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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MARCH 18, 2019 – MARCH 24, 2019

On Monday, March 18, Sgt. L. Dickey concluded a grand theft investigation involving Howard Wayne Baldwin IV (25) from Washington County, Florida. Baldwin, on the behalf of Gator Bait Construction LLC, was hired in November of 2018 by a local in Gulf County to build a pole barn. Baldwin accepted partial payment and as of this date, has not begun construction and could not be found or contacted by the victim. Sgt. Dickey will be obtaining warrants for Baldwin's arrest for Grand Theft. Baldwin is currently incarcerated at the Washington County Jail on unrelated charges.

On Monday, March 18, Deputy V. Everett was dispatched to the Gulf County Health Department in regards to a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill being found. Employees with the Health Department discovered that a counterfeit bill had been passed and accepted as payment. Other counterfeit currency is likely to be circulating in the area so check and be sure that the note you are accepting is genuine.

On Monday, March 18, Sgt. C. Dixon travelled to the Calhoun County Correctional Institution to pick up Loomes Wheeler (75) on a transport order and bring him to Gulf County to attend judicial proceedings the following day. Wheeler was transported back to Calhoun C.I. after his proceedings were complete.

On Monday, March 18, Deputy C. Harvey responded to call on Hayes Avenue in reference to a phone scam. According to the complainant, he received a text message a day prior from "78876" stating that they were Red Cross and was asking if he needed assistance with Hurricane Michael relief. The text went ignored and on this day he received a phone call from (305) 644-1816 asking again if he needed relief. The person on the phone knew the complainants name and knew he had lost some property as a result of the storm. The person claiming to be with Red Cross then asked for the complaint's date of birth. Seeming suspicious of the phone call, the complainant began asking questions about the legitimacy of the phone call and the person hung up. Be aware of phone calls like this, ask questions and never give personal information over the phone.

On Tuesday, March 19, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled the Columbia County Correctional Institution to pick up William Harvey Sapp (33) on a transport order and deliver him to Gulf County to attend judicial proceedings.

On Tuesday, March 19, Sherry Ann Robinson (51) turned herself into the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested and booked on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Robinson was on probation for felony DWLSR.

On Wednesday, March 20, Deputy G. Desrosier travelled to the Bay County Jail to arrest David Shane Watts (27), who was being held on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of Methamphetamine. Watts was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and booked accordingly.

On Wednesday, March 20, Deputy A. White travelled to the Bay County to arrest Terry Lee Cooper (53), who was being held on a Gulf County warrant for failing to appear in court to answer to the charge of Breach of the Peace. Cooper was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and is being held without bond.

On Wednesday, March 20, Sgt. D. Sanders went to a residence on James Pitts Road to execute an arrest warrant on Bobby Lynn Tipton (47). Tipton was wanted for failing to appear in court on the charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Paraphernalia. Tipton was located and placed under arrest for the warrant.

On Thursday, March 21, Deputy P. Young travelled to the Calhoun County Jail to arrest Stephen Lee Stanley (25) on Gulf County warrants and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Stanley was wanted for Reckless Driving with Property Damage, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding with Property Damage, Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence, Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer (three counts) and Aggravated Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer (three counts). The charges against Stanley stemmed from a vehicle pursuit that occurred in Gulf County on February 18, 2019, and concluded in Calhoun County.

On Friday, March 22, Deputy M. Peek and Inv. S. Ferrell went to Rhodes Avenue in Wewahitchka to execute an arrest warrant on Zeikel P. Pitts (39). Pitts was wanted for failing to appear in court on the charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and No Vehicle Registration. Pitts was apprehended and is being held at the Gulf County Detention Facility without bond.

On Friday, March 22, Sgt. C. Dixon transported William H. Sapp (33) from the Gulf County Detention Facility to Columbia Correctional Institution in Lake City, Florida. Sapp was originally transported to Gulf County to attend judicial proceedings on a court order.

On Friday, March 22, Deputy C. Harvey went to Louise Avenue in Howard Creek and arrested Christopher Andrew Lee (33) on a warrant for Domestic Battery. The warrant was issued for Lee's arrest as a result of an investigation into a domestic violence report the Sheriff's Office received on March 19, 2019.

On Saturday, March 23, Sgt. C. Dixon and Sgt. R. Burkett responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Byrd Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputies learned that Bonnie Evon Hysmith (55) attacked another family member who resides with her. The victim's injuries were superficial and required no medical attention. Hysmith was placed under arrest and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Saturday, March 23, Deputy M. Peek and Inv. S. Ferrell were dispatched to Tupelo Street in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a disturbance. The disturbance involved Austin Richard Hysmith (33) of Wewahitchka. It was reported that Hysmith, who earlier in the day was reportedly threatening someone with a knife, was now threatening to shoot a neighbor. Hysmith was placed under arrest for Assault and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Saturday, March 23, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell observed Katie Elizabeth Stiles (25) riding a bicycle on Lake Grove Road. Stiles had an active warrant for her arrest for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Battery and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Deputies stopped Stiles and placed her under arrest.

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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