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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

MAY 14, 2018 – MAY 20, 2018

On Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of East Lake Avenue in Wewahitchka. When Deputy Greenwood arrived, he encountered a male, who was identified as Dylan Coy Jackson (25), and pregnant female arguing outside of a local business. The two were involved in a domestic altercation, which had turned physical prior to Deputy Greenwood's arrival. During the event, the female fled to a bathroom within a nearby building in an attempt to get away from Jackson. As a result of the investigation, which involved a 6-year-old child, Deputy Greenwood placed Jackson under arrest; he is being charged with Aggravated Battery and Child Abuse.

On Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Megan Marie Sims (20) turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on an active warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to Hummingbird Lane, in Overstreet, in regards to a wanted person in the area. That person was Rickie O'Neal Mitchell (25) and he was wanted out of Bay County for violation of probation on the original charges of Domestic Battery by Strangulation and was classified as an absconder. Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams also responded to the area. Mitchell had fled from the house and Gulf Correctional Institution with their K-9 tracking team was called to assist. Deputies and Gulf C.I.'s K-9 team successfully apprehended Mitchell in a wooded area near the home.

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Old Bay City Road in Howard Creek. During the course of the traffic stop, Sgt. J. Williams arrived on scene to deploy K-9 "Ellie" on the vehicle to conduct a free sniff. The K-9 alerted on the vehicle and a probable cause search ensued which revealed marijuana, methamphetamine and a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle, Joshua Earl Adkison (36) was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, David Ray Belew (53) was transported to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office by the Bay County Jail to be booked on an active warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Aggravated Stalking, Trespassing and Criminal Mischief.

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of the Piggly Wiggly in Port St. Joe. Deputy House stopped the vehicle because he saw it was occupied by Rusty Ellis Ward (36) and knew that Ward had an active warrant for violation of probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ward was taken into custody and consented to a search of his vehicle, which revealed an amount of methamphetamine and a pipe used to ingest it. In addition to the VOP warrant, Ward was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young served a warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on LaJarius Xavier Cooper (26). Cooper was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey travelled to the Jackson County Jail to arrest Loretta Lesha Swearington (29) on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation. Swearington was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Swearington was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to the Gulf Correctional Institution to assist Gulf C.I. staff with an investigation involving a visitor who attempted to introduce narcotics into the prison. Megan A. Spearance (40) was caught by Gulf C.I. officers passing a package containing approximately one ounce of cocaine to an inmate. She was immediately detained and the cocaine was recovered. Spearance was traveling with Shelby Lynn Goss (29), who was still in the car they were traveling in. A search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Goss was detained. The investigation resulted in Spearance being arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Facility. Goss was also arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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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