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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 24, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2019

On Monday, June 24, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for traveling 81 MPH in a 45 MPH speed zone on Hwy 71, south of Wewahitchka. As a result of the traffic stop, Timothy Charles Clark (23) and Austin Russell Ellard (22) were both arrested for Possession of Marijuana.

On Tuesday, June 25, Deputy M. Manley responded to a neighborhood dispute in regards to a debris fire being left unattended. One of the parties involved was identified as Darian Nathen Hutcheson (41). Hutcheson had an active warrant for his arrest for failing to appear in court on the original charge for Violation of Curfew Under State of Emergency. Hutcheson was placed under arrest and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Wednesday, June 26, Deputy V. Everett was dispatched to the Beacon Hill area to investigate a domestic battery report. Deputy Everett collected evidence indicating that a physical disturbance had taken place. The suspect was also identified and criminal charges are pending.

On Wednesday, June 26, Deputy S. Sheline responded to the Scallop Cove convenience store on Cape San Blas in regards to a retail theft. An unknown white male was captured on the store video surveillance stealing merchandise. Criminal charges will be filed once the suspect has been identified.

On Wednesday, June 26, Jill Marie Collins (48) was transported from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Trafficking a Controlled Substance, Possession of Prescription Drugs without a Prescription and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, June 27, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey stopped a vehicle at E. Church Street and S. 3rd Street for running a stop sign. The driver, who was identified as Kylie Deann Bush (20), had a suspended driver's license for failing to pay traffic fines. Bush was also wanted on a capias for failing to appear in court on a previous charge of DWLS/R.

Bush was taken into custody for the capias and was charged again with driving with a suspended driver's license.

On Thursday, June 27, Investigators C. Harvey and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic on a vehicle for speeding near the intersection of Hwy 71 and Britt Avenue. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy M. Peek came to the scene and deployed K-9 Brix to conduct an open-air sniff around the vehicle. Brix alerted, providing deputies with probable cause to search the vehicle. A search revealed multiple drug paraphernalia items, methamphetamine and a hydrocodone tablet. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle was identified as Todd Leander McNair (54). McNair was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Hydrocodone) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, June 27, Deputy M. Peek received information regarding an unregistered sexual predator in Gulf County. Chester Loran Kemp (54), a Sexual Predator out of Bay County, absconded from his probation and is now living in Gulf County. Kemp had an arrest warrant out of Bay County for Violation of Probation. Deputy Peek learned that Kemp was travelling in a vehicle which he located on Hwy 98 near Garrison Avenue. Deputy Peek stopped the vehicle and confirmed that Kemp was in it. Kemp first attempted to provide Deputy Peek with a false name, Deputy Peek was not fooled. Kemp was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was booked for Failing to Register as a Sexual Predator, Failing to Report Address Change, Failing to Report Vacating a Registered Address and Providing False Information to Law Enforcement.

On Thursday, June 27, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey arrested Sherry Ann Robinson (51) during a traffic stop on Pleasant Rest Road. Robinson had a warrant for her arrest for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Felony DWLS/R.

On Friday, June 28, Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to the Overstreet area to investigate a report of a domestic disturbance. The victim stated that during an altercation with a boyfriend, she was choked and her shirt was ripped off of her. Evidence existed to support the victim's statement so criminal charges will be pending.

On Friday, June 28, Investigators C. Harvey and S. Ferrell stopped a vehicle on Lake Alice Park Road in Wewahitchka for having an expired tag. The driver of the vehicle was identified as William Sherill Armstrong (44). Investigators learned that Armstrong knowingly did not have a valid driver's license. When they took Armstrong into custody, they found a personal amount of methamphetamine. Armstrong was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and booked for Possession of Methamphetamine and DWLS/R.

On Friday, June 28, Deputy V. Everett responded to the 600 block of Lake Grove Road in regards to an unknown disturbance. According to the complainant, he was giving a person a ride into town when all of a sudden, the person attacked him with a wood stick as they were travelling down the road. The complainant pulled over, the suspect exited the vehicle

and continued to attack the victim and then fled from the scene on foot. The suspect has been identified and an arrest warrant is being applied for.

On Friday, June 28, Deputy J. Page accompanied probation and parole officers to Pete's Road in Wewahitchka to served an arrest warrant on Ronald Leon Wilson (54). Wilson was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Felony DWLS/R. Wilson was located and arrested.

On Friday, June 28, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey executed an arrest warrant on Jehu Road in Wewahitchka by arresting Anthony Lee Turner (31) for Battery. The warrant was issued for Turner's arrest as a result of a report filed on May 5, 2019, where Deputy G. Desrosier investigated a physical altercation at Douglas Landing.

On Saturday, June 29, Deputy J. Page was dispatched to Hwy 22 Storage in reference to a burglary of a storage unit. It was reported that a complete bedroom set and other furniture items were stolen from a storage unit. No suspects have been developed at this time.

On Saturday, June 29, Deputy M. Manley was dispatched to a report of a physical disturbance on Woodbrook Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy Manley arrived on scene and encountered the victim, who had an injury to the face and was bleeding. The victim claimed she was punched in the face by a family member while they were traveling in a vehicle. Evidence existed which validated the victim's statement so the other party was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Saturday, June 29, Deputy M. Manley assisted Probation and Parole Officers in the arrest of a man wanted for Violation of Probation. Wayne Anthony Maitland (52) was arrested on Luke Ford Road in Wewahitchka.

On Sunday, June 30, Deputy J. Page responded to an unknown disturbance on Trout Avenue in Highland View. During the investigation into the disturbance, Deputy Page identified one of persons involved as Ashley Nicole Scruggs (32). Scruggs was disruptive during the incident and failed to cooperate during the investigation. Her behavior became disruptive to others in the vicinity not directly involved in the incident. Scruggs was placed under arrest and charged with Breach of Peace and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

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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