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76 GRAMS OF METH FOUND DURING SEARCH WARRANT

An illuminated "OPEN" sign couldn't help but be noticed by Gulf County Sheriff's Office Investigators as they visited a residence off of Fork Drive near Wewahitchka today. They were assisting Probation Officers with the Florida Department of Corrections on a visit to the residence of Ray Ellison Stripling, Jr. (47). Stripling is currently serving a 36-month probation sentence for Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer with Violence.

During the visit to Stripling's residence, probable cause was developed to obtain a search warrant. During the execution of the search warrant, investigators found approximately 76 grams of Methamphetamine, Oxycodone tablets, numerous syringes, baggies, a scale, and drug paraphernalia.

Stripling was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility, where he awaits First Appearance. He is charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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