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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

JANUARY 14, 2019 – JANUARY 27, 2019

On Monday, January 14, Deluty S. Sheline responded to Rich's IGA in Wewahitchka to take a report of a theft from the store. Management reported to Deputy Sheline that they had video surveillance of a subject stealing bottles of beer from the store. The suspect was identified and charges for the theft are pending.

On Monday, January 14, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to the 200 block of Sunset Drive in regards to a domestic disturbance. According to victim and witness statements, Jamie Michael Langford (43) accused his live-in girlfriend of stealing from him and proceed to grab her by the hair and drag her along the floor. The victim had some minor injuries which corroborated the statements. Langford was placed under arrest and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Tuesday, January 15, Deputy C. Kesterson was assigned to investigate a vehicle burglary on Johnson Lane in Wewahitchka. Sometime during the previous evening, a burglar went into someone's vehicle and stole a DeWalt Jigsaw, a DeWalt Sawzall and various hand tools.

On Tuesday, January 15, Sgt. D. Sanders and Deputy P. Young went to Craw Fish Cabin Street in Wewahitchka to locate a wanted person from Alabama. Deputies received information that Jeffery Fain Spearman (46) was wanted in Alabama for Felony Domestic Violence charges and that was living on Craw Fish Cabin Street. Spearman was located and apprehended. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he will be held, awaiting extradition to Alabama.

On Tuesday, January 15, School Resource Deputy D. Huggins received information regarding a 16-year-old Wewahitchka High School student smoking marijuana on campus. Deputy Huggins and school administrators found the student on campus and discovered that the student was in possession of marijuana. The student was charged with Possession of Marijuana, issued a notice to appear in court and released to the parents.

On Tuesday, January 15, Deputy G. Desrosier responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of North CR 386. It was reported that someone had entered into a home and

took an RCA television, \$300.00 in U.S. Currency and a vehicle battery. A Steel Magic utility trailer and a disabled Toyota truck was stolen from the residence as well. On January 17, Deputy J. Page was investigating the theft and located the stolen trailer at a residence in the 9000 block of Hwy 98. The person who was in possession of the trailer claimed that it was sold to him by a subject named Zach. The Toyota truck was recovered by Deputy Page on January 16, while responding to a verbal dispute near the intersection of Hwy 71 and CR 386. The people in possession of the truck seems to have procured the vehicle from the same person (Zach) who sold off the trailer. The case was turned over to Investigator John Murnan who was able to identify Zach as Zachary Argo McIntyre (30) from Georgia. McIntyre came to Gulf County as a relief worker, post Hurricane Michael. Inv. Murnan obtained warrants for McIntyre's arrest for Burglary, Grand Theft and Dealing in Stolen Property.

On Wednesday, January 16, Sgt. C. Sanders travelled to the Florida State Prison in Raiford, Florida, to pick up Jesse James Thompson (35) and transport him to Gulf County to be booked on a felony violation of probation warrant. Thompson was on probation for felony DWLSR.

On Wednesday, January 16, Deputy V. Everett responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Begonia Street in White City. Deputy Everett learned that a dispute had occurred between two neighbors over money. During Deputy Everett's investigation, he learned that Gary Jerome Jordan (51), who was intoxicated, walked to a neighbor's home and attacked the neighbor following a verbal altercation. A third party, who was at the victim's house during the attack, intervened and made Jordan disengage and go home. Jordan was placed under arrest for Battery.

On Friday, January 18, Deputy S. Sheline and Deputy P. Young executed an arrest warrant at a residence in the 10000 block of North Hwy 71 by arresting Darien Nathen Hutcheson (40). Hutcheson was wanted for failing to appear in court on the charge of Violation of Curfew During a State of Emergency.

On Monday, January 21, Deputy C. Harvey travelled to the Department of Corrections Northwest Florida Reception Center in Chipley to pick up Corey Squires (29) on a court order and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility to attend judicial proceedings. Squires was transported back to the Northwest Florida Reception Center by Sgt. C. Sanders on January 23, once the proceedings were complete.

On Monday, January 21, Deputy C. Harvey responded to a report of a burglary in the 6000 block of Americus Avenue. The victim stated that while he was reviewing video footage from his home security system, he noticed that on December 29, 2018, a brown in color, early 2000's model Ford F-150. Two white males attempted to steal the victim's golf cart but were unsuccessful. One of the white male suspects was identified by Deputy Harvey and burglary charges will be pending.

On Monday, January 21, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71, near the intersection of Foremost Drive. During the course of the traffic

stop, deputies identified a passenger as Robert Daniel Gray (36). Gray was found to be in possession of Alprazolam, which is a controlled substance. Gray, who could not produce a prescription for the medication, was placed under arrest and charged for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Tuesday, January 22, Kayleigh Bennett Kirsch (30), was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility by Deputy J. Page after Kirsch turned her self in on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, January 22, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Catalpa Street and Old Dairy Farm Road. As the vehicle came to a stop, a passenger exited the right side of the vehicle and began running. Deputies ordered the man to stop but he refused to do so. Inv. Ferrell chased the subject who was identified as Warren Mitchell Bowers (32) and took him into custody. While deputies were dealing with the Bowers, the driver of the vehicle, who was identified as Jeffrey Hunter (52) and had a warrant for his arrest, exited the vehicle and fled from the scene. Bowers was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Wednesday, January 23, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Osceola Avenue. Deputies identified a passenger in the vehicle as Jeffrey Hunter (52) and attempted to take him in to custody. Hunter resisted the arrest but would be taken into custody. Hunter was wanted for making false 911 calls, following an incident that occurred on December 3, 2018, where he called 911 and reported a false house fire. Hunter was also had active warrants for his arrest in Bay County.

On Wednesday, January 23, Deputy P. Young observed Kayla E. Hall (28) at a business in Wewahitchka near the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 22. Hall had an active warrant for her arrest for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Deputy Young took Hall in custody and she was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Wednesday, January 23, Sgt. C. Sanders transported an inmate from the Gulf County Detention Facility to the Washington County Correctional Institution following a transport order to bring the inmate before judicial proceedings. Sgt. Sanders also transported a released inmate from the Gulf County Detention Facility to a mental health facility in Bay County on a court order.

On Thursday, January 24, Sgt. C. Sanders transported an inmate from the Gulf County Detention Facility to the Franklin County Correctional Institution in Carrabelle, completing a transport order to bring the inmate before judicial proceedings in Gulf County.

On Thursday, January 24, Sgt. P. Williams responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Osceola Avenue in Wewahitchka. When he arrived in the area, he observed a vehicle circling the area and stopping in the road. Sgt. Williams conducted a traffic stop on the

vehicle to determine whether it was involved in the disturbance. The vehicle was being operated by Richard Lee Mullinax (66). The vehicle had three passengers, including Yolanda Ann Tucker (46). While speaking the occupants in the vehicle, Sgt. Williams could smell burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell arrived on scene to assist and a search of the vehicle ensued. Mullinax was found to be in possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and methamphetamine. Turner was found to be in possession of a controlled substance (Hydrocodone). Mullinax and Turner were placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

On Thursday, January 24, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Beeline Street and Presbyterian Street. Sgt. Williams identified the driver as Warren Mitchell Bowers (32) and determined that Bowers was driving with a suspended driver's license. Bowers was placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

On Friday, January 25, Paul Gregory Francis (72) was arrested by Investigator P. Baxley on warrants for Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling, two counts of Grand Theft and Attempted Burglary. Deputy C. Harvey charged Francis with Attempted Burglary after he and another subject were captured on video surveillance trying to steal a golf cart in St. Joe Beach. The Burglary and Grand Theft charges came as the result of a Port St. Joe Police investigation that led to a search warrant on Francis' property in at 3876 CR 386. During that search warrant, deputies identified property that was stolen from the St. Joe Beach area.

On Friday, January 25, Deputy J. Page responded to a report of an unknown disturbance in the 1800 block of South Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. When she arrived on scene, she observed a white male subject run onto the roadway in front of a dump truck. The truck had to stop to keep from hitting the white male who was identified as Rodney Michael Carman (52). Carman was engaged in a conflict with another subject on the side of the road. Deputy Page exited her vehicle and intervened to prevent a physical altercation. Carman, who was intoxicated and belligerent, resisted Deputy Page's attempt to deescalate the situation and swung his arms at her, only managing to hit her in her arm. Deputy Page gained control of Carman and placed him in handcuffs. Carman was charged with Disorderly Intoxication and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

On Friday, January 25, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Bay Avenue and Tupelo Street in Wewahitchka. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Peek deployed K-9 Brix to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle they had stopped. Brix alerted on the vehicle, indicating the presence of an odor of illegal narcotics. Deputies searched a back pack from inside the vehicle belonging to Darrell Larvon Vann (44), who was a passenger in the vehicle. The back pack contained approximately 7.8 grams of methamphetamine, two glass smoking device, two syringes and a set of digital scales. Vann was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Another passenger, Joseph Dale Garner (34), was also arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine after deputies found meth in his pocket.

On Friday, January 25, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on CR 386 near Borders Road. During the course of the traffic stop Deputy Peek deployed K-9 Brix to conduct an open-air sniff around the vehicle. Brix alerted, indicating the presence of an odor of illegal narcotics in the vehicle. Bobby Lynn Tipton (47), who was a passenger in the vehicle, was found to be in possession of a pipe with methamphetamine residue in it. The pipe was in his pocket. At Tipton's feet, where he was standing, was a small container containing methamphetamine. Underneath the seat Tipton was sitting in was a cloth pouch with drug ingestion pipes and other drug paraphernalia. Tipton was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Saturday, January 26, Deputy M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle On Hwy 71 near the intersection West Church Street. The driver, who was identified as Matthew Thomas Strickland (20), had active warrants for his arrest out of Oklahoma. The charges were extraditable so he was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Saturday, January 26, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of CR 386. The vehicle was occupied by Paul Gregory Francis (72), David John Dicho (54) and another subject. Dicho, who was driving the vehicle, had a suspended driver's license so he was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Francis, after giving permission to search his clothing, was found to have methamphetamine in his pocket. Francis was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sunday, January 27, Deputy V. Everett was dispatched to the 200 block of Neal Road in reference to a burglary. Deputy Everett learned that someone had removed breakers from the breaker box to cut power to the residence. A lock was cut off of a secondary structure and two weed eaters and a chain saw was taken.

On Sunday, January 27, Deputy Everett arrested Stephen James Moore (27) at the Gulf County Detention Facility after Moore turned himself in. Moore was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Dealing in Stolen Property.

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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