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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 12, 2018 - MARCH 18, 2018

On Monday, March 12th, Deputy A. White was assigned to investigate a report of a burglary of a construction site in the 200 block of Sea Turtle Drive. The suspect had entered a secure construction site and stole a DeWalt table saw and DeWalt rolling saw stand. The incident remains under investigation.

On Monday, March 12th, Deputy D. House closed a theft investigation, that began on February 17th, 2018, by arresting Brittney Jordana Dykes (23) on warrants for Grand Theft and Dealing in Stolen Property.

On Tuesday, March 13th, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on Lake Grove Road, near 7th Street. Deputy White identified the driver as Ryan Matthew McDonald (25) and determined that McDonald was driving with a suspended driver's license. McDonald was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On Tuesday, March 13th, Deputy M. Layfield responded to a report of a four-wheeler accident on Woodmere Drive, in Wewahitchka. An 11-year-old boy was injured after he crashed his four-wheeler in a wooded area off Woodmere Drive. The boy is currently listed in critical condition.

On Wednesday, March 14th, Deputy M. Manley travelled to Bay Correctional Institution to pick up Rex Aaron Veasey Jr. (26) on a Gulf County warrant for failing to appear in court on the charge of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Veasey was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, March 15th, Deputy G. Desrosier and Deputy L. Greenwood responded to the area of Periwinkle Drive in reference to a prowler. Just before midnight, a resident in the area noticed two subjects lurking about in blue jeans and dark colored hoodies. The man asked the subject what they were doing, and they ran off. Approximately 1 hour later, deputies found a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, red in color, with white and yellow stripes, parked at Beacon Hill Park. It is believed the vehicle may be connected to the prowlers.

On Friday, March 16th, Deputy P. Young stopped a vehicle on Indian Pass Beach, near marker I-215 for not having a beach driving permit. The driver of the vehicle, who was vacationing from out of state, produced a laminated permit that came with his vacation rental. The driver was not cited but the beach driving permit was seized. Beach driving permits are not transferable from vehicle to vehicle. They must be affixed to the vehicle it is registered to in a conspicuous place on the vehicle. Permits found being transferred will be seized and the owner of that permit will be reported to the Gulf County Tax Collectors Office.

On Friday, March 16th, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Kelly Christine Bartlett (30), on Tupelo Street in Wewahitchka, on an arrest order for failure to pay fines.

On Sunday, March 18th, Deputy D. Sanders was dispatched to the 1700 block of Old Panama Hwy in reference to a physical disturbance. Deputy Sanders met with the victim who stated that Charles Earl Hood Sr. (43) pushed her on the floor and kicked her repeatedly, in the presence of a child. The victim had visible signs of trauma so she transported to an area hospital to be treated for injuries. Hood, who is on probation for Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Woman, was located and placed under arrest. Hood was charged with Felony Battery, Assault, Child Abuse and Violation of Probation. Hood is currently being held without bond at 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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