service and communications with law enforcement, EMS and Fire Departments. A warrant for Hudson's arrest was obtained but he has not yet been arrested.

On August 31, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams located and arrested Rachel Louise List (28) in the 2000 block of Oak Grove Avenue. List had a warrant for her arrest for Violation of Probation. She was on probation for Grand Theft.

On August 31, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams located and arrested Jeffrey P. Schlafke (48) on Cessna Drive in Jones Homestead. Schlafke had a warrant for his arrest for Violation of Probation. He was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On August 31, officers with the Gulf Correctional Institute were supervising an inmate work crew in Beacon Hill Park when they noticed some subjects in black van trying to make contact with inmates working around the park. The officer later seen the same van trying to make contact with the inmates at Donnie Brake Park in Highland View. Deputy M. Manley, Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams became involved, approached the van and made contact with the occupants. It was discovered that the occupants of the van were trying to deliver cartons of cigarettes to the inmates. No arrests have been at this time.

On August 31, K-9 Deputy M. Peek responded to a report of a burglary on Harden Circle. Deputy Peek learned that all of the patio furniture on the front porch was stolen. Deputy Peek continues to investigate as no arrests have been made at this time.

On September 1, Jason Ivey Weathers (30) was arrested for Violation of Probation (VOP). Weathers was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Short-Barreled Shotgun. Weathers was currently out on bond for a previous VOP on the same charges.

On September 1, Deputy D. House was dispatched to a report of a stolen Kayak in the 300 Block of Pleasant Rest Road. The kayak was described by the victim as a 9ft dark green kayak with a black 8ft paddle. The kayak was taken from the victim's dock. Deputy House continues to investigate.

On September 1, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Methodist Hill Road. Sgt. Williams identified the driver of the vehicle as Theodore Roosevelt Black Jr. (38). During Sgt. Williams' investigation, he determined that Black had a suspended driver's license and that he had a warrant for his arrest out of Calhoun County for Failure to Pay Child Support. Black was taken into custody on the warrant and was additionally charged with driving with a suspended license.

On September 1, Deputy A. White was assigned to investigate the theft of several tools from two construction sights. A former employee of the victim was developed as a suspect. Deputy White located the employee and was able to recover the tools for the victim. Once the tools were recovered, the victim chose not to file charges.

On September 1, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to the scene of a vehicle crash near the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 22. Once on scene Deputy Desrosier learned that a vehicle operated by Tristen Shane Holden (21) had crashed into the Whitfield Timber Company. The building was not occupied at the time of the crash. The crash scene was turned over to the Florida Highway Patrol to investigate.

On September 1, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block West River Road. It was determined that the driver, Elijah Spencer (32), had a warrant out of Walton County, Florida for Retail Theft. Spencer was arrested on the warrant and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On September 2, a fisherman in Indian Pass found an object in the water that was marked to with instructions to contact law enforcement if found. Deputy C. Sanders responded to the area and identified the object as a phosphorescent marker, property of the U.S. Navy. Deputy Sanders secured the item and contacted Navy officials to arrange to have it picked up.

On September 2, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98, near the Franklin County line. After determining that the driver, Carza Malik Harvey (21), did not have a valid driver's license, Deputy House placed Harvey under arrest.

On September 2, Deputy C. Harvey was assisting Deputy G. Desrosier on a disturbance call in the 6000 block of Bass Street in Howard Creek. During the investigation, Deputy Harvey identified a man as Dustin Jeffrey Kilpatrick (34). Kilpatrick had a Violation of Probation warrant for his arrest so Deputy Harvey took him into custody. Kilpatrick was on probation on the original charges of D.U.I./Refusal to Submit and Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Property Damage.

On September 3, Deputy D. House was dispatched to 1600 Block of CR 381 to investigate the report of a medication theft. The victim reported that approximately eighty (80) Oxycodone pills were stolen from him. A suspect was developed and Deputy House 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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