



# **Gulf County Sheriff's Office**

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### **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

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On Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Deputy A. White was dispatched to the 400 block of Triton Street in Beacon Hill in reference to a report of two stolen bicycles. The bicycles, last seen on December 27<sup>th</sup>, were described as a GX7 Cruiser style bicycle, silver and black in color, with a luggage rack on the back and a BCA Margaritaville cruiser style bicycle, aqua/yellow in color with a yellow basket.

On Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Deputy G. Desrosier received a report of a stolen trailer from the 100 block of Ponce De Leon Street in St. Joe Beach. The trailer, which was parked on the shoulder of the road, was reported stolen when it was noticed missing on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup>. The trailer was described as a 2016, tandem axel, 18-foot Trailer World flatbed trailer, black in color. The trailer has double ramps with a broken ramp chain and a broken tail light.

On Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy M. Manley was assigned to investigate a report of a burglary at the Westside Baptist Church on West River Road in Wewahitchka. Someone had allegedly broken into a storage she behind the church and stole five (5) Poulan chain saws, one (1) circular saw, thirty (30) bottles of chain saw oil and eight (8) fishing rods and reels. The stolen goods were donated to the church by charity organizations.

On Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of CR 386 and Hwy 71. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Harvey obtained permission to search the vehicle for illegal narcotics. Deputy Harvey discovered some methamphetamine in the driver's wallet. The driver, who was identified as James Leonard Ostman (49), was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. A pipe used to ingest the methamphetamine was found in the vehicle's ashtray so Ostman was additionally charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell observed Amanda Lee Shipman (28) operating a motor vehicle on Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. Knowing that Shipman had an active warrant for her arrest for violation of probation, they conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Old Dairy Farm Road. Shipman was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

Shipman is on probation of Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling. Shipman was also operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license and because of prior driver's license violations, she is classified as a habitual traffic offender. She was charged with VOP and Felony Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

On Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. P. Williams was dispatched to the 200 block of Florida Avenue in reference to a physical disturbance. When Sgt. Williams arrived, all parties involved had disengaged. The belligerents were construction workers working on the house at the location. Sgt. Williams interviewed everyone involved and determined that Daniel Lloyd Curry (34) had grabbed a co-worker's wife by her arm and attempted to drag her down a stair case against her will. Curry was placed under arrest and charged with Battery.

On Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. P. Williams served an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on Michael Dean Ward (50) for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Trespassing. Ward was already incarcerated for unrelated charges.

On Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. P. Williams served an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on James C. Holden (20) for failure to pay child support.

On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Nicole Brock (36) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on two warrants for failing to appear in court on the charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Brock was transported from a detention facility in Georgia by a contract transport company.

On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Sheline was dispatched to the 600 block of Lake Grove Road in reference to a residential burglary. Deputy Sheline learned that while the homeowner was away for a few hours, someone had entered the residence through a broken window covered with plastic. The intruder stole multiple purses, a cell phone and a carton of Marlboro cigarettes.

On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Investigator S. Ferrell and Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Britt Avenue and Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was occupied by Diana Lindsay Thompson (37) and Ian Christian Bradford (37). During the course of the traffic stop, deputies noticed that Bradford had throwing knives secured on his hip. Bradford was asked to exit the vehicle and his knives were secured. While recovering another knife from Bradford's pocket, Inv. Ferrell found a pill bottle containing methamphetamine. A search of the vehicle ensued and methamphetamine and marijuana were found inside. It was determined that Thompson was the owner of the items found in the vehicle so she was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Marijuana. Bradford was also arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Deputy S. Sheline conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Gary Rowel Road. While conversing with the driver, who was identified as Fonda Lynn Chehardy (54), Deputy Sheline observed a beer bottle in a cupholder inside the vehicle.

Deputy Sheline obtained consent to search the vehicle and found a personal amount of methamphetamine inside of a pill crusher in the center console. Chehardy was placed under arrest 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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