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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 9, 2017 – OCTOBER 15, 2017

On October 9, Deputy G. Desrosier traveled to Leon County to pick up Ian Russell McNab (34) on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation. McNab was on probation for the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On October 10, Deputy P. Young traveled to Bradford County to pick up John Edwin Brier (46) on Gulf County warrants for Violation of Probation (Community Control). Brier was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine and Felony DWLSR.

On October 10, Deputy D. Sanders received a report of an attempted burglary at the Dixie Dandy on Hwy 22. It was reported that someone had attempted to break into a soda machine outside of the store, using a power drill. Video footage captured from the incident identified a white male and a white female as suspects. They were traveling in a silver sport utility vehicle. The owner of the soda machine decline any further investigation.

On October 10, Investigator P. Williams and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Stonemill Creek Road. Tracy Colton Potter (25) was identified as the driver. It was determined that Potter's vehicle had a registration tag that did not belong on it and that his driver's license was suspended. Potter was arrested and charged accordingly.

On October 10, Investigator S. Ferrell and Inv. P. Williams closed an investigation into the activities of Pamela Denise Rouse (43), resulting in her being arrested and charged with two counts of Sale of Methamphetamine. While Deputy A. White was escorting her into the Gulf County Detention Facility, it was discovered that Rouse was concealing approximately 5 grams of Methamphetamine on her body. Rouse was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On October 10, K-9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Reid Street. Deputy Peek identified the driver as Adria Lynn Muina (42) and a passenger was identified as Jennifer Paige Stephens (28). During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Peek deployed his K-9 "Brix" on the vehicle to conduct a free air sniff. K-9 "Brix" alerted on the vehicle, developing probable cause to search the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed Methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Muina was also found to be concealing Methamphetamine on her person. Muina and Stephens were both placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On October 10, Deputy D. House stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Hwy 71 and E. Orange Street for a traffic violation. Deputy House identified the driver of the vehicle as Mandy Denise Vickery (34). He identified a passenger in the vehicle as Ira Flynn Brown (46). During the course of the traffic stop, K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Inv. S. Ferrell and Inv. P. Williams arrived on scene to assist. Deputy Peek deployed K-9 "Brix" on the vehicle to conduct a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 "Brix" alerted on the vehicle giving deputies probable cause to search the vehicle. Deputies found several Hydrocodone pills, Alprazolam pills and Methamphetamine. Vickery was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Brown was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Hydrocone (Trafficking) and Possession of Methamphetamine.

On October 11, Sgt. C. Dixon went to the Bay County Jail to arrest two subjects on Gulf County warrants. Jimmy Wayne Womble (41) was wanted for Failure to Appear in Court after Bail and Shawn David Stephens (46) was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Sale of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony. Both subjects were returned to the Gulf County Correctional Facility where they were booked on their charges.

On October 11, K-9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Woodbrook Road. When the suspect vehicle came to a stop, a passenger fled from the truck and ran into the woods. Investigator S. Ferrell and Investigator P. Williams pursued the subject into the woods and located the subject laying down, trying to conceal himself in foliage. Investigators recognized the subject as Tristan Lamar Darna (32). Darna had warrants for his arrest in Bay County and County for Failure to Appear in Court. Darna's original charges in Gulf County were for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. As investigators gave him orders to show his hands, Darna got up and fled again. Investigators chased Darna and caught him on Plantation Drive where he continued to resist arrest until being forced into custody. In addition to the warrants, Darna was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement with Violence and Fail to Obey a Lawful Command.

On October 12, Deputy P. Baxley was dispatched to the 3000 block of Cape Blas Road to investigate a report of a theft. Deputy Baxley learned that someone had stolen a tan, 65 quart, "RTIC" cooler. Deputy Baxley canvassed the area and developed several leads

which revealed his suspect to be Brandon Lee Burkett (31). Burkett is facing charges of Theft and giving false information to law enforcement. Burkett's father, Donald Willard Burkett (56), is also facing charges of giving false information to law enforcement.

On October 12, Deputy M. Peek was assigned to investigate the theft of a purse that occurred in the two hundred block of Lake Grove Road. The victim reported that she left her purse in her car over night and in the morning it was gone. The victim also reported that the vehicle was left unlocked. No leads have been developed.

On October 13, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to Leon County to pick up Loretta Lesha Swearengin (28) on a Gulf County warrant for Failure to Appear in Court on drug related charges.

On October 13, Deputy D. Sanders was dispatched to the area of Pine Street in St. Joe Beach to investigate a report of two white males that appeared to be surveying the area for theft activity. The subjects, dressed in shorts and no shirts, were allegedly looking around in yards. Deputy Sanders was unable to locate the men but learned that a vehicle was in the area, assisting the two subjects. Deputy Sanders located a gray Nissan Rogue that was acting as a transport for the men. The driver of the vehicle could not be charged with a crime so she was identified for investigative purposes and released.

On October 14, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Pidgeon Lane. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy House smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Deputy House searched the vehicle and found a personal amount of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver, Seth James Scheuermann (24), was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On October 14, Sgt. J. Williams was dispatched to the Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka, in reference to a physical altercation in the parking lot. When Sgt. Williams arrived he found two white females arguing behind the library. Sgt. Williams met with both parties and concluded that Jennifer Elizabeth Rhodes (27) was the aggressor in the incident and committed the act of Battery against the other party involved. Rhodes was arrested and charged with Battery. Rhodes was on probation also so she was additionally charged with Violation of Probation.

On October 14, Deputy D. House and Deputy C. Harvey responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of Sweetgum Circle. Deputies learned that Asher Ezekiel Martin (18) got into a dispute over Martin's dogs. The dispute occurred in Martin's yard where Martin allegedly grabbed the victim and dragged her out to the road, causing the victim to sustain some minor injuries. Martin was placed under arrest and charged with Battery.

On October 15, Deputy A. White received a report of counterfeit money being passed by a customer at the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka. The counterfeit bill was taken so it may be removed from circulation. Be sure to inspect money thoroughly before accepting it.

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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