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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

JUNE 4, 2018 – JUNE 24, 2018

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to the 500 block of S. Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka in reference to a trespassing. Deputy Young identified the trespasser as Michael Deane Ward (50). While speaking with Ward he learned that there was a warrant for his arrest for Trespassing, which stemmed from an incident reported to the Sheriff's Office June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 on Johnson Lane. Deputy Young placed Ward under arrest for the warrant and transported him to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Wakulla County Jail to pick up Marci Ellen Griffin (38) on a transport order to Gulf County to attend court proceedings. After the proceedings she was transported back to Wakulla County by Deputy M. Layfield.

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Bay County Jail to pick up Tatiana Nicole Davis (22) and Dillon Clyde McDaniel (20) on transport orders and transported them to Gulf County to attend court proceedings.

On Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. House arrested Kenneth Dean Church (57) on Mockingbird Drive in Wewahitchka. Church had an active warrant for his arrest out of Bay County for failing to appear in court.

On Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a traffic accident on CR 386 near the intersection of Harmony Street. It was a single vehicle accident and the vehicle was driven by Gerald Clifton Shearer (54). Shearer was not injured as a result of the accident however it was determined that Shearer was under the influence of alcohol. Shearer performed some field sobriety assessments and as a result, Deputy Young had probable cause to believe that Shearer's blood alcohol content was above the legal limit. Shearer was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence of alcohol. Shearer submitted to a breath test to determine his blood alcohol content and he tested a .152, which above the legal limit of .08.

On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams executed an arrest warrant on Bay Avenue in Wewahitchka by arresting Michael Stephen Stripling (27) for Domestic Battery. The warrant stemmed from a domestic disturbance that occurred at the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey responded to the Indian Pass Raw Bar in reference to a verbal disturbance. It was reported that a man visiting the Raw Bar had got upset with an employee for checking his kid's identification and had threatened that employee. An argument ensued between the man and his family and the other employees. The man and his family left the Raw Bar and, in the process, swerved the vehicle they were in toward the edge of the roadway nearly hitting people standing outside the Raw Bar. Deputy Harvey was able to identify the suspects and criminal charges may be pending.

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Long Avenue near Allen Memorial Way. The vehicle was occupied by Xavier Floyd Bateman (19) and Nicholas Dwight Lewis (22). Both were asked to exit the vehicle while Sgt. Williams deployed his K-9 around the vehicle. When Bateman exited he dropped a metal pipe with marijuana residue in it. Bateman was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Lewis admitted to having a pipe in the car with methamphetamine residue in it. Lewis was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Deputy A. White conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near Doc Whitfield Road. Deputy White had gathered information that the vehicle was being driven by Kyle Edward Jones (27) and that Jones was wanted out of Bay County, Florida, for Larceny. Deputy White encountered Jones inside the vehicle and placed him under arrest.

On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 22 near West River Road. The driver was identified as Daniel Kenton Sineath (31). During the course of the traffic stop Sineath was found to have heroin, syringes and an Oxycodone pill in his pocket. During a search of the car, other medication was found that Sineath did not have a prescription for. Sineath was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Heroin, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of New Legend Drugs without a prescription, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation. Sineath was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Darien Nathen Hutcheson (40) in Pine Ridge Apartments on a warrant for Failure to Appear in court.

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Deputy A. White responded to report of a verbal disturbance in the 300 block of Waterview Avenue. While investigating the disturbance, Deputy White saw marijuana and paraphernalia used to ingest marijuana in plain view inside the home. Deputy White identified the owner of the contraband as Thomas Brian Laurimore (50).

Laurimore was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and East River Road. They identified the driver as Michael David Carter (46) and determined that his driver's license was not valid. Carter was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young was responded to a report of a verbal disturbance on Thomas Circle in Wewahitchka. Deputy Young learned that during the disturbance, William Lee Nunery Jr. (45) picked up a shovel handle and threatened to beat another person with it. A warrant was obtained for Nunery's arrest for Aggravated Assault and he was taken in to custody by deputies on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Nunery resisted arrest when he was taken into custody and was additionally charged with Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on CR 386 near the intersection of S. Long Street. They identified the driver of the vehicle as James Bernard Clayton (47) and determined that Clayton had a suspended driver's license and was classified as a habitual traffic offender. Clayton was placed under arrest for driving with a suspended driver's license. During an inventory of his vehicle investigators found a personal amount of methamphetamine, marijuana and rolling papers. Clayton was charged with DWLSR (Habitual), Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Charles Avenue. During a driver's license check on the driver, who was identified as Valentino Jarrod Bolden (33), Deputy Manley revealed that Bolden's license was suspended for failing to pay traffic fines. Valentino was placed under arrest and charged with Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Peek, was dispatched to Parkside Circle in Barrier Dunes in reference to a theft. It was reported that during the night someone had stolen a Yeti cooler from the back of a pick-up truck. The cooler was described as a Yeti Tundra 75-quart, tan in color. It was secured in the back of the truck with a lock and cable but the thief cut the cable. The cooler was not recovered and no suspects have been developed.

On Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Brittney Cheyanne Strickland (22) turned herself into the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested and booked on warrants for Burglary of a Dwelling and Grand Theft, and a Writ of Bodily attachment for failing to pay child support.

On Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield was dispatched to N. Deer Avenue in Howard Creek in reference to a report of credit card fraud. The suspect in this case was authorized

to make a single purchase with another person's card. The suspect made multiple charges that were not authorized. Charges against the suspect are pending.

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey travelled to the Leon County Jail to pick up Katelyn Lorraine Kaepfel (27) and transport her to Gulf County to attend criminal court proceedings. After her appearance in court, she was transported back to the Leon County Jail. Deputy Harvey then transported another subject from the Leon County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Toney Jacob Becton (35) was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Felony Battery. Becton was also wanted on a Writ of Bodily attachment for failing to pay child support.

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. D. Sanders travelled to the Bay County Jail and arrested Timothy James Cooper (40) on a violation of probation warrant for driving with a suspended license. Cooper was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and booked on the warrant.

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a theft on Court Street in St. Joe Beach. Someone had entered into a home that was under construction and stole a new furnace heat exchanger valued at approximately \$5,000. The furnace was removed from its box, dragged across the street and loaded into a vehicle. The theft remains under investigation.

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey responded a report of a physical disturbance on Woodmere Drive in Wewahitchka. The altercation had taken place between two brothers who were already separated when deputies arrived. During the investigation it was shown that Brandon Lee Burkett (32) was the aggressor in the altercation. Burkett was located and placed under arrest for Domestic Battery.

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Deputy D. House attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Avenue A in Port St. Joe. The vehicle failed to stop and attempted evade Deputy House. During the pursuit Deputy House observed an item being thrown from the passenger side window. The vehicle finally stopped at a residence on N. Bay. The driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Deputy House chased the suspect on foot to Harbor Street where the suspect surrendered and put his hands up. Deputy House placed the subject under arrest and identified him as Johnny Arnez Williams Jr. (37). Williams had an active Writ of Bodily Attachment for failing to pay child support. During a search of the vehicle Williams was driving, a baggie of crack cocaine was found in the passenger side door weighing approximately 4.5 grams. Williams was charged with Possession of Crack Cocaine, Failing to Obey a Lawful Order and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Brandon Lee Burkett (32) was arrested and charged with Failure to Appear in Court on the charges of Grand Theft and Trespass. Burkett was already in custody at the Gulf County Detention Facility on unrelated charges.

On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Jessika Louise Turner (26) in the 1100 block of Long Avenue on a violation of probation warrant. Turner was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Billy Joe Nichols on a Gulf County warrant and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Nichols was wanted for failing to appear in court on the charges of Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Deputy M. Layfield was assigned to investigate a theft from the Scallop Cove General Store on Cape San Blas. It was discovered that an employee had been stealing merchandise from the store. The employee has since been terminated and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Carrie Darlene Keith (40) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility after turning herself in on a violation of probation warrant. Keith was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Florida Probation Officer and Deputy G. Desrosier went to Woodmere Drive in Wewahitchka and arrested Darrell Larvon Vann (44) on a violation of probation warrant. Vann was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Investigator S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop Chipola Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. The driver was identified as Joanna Michelle Wilder (42). A driver's license check revealed that Wilder's license was suspended. Wilder was placed under arrest and charged with DWLSR.

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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