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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 19, 2018 – MARCH 25, 2018

On Monday, March 19th, Deputy P. Young went to the 300 block of Gary Rowell Road and arrested Tyler Anderson Bowles (29) on a warrant for Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction. The warrant came after it was reported that Bowles was contacting someone, via social media, that he was prohibited to contact.

On Monday, March 19th, Deputy L. Greenwood responded to a report of a physical altercation in the 1800 block of South Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. During the investigation, Deputy Greenwood learned that Michael Ewart Lawrence (53) used a metal pipe to choke another person, following a verbal conflict. Lawrence, being found as the primary aggressor, was placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Battery.

On Monday, March 19th, Deputy M. Manley was assigned to investigate a report of a Domestic Violence Injunction violation. The respondent on the injunction, Deborah Lynne Burant (57), violated “No Contact” conditions of the injunction by sending emails to the petitioner. A warrant for was obtained for Burant’s arrest for Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction. Burant was arrested on the warrant by the Parker Police Department days later.

On Tuesday, March 20th, Sgt. L. Dickey obtained information on the whereabouts of some stolen property located in a wooded area in the 8000 block of Hwy 98 in St. Joe Beach. Sgt. Dickey and Investigator P. Baxley investigated the tip and found some items suspiciously located in a wooded area. They found a 6000-watt generator, a microwave (still in the box), two bed comforters (new) and a cooler with miscellaneous tools inside. Investigators were able to track the property back to the owner, who advised they were burglarized recently but declined an investigation into the matter. The property was returned to the owner.

On Wednesday, March 21st, Sgt. J. Williams took a report of a burglary that had occurred on N. Kim Street in Howard Creek. The victims state that someone had entered their home, while they were away, and removed a box of Drumstick ice cream from the freezer. The home was under video surveillance and two white males were captured on the security

cameras way be responsible for the burglary. Sgt. Williams developed names of the subjects and attempts are being made to locate the subjects for questioning.

On Wednesday, March 21st, Deputy A. White was dispatched to the 500 block of S. 4th Street in Wewahitchka, in reference to a vehicle burglary. It was reported that during the night, someone had entered an unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet from the center console of the car. No suspects have been developed at this time.

On Wednesday, March 21st, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop in the area of Canning Drive and Sesame Street. The driver was identified as Colton Lee Mullinax (22). During a driver's license check, it was revealed that Mullinax had a suspended license for being a habitual traffic violator. Mullinax was placed under arrest and charged with Felony Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On Friday, March 23rd, Sgt. C. Dixon travelled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Deborah Lynne Burant (57) and transported her to Gulf County to be charged with violating a domestic violence injunction.

On Friday, March 23rd, Deputy M. Peek and Deputy G. Desrosier responded to a report of a physical altercation on S. Squirrel Avenue in Howard Creek. When deputies arrived, they found a man and woman on scene and the woman was bleeding from her nose. The man, who was identified as Joseph Tavel Stephenson (38), had struck the woman in the face with his fist. Stephenson was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Saturday, March 24th, Deputy C. Harvey observed a wanted person driving a vehicle in the area of Hwy 71 and Hwy 22 in Wewahitchka. The wanted person, Rana Marie Parker (28), was wanted out of Bay County for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Failure to Register as a Convicted Felon. Deputy Harvey stopped Parker's vehicle on Hwy 71 near Lake Grove Road and attempted to arrest Parker. As Deputy Harvey attempted to get Parker out of the vehicle, Parker started the vehicle, put it in gear and sped away. Deputy Harvey attempted to stop Parker again but she crashed her vehicle into a power pole on Hwy 71 near Old Transfer Road. Parker fled from the crash site before Deputy Harvey arrived. Parker was never apprehended and is now wanted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office for Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Saturday, March 24th, K-9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71, near the intersection of CR 381A. The driver was identified as Haley Elizabeth Kent (23). During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Peek found that Kent was in possession of a glass pipe with residual amount of methamphetamine inside it. Kent was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Methamphetamine. Kent was on probation for drug related charges so she was also charged with violation of probation.

On Sunday, March 25th, Deputy M. Manley encountered a disabled vehicle on Indian Pass Road with two subjects standing outside it. Deputy Manley contacted the subjects and

identified one of them as Christina Lynn Smith (35). A wanted person query revealed that Smith was wanted for criminal charges in Franklin County, Florida. Smith's car contained a personal amount of marijuana and a digital scale with methamphetamine residue on it. Smith was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana.

On Sunday, March 25th, Sgt. C. Dixon was dispatched to the 200 block of West Creekview Drive in reference disturbance involving an intoxicated person. The intoxicated person, Blake Edward Harrelson (21), was at this property engaged in a child custody dispute. Harrelson refused to leave the property and became belligerent when asked to leave by the owner of the property. After refusing several requests to leave the property, Sgt. Dixon arrested Harrelson and charged him with Trespassing.

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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