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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 15, 2018 – JANUARY 21, 2018

On Tuesday, January 16th, David C. Whitfield (37) turned himself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be served with a Writ of Bodily Attachment for failing to pay child support. Whitfield was taken into custody and booked for Contempt of Court.

On Tuesday, January 16th, Deputy A. White responded to the scene of a traffic accident on Hwy 71, near the intersection of Church Street. A vehicle traveling North on Hwy 71 had veered off the roadway and struck a power pole. The driver of the vehicle, who was identified as Mitchel Keith Hodges (39), stated he misjudged his turn into Subway and accidentally struck the pole. During the crash investigation, Deputy White learned that Hodges had a suspended driver's license. Hodges was placed under arrest and charged with DWLSR.

On Wednesday, January 17th, Deputy C. Harvey was assigned to investigate a report of a fraud that had occurred in Wewahitchka. Deputy Harvey learned that a subject by the name of Andrew Bartholamew Seville (38) was selling elevator lifts, claiming to be affiliated with Legacy Lifts. The complaint from the victim was that currency was fronted to Mr. Seville but no product or services were received. Eventually, Mr. Seville stopped communicating with the victim. Deputy Harvey contacted Legacy Lifts and learned that Mr. Seville is not affiliated with them and warned that Mr. Seville's elevator sales, on Legacy's behalf, is a scam. Be aware of this activity and contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office if you encounter Mr. Seville trying to sell an elevator. The case will be further investigated by the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division.

On Wednesday, January 17th, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to the 400 block of Gary Rowell Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. Deputy Young arrived and was confronted with a heated argument between subjects at the house. Deputy Young learned that the altercation was physical before he arrived. The aggressor in the event was identified as Haylee Alyss Johnson (30). Because she was the aggressor, Johnson was placed under arrest and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Thursday, January 18th, Nicole Tia White (28) turned herself in to authorities after a Violation of Probation warrant was issued for her arrest. White was on probation on the original charge of Felony DWLSR. Deputy P. Young executed the arrest warrant on White at the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, January 19th, Kim Marie Whaley (37) was arrested by Deputy C. Sanders at the GCSO Substation in Wewahitchka, for a Violation of Probation warrant out of Bay County. Whaley was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Friday, January 19th, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Jacob Adam Rodriguez (23) on a Gulf County warrant. Rodriguez was wanted for violation of probation for Possession of Methamphetamine. Rodriguez was subsequently transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, January 19th, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on CR 381 near the intersection of Vann Drive. The vehicle was occupied by John Henry White (33) and Ashley Nicole Melton (24). During the course of the traffic stop, investigators learned that White, who was operating the vehicle, had a suspended driver's license. A lawful search of a bag, belonging to Melton, revealed a plastic baggie with Methamphetamine inside it. White was charged for driving with a suspended driver's license and Melton was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Both subjects were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Saturday, January 20th, Deputy M. Layfield was on a service call on Hayes Avenue in Highland View, when he encountered Michael Alan Strickland (41). Strickland had an active warrant for his arrest for driving with a suspended driver's license. Deputy Layfield took Strickland into custody and transported him to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

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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