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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

On Monday, September 3rd, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the area of Seven Springs Subdivision in Wewahitchka in reference to a prowler. Deputy Desrosier contacted a white male, identified as Aaron Shane Whitehurst (34), as he was exiting a wooded area. Deputies searched a bag he was carrying and they found a used syringe, a glass smoking device that contained residue indicative of methamphetamine use, and a spoon with a crystalline substance on it that tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. As a result, Whitehurst was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Whitehurst was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Tuesday, September 4th, Joshua Andrew Lollie (27) was arrested at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office after turning himself in on a warrant for violation of probation. Lollie was on probation for felony battery. Deputy J. Page transported Lollie to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.

On Wednesday, September 5th, Deputy A. White arrested Tracy Leah Skipper (44) on Blossom Hill Road in Howard Creek on a Bay County warrant for violation of probation. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention facility.

On Wednesday, September 5th, Sgt. P. Williams observed a vehicle travelling South on 2nd St. in Wewahitchka with no tag displayed. Sgt. Williams initiated a traffic stop and the driver, Christopher Warnell Allen Hysmith (22) advised him that he had a suspended driver's license. Sgt. Williams confirmed this information through communications and Hysmith was placed under arrest and charged with knowingly driving with a suspended driver's license.

On Thursday, September 6th, Investigator S. Ferrell observed a vehicle travelling East on Stone Mill Creek Road with no license plate displayed. He conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Justin G. Love (45) and a passenger. During the course of the traffic stop, consent to search the vehicle was given from both occupants of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine along with syringes and a

glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. Love was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Love's driver's license was suspended so he was additionally charged with DWLSR. Love was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, September 6th, during a welfare check at a residence on Country Side Drive in Wewahitchka, Deputy A. White arrested Tasha Marie Randall (33), on a Writ of Bodily Attachment from Santa Rosa County for Failure to Pay Child Support. Randall was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Friday, September 7th, Sgt. P. Williams initiated a traffic stop on Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka on a vehicle pulling a trailer with no tail lights and no tag displayed. The driver, identified as Michael Matthew Yarrell (36), stated that he had a suspended driver's license. The suspension was verified through communications and Yarrell was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Friday, September 7th, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to Palmetto Drive in the Overstreet area in reference to a reported domestic disturbance. While on scene Deputy Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell learned that one of the subjects involved, Kevin Dewayne Clements (43), was a convicted felon and was possibly in possession of firearms. Deputies obtained consent to enter the home and search for the guns. Several firearms were located and seized. Clements was placed under arrest for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. No additional charges stemmed from the domestic disturbance report.

On Friday, September 7th, Bonnie Evon Hysmith (54) was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation at the Gulf County Sheriff's Substation in Wewahitchka. Hysmith was on probation for scheming to defraud, grand theft and exploiting the elderly. Hysmith was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.

On Friday, September 7th, Deputy T. Layfield transported Venteria Tyshone Porter (20) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Porter was on probation for Trespass and Criminal Mischief.

On Saturday, September 8th, Deputy M. Peek arrested James Norman Lassiter (36) on a Capias for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Lassiter was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

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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