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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JULY 23, 2018 – JULY 29, 2018

On Monday, July 23rd, while on patrol conducting security checks, Deputy P. Young observed a white female walking on East River Road. Deputy Young made contact with the female subject, who appeared to be in a distraught state of mind. The female stated that she was in a physical altercation with her boyfriend, Jeffrey A. Devine (56), at which time he physically threw her on the floor causing her to strike her head. Deputy Young observed some minor injuries and requested EMS for further evaluation. The victim stated that Devine left their residence in her car and provided Deputy Young with a description of it. Deputy Young located the car and initiated a traffic stop. He identified the driver as Devine and detained him for further investigation. It was determined that Devine did commit Domestic Battery and was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery.

On Monday, July 23rd, Deputy V. Everett was dispatched to Wide Water Circle in reference to a possible burglary. This incident was reported by a lawn crew after they noticed the back door to the residence open. The property owners live out of state so contact was made with them by phone and upon checking the residence it was determined that fishing equipment, fishing tackle and a cooler were missing. No arrests have been made but a suspect has been identified. The case remains under investigation. If you have any information please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Monday, July 23rd, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from Deerfield Road, in Stone Mill Creek, in reference to a suspicious person in someone's yard. The complainant was home alone with her two children and was becoming very concerned for their safety as the subject lingered outside the home. The suspect was described as a thin white male, wearing a gray shirt and riding a yellow three wheeled ATV. He had gotten off the ATV and was walking around the residence as if looking for something. As deputies were responding to the area, the complainant advised GCSO communications that the suspect had taken a wheel and tire from the property, placed it on the ATV, then left the area. Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell also responded to the area and were able to locate the suspect who was identified as Eugene Phillip Allen (31). Allen was driving a yellow three-wheeler with a car wheel on it so Allen was detained while Deputy V. Everett conferred with the victims. It was determined that Allen did not have permission to be on the property, nor did he have permission to take the wheel. Allen, who was identified by the victim, was placed under arrest for Trespassing on Property Other Than Structure or

Conveyance and Grand Theft. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Monday, July 23rd, Deputy Les Greenwood was dispatched to the Dead Lakes Park in reference to a missing flag off the flagpole near the park entrance. Upon inspection of the flagpole, it appeared that the rope had been cut. If you have any information about this case you are encouraged to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Tuesday, July 24th, Deputy Mike Manley responded to a report of a physical disturbance in the 2600 block of South Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. Deputy Manley arrived on scene and observed a white male pacing in the front yard of the residence and it appeared that he was very agitated. Deputy Manley identified him as Ronnie Ray Boone (59). Boone stated that he found a meth pipe on his property and that's what led him to become angry and confrontational with his girlfriend. The victim stated that Boone had jumped on her while she was sitting in a chair and violently shook her and held her down against her will by putting his hands on her shoulders, neck and face. The victim had minor injuries which were consistent with her report. Boone was placed under arrest and secured in the patrol car for transport to the Gulf County Detention Facility. While enroute to the booking facility Boone complained of a medical illness so EMS was called to treat Boone and transport him to the hospital. A deputy stayed with Boone at the hospital until he was released hours later. Boone was then transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was booked for Domestic Battery.

On Thursday, July 26th, Deputy A. White travelled to a construction site on Pebble Beach Avenue and arrested Richard Wesley Gates (51) and Christopher John Girscht (39) on warrants for petit theft. The warrants were the result of an investigation from a previous report of shoplifting at Scallop Cove. The two men were captured on video surveillance stealing flashlight. Deputy White investigated the theft and during his investigation both men admitted to stealing the flashlights.

On Thursday, July 26th, Deputy D. House was dispatched to Jim Rish Street in reference to a verbal disturbance. Upon arrival deputies learned that Johnny Jones "Jr" (30) had gotten into a verbal altercation with a subject at the residence. Deputy House tried to deescalate the situation but he could not reason with Jones because Jones' words were not making any sense. Jones' demeanor was hostile and belligerent so Deputy House requested additional units because it was apparent that Jones would need to be taken into protective custody. Deputy A. White, Deputy C. Harvey and Sgt. J. Williams arrived to assist but no one was able to calm Jones down or get him to cooperate. A conducted electronic weapon, commonly known as a Taser, was deployed to get Jones to comply but it was not effective. Deputies were able to get Jones restrained and he was transported to the Gulf County EMS Facility for evaluation. Jones was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement with Violence and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Jones was taken to a mental health facility on July 27th to be evaluated.

On Thursday, July 26th, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Bay Correctional Facility and transported Haley Elizabeth Kent (24) to the Gulf County Detention Facility on Gulf

County Warrants for Possession of a Stolen Credit Card and failing to appear in court on prior charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, July 28th, Deputy Les Greenwood was dispatched to Glennwood Street in reference to a request for assistance from Probation and Parole. Probation and Parole officers had conducted a home visit to the residence of Kimberly Rhames (46) and located narcotics during the visit. It was determined that marijuana was found and Rhames admitted the substance to be hers. Rhames was detained by Probation and Parole Officers upon the arrival of Deputy Greenwood. Rhames was charged with Violation of Probation and additionally charged by Deputy Greenwood with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, July 29th, Deputy V. Everett went to Catalpa Street in Wewahitchka and served a Writ of Attachment on John Floyd Deeson (46) for failure to pay child support. Deeson was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility by Sgt. Burkett.

On Sunday, July 29th, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on CR 386 near Shell Road. During the course of the traffic stop, it was revealed that the driver, Robert Louis Phillips (33) was in possession of a pipe used to smoke marijuana. Phillips was placed under arrest and charged with 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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