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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 17, 2019 – JUNE 23, 2019

On Monday, June 17, Dustin Keith Swain (33) was picked up from the Calhoun Correctional Institution and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Burglary of a Conveyance and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. The charges against Swain stem from a 2015 investigation by Deputy J. Williams. Swain had broken into a vehicle parked at a Windmark beach access and stole various items, including a credit card belonging to the victim, which he fraudulently used.

On Monday, June 17, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Hwy 22A in Wewahitchka. During the stop, investigators discovered that a passenger in the vehicle had methamphetamine and syringes. That passenger was identified as Shannon Marie Hudson (48) of Panama City, Florida. Hudson was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Monday, June 17, Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to a residence on Antiqua Drive to investigate a theft of a fishing rod and reel, a fishing reel in a box, pocket knife and a pair of tennis shoes. Deputy Goodman took another report of a theft on Antiqua Drive an hour later. From this residence, the suspect stole approximately fifty miniature bottles of alcohol and assorted snacks. Both residences showed no signs of forced entry.

On Wednesday, June 19, Deputy Manley responded to a report of a 911 hang-up call in Howard Creek. When he arrived, he met with the caller who reported a residential burglary. Nothing was stolen, but there were signs of forced entry and evidence that the intruder was injured. When investigators were contacted to respond to the scene, the victim declined an investigation be done.

On Wednesday, June 19, Steven David Shiver (58) turned himself over to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office to be arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Felony DWLS/R, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, June 20, Deputy K. Newell accompanied probation and parole officers to Jones Homestead to arrest Willie Edward Pelt (37) on a violation of probation warrant. Pelt was on probation for Grand Theft. Pelt was located and arrested.

On Thursday, June 20, Trake Alex Cobb (28) was transported from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. He was served and arrested on a warrant for Tampering with an Electronic Monitoring Device.

On Thursday, June 20, Sgt. R. Burkett and Deputy K. Newell responded to a report of an altercation in Howard Creek. The altercation involved Cassa McKenzie Gardner (33) and Michael Walter Arena Jr. (29). During the investigation, deputies learned that Gardner and Arena were both bound by pre-trial conditions to have no contact with each other. Both subjects were placed under arrest and charged with Violation of Pre-Trial Conditions. Gardner was also charged with Giving False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer after telling the deputies Arena was not living with her, which was proven false.

On Thursday, June 20, Deputy M. Manley responded to East River Road in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a physical disturbance. Jeffery A. Devine (56) was arrested and charged with Battery after evidence revealed he had hit someone in the face with his hand. The victim did not require medical attention.

On Thursday, June 20, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey arrested Shawn Bennett Wood (44) on Woodpark Drive on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Wood was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Friday, June 21, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to the Creek Stop Deli to investigate a report of a stolen vehicle. Deputy Desrosier reviewed the store's surveillance cameras and discovered that the vehicle in question was taken by an out of county tow company, who he later learned was acting off of a tow order. Deputy Desrosier discovered that the tow company took the wrong vehicle. The vehicle was returned to the complainant.

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