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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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The early morning of September 11th, began with Gulf County Sheriff's Office preparing for the potential impact of Hurricane Irma. During this time all Sheriff's employees were placed on stand-by and scheduled to respond to any impacted areas of Gulf County, as well as maintaining the day to day operations. Fortunately, Irma's impact on Gulf County was minimal.

On September 11, Deputy S. House was dispatched to Buccaneer Drive in Gulf Aire to investigate the theft of a tool box. Deputy House learned that a red Snap-On tool was stolen from the back of a truck. Some of the tools in the box were discovered on Cristin's Curve, leading away from Gulf Aire and into Nautilus Drive. No suspects have been developed at this time.

On September 11, Deputy C. Harvey was in the 700 block of Old Bay City Road when he conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford truck without a registration tag on it. The driver, Jeffery Eugene Jackson (24) was issued citations for an expired registration, not displaying a tag and not having insurance. Deputy P. Baxley and Deputy G. Desrosier arrived on scene to assist. Jerry Dale Goodwin Jr. (46), who was a passenger in the vehicle, was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Goodwin was arrested and charged accordingly.

On September 12, Deputy A. White was dispatched to the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park to investigate a hit and run accident inside the park. Deputy White was given a description of the vehicle the suspect was driving and while en route he stopped the vehicle leaving the park. Deputy White made contact with the driver, Robert Paul Nedley (48). Nedley immediately exited his vehicle and approached Deputy White's patrol car with his hands in the air, while repeatedly saying "just take me to jail". Nedley was told to return to his vehicle and stop approaching the patrol car but he was non-compliant. Deputy White detained Nedley and determined that he entered the park while it was closed. Nedley was charged with trespassing and resisting an officer without violence.

On September 12, K-9 Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Evergreen Street in Lands Landing. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle, Colton Lee Mullinax (22), was driving with a suspended driver's license. Mullinax was arrested and charged accordingly.

On September 12, Deputy S. House was dispatched to Hwy 22 to investigate a report of a reckless driver. Deputy House located the suspect vehicle on Hwy 22 and followed it to verify the report. Deputy House observed the vehicle committing numerous traffic violations. Deputy House stopped the vehicle on West River Road and contacted the driver, Tyler Andrew Boggess (23). During the course of the investigation into the stop, Investigator P. Williams found Boggess to be in physical possession of methamphetamine. Deputy House and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a search of Boggess' car and found articles of drug paraphernalia, including digital scales, and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) extract. Boggess was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of THC Extract.

On September 12, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to a traffic accident on Hwy 71 in the area of Whitfield Hill. A motorist had stuck a bear after it had ran out into the road. The motorist sustained no injuries. The current condition of the bear is unknown. This is the second report of bear activity recently so be careful on the roadways.

On September 13, Deputy M. Manley was assigned to investigate a report of a theft in the 9000 block of Auger Avenue in Beacon Hill. The victim reported to Deputy Manley that on multiple occasions things have come up missing from his property. The victim declined to have the thefts investigated. He just wanted to report the thefts in the area. Similar thefts have been reported where subjects on foot are walking from house to house, taking unsecured items such as coolers and other outdoor equipment. If you see any suspicious activity in this area contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On September 13, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a report from a citizen in the 8000 block of CR 386 in reference to a bear digging around in trash cans. Deputy M. Peek responded to the location but the bear was gone. The bear sighting was reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. The bear calls are increasing so be prepared to secure your trash cans.

On September 14, Deputy P. Young was in the area of 16th Street in Port St. Joe when he noticed a vehicle parked at a residence that he knew to be driven by Paul Lee Potts (51). Potts had an active warrant for his arrest for making harassing phone calls. Deputy Young called Port St. Joe Police Officer J. Burkett to assist him in making an arrest. Deputy Young and Officer Burkett attempted to contact Potts at the residence but no one would answer the door. During this time they observed Potts attempting to crawl out of a window on the side of the house. Potts was taken into custody before he could escape.

On September 14, Colton Lee Mullinax (22) was served with an arrest warrant for Violation of Probation at the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On September 15, Deputy C. Harvey and K-9 Deputy M. Peek were in the Highland View area following up on leads into the whereabouts of Ashley Nicole Scruggs (31). Scruggs was wanted for failure to appear in court on charges for possession of a controlled substance and resisting law enforcement without violence. The deputies learned of a vehicle that Scruggs was traveling in and located the vehicle traveling into Port St. Joe from Highland View. Deputy Harvey stopped the vehicle and found Scruggs inside. Scruggs was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On September 15, Catherine Reanna Martina (34) and Shania Dawn Obannon (43) were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility after being apprehended in Franklin County, Florida. Martina was served a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Obannon was served a Gulf County warrant for Scheming to Defraud, which was the result of a Port St. Joe Police Department investigation.

On September 15, Deputy A. White arrested Merry Regina Linton (50) at the Wewahitchka Sheriff's Substation after turning herself in to her probation officer. Linton had a warrant for her arrest for Violation of Probation. Linton was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Burglary.

On September 15, Investigator Les Greenwood completed a financial investigation leading to the arrest of Bonnie Evon Hysmith (53). Through his investigation, Inv. Greenwood discovered that Hysmith had stolen checks from people she was acting as a caregiver for. It was proven that once Hysmith obtained the checks, she forged signatures on the checks and cashed them for her own benefit. Hysmith turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility where she was charged with Grand Theft, four (4) counts of Uttering a Forged Check and ten (10) counts of forging a check.

On September 15, Jacquelyn Diane Faircloth (37) was arrested on warrants for Battery and Criminal Mischief. Deputy D. Sanders located Faircloth at the Wewahitchka High School on Friday night, recognized that she wanted and took her into custody.

On September 15, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Doc Whitfield Road and S. Kim in Howard Creek. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Rusty Ellis Ward (35). During the traffic stop, Deputy P. Baxley arrived on scene to assist and ended up searching the vehicle for contraband. Deputy Baxley found methamphetamine and a pipe used to ingest methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Ward was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession Drug Paraphernalia.

On September 15, Deputy C. Harvey observed a pick-up truck driving recklessly in the area of Doc Whitfield Road and Old Bay City Road. Deputy Harvey stopped the vehicle and made contact with a juvenile driver. While speaking to the driver, Deputy Harvey smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a personal amount of marijuana. The juvenile driver was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and released to a parent. The vehicle also had two juvenile passengers. The juvenile passengers were released to their parents also.

On September 16, A. White was dispatched to Shell Road in Overstreet in reference to a physical disturbance between two roommates. While Deputy White was investigating the disturbance, he found that Robert Leon Brock (26) was in possession of a glass pipe that had methamphetamine residue inside it. Brock was arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. No charges stemmed from the disturbance.

On September 16, Deputy C. Harvey stopped a vehicle for speeding on East River Road. Deputy Harvey identified the driver of the vehicle as Charles Edward Kinney (42). A check of Kinney's driver's license status showed that he was driving with a suspended license. Kinney was placed under arrest and charged for knowingly driving with a suspended driver's license.

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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