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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MAY 7, 2018 – MAY 13, 2018

On Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputy L. Greenwood travelled to Santa Rosa Correctional Institution to pick up Kaleb C. Cowen (35) on a transport order to appear in court the following day. Mitchel Keith Hodges (39) was also picked up on a transport order from the Bay County Jail. Both subjects had to be transported back once their proceedings in court were complete.

On Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. Sanders travelled to the Leon County Jail to arrest Katelyn Lorraine Kaepfel (27) on a Violation of Probation warrant out of Gulf County. Kaepfel was on probation of Possession of Methamphetamine. Kaepfel was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to the 1300 block of East River Road in reference to a domestic disturbance. It was reported to him that Benjamin Lee Russell (38) had gotten into a verbal altercation with a female victim, which subsequently turned physical. In the process of battering the victim he made threats to her kill her. Russell was found by Deputy Young and placed under arrest for Domestic Battery and Assault.

On Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell went to Lakeview Drive to execute an arrest warrant on Caleb D. Leverette (21). Leverette was located and arrested for a violation of probation warrant out of Holmes County.

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. S. Strickland and Port St. Joe High School officials were investigating a 16-year-old student who was found to be in possession of marijuana. During the investigation the student fled from the front office and ran into a nearby wooded area. Deputy C. Harvey located the student and transported her back to the high school. The student was then released to her parents and charges for Possession of Marijuana are pending.

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle near the intersection of Myers Road and Ganley Road in Wewahitchka. The driver was identified as Bruce Lee Yand (37). It was discovered that Yand did not have a valid driver's license and is classified as a habitual traffic offender. Yand was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (Habitual) and Resisting Arrest without Violence.

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Jasmin J. Thomas (41) turned himself into the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a capias for failing to appear in court on charges of possession of a controlled substance, tampering with evidence, resisting without violence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Renee Martin (43) turned herself into the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a violation of probation warrant. Martin was on probation for Retail Theft.

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Brian Smith (20) was arrested in the 200 block of Angel Fish Street for a violation of probation warrant out of Pinellas County, Florida. Smith was on probation for burglary.

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams attempted to conduct a traffic stop on S. Diana Street in Stone Mill Creek. When Sgt. Williams activated his emergency lights, the vehicle sped up and refused to stop. After a brief pursuit the vehicle pulled into a driveway near the 2000 block of Stone Mill Creek Road. The driver exited the car with something in his hand, walked over to a shed and put whatever he had in his hand down. The driver was identified as Willie Denzel Hill (22). Deputy A. White arrived on the scene to assist Sgt. Williams. Deputy White went to the area where Hill discarded the item and discovered a bag of marijuana. Hill was taken into custody and charged with Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement and Possession of Marijuana.

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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