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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

AUGUST 19, 2019 – AUGUST 25, 2019

On Monday, August 19, Michael Alan Strickland (42) was arrested on a warrant for Grand Theft and Criminal Mischief. Deputy J. Page conducted an investigation into a theft report on June 6, 2019, where Strickland was a suspected of stealing a firearm and a safe containing jewelry and approximately thirty-two hundred dollars in cash. The gun and jewelry were returned, along with the safe, which was damaged from being forced open. Based on the information Deputy Page obtained during her investigation, she was able to obtain the warrants for Strickland.

On Monday, August 19, GCSO deputies responded to Sea Pines Drive in St. Joe Beach in reference to a shooting incident. When deputies arrived, they encountered a male victim that had been shot with a gun. The victim later succumbed to his injuries. The ensuing investigation led to the identity of the shooter as Steven Michael Smith (34) and an accomplice, Destiny Jene Terry (44). Investigators had obtained enough information to arrest Terry for Principle to Murder in the early hours of Tuesday, August 20. On Tuesday night, Smith was located and when authorities attempted to apprehend him, he committed suicide with a firearm.

On Tuesday, August 20, Paula Faye Wilson (54) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a petit theft charge.

On Wednesday, August 20, Dominic Richard Demunck (20) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges for Possession of Marijuana and possession of a THC extract.

On Tuesday, August 20, Shelby Lynn Goss (30) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.

On Wednesday, August 21, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to Byrd Parker Drive, in Wewahitchka, in reference to subject on another person's property acting oddly and pouring gas on the victim's door to their residence. According the victim, Jeffrey Hunter (52) drove up to the victim's residence on a motorcycle and began beating on the side of the house with a piece of wood. The victim, who was outside of the home, asked Hunter what he was doing and he reportedly told the victim he was "hunkering down" and put his finger to his lips signaling the victim to be quiet as he continued to beat on the residence until he knocked the door knob off. Hunter, who was still on scene, was placed under arrest for Criminal Mischief. During the transport to the Gulf County Detention Facility, Hunter was still exhibiting signs of paranoia and delusions and ended up damaging the transport area of a GCSO patrol car. Hunter was charged again the following day for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Breach of the Peace, Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, August 22, Ray Ellison Stripling Jr. (47) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Stripling was on probation for Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Thursday, August 22, Deputy P. Williams was dispatched Tucker's One Stop in Dalkeith to investigate a theft of two cans of beer. The suspect was identified as Timothy Lamar Taunton (56). Deputy Young located Taunton away from the store, attempted to explain what was happened and that he needed Taunton to return to the store with him. Taunton was intoxicated and refused to cooperate with the deputy. Taunton was acting erratically and became belligerent. The deputy attempted to handcuff Taunton to keep him from becoming physically aggressive and a struggle ensued. Taunton was handcuffed and charged with Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. Charges for retail theft were declined by the store owner.

On Thursday, August 22, Sgt. P. Williams arrested Ronnie Ray Boone (60) on Pope Avenue for warrant for Disorderly Conduct and Exposure of Sexual Organs.

On Thursday, August 22, Kimberly Ann Clarkson (36) turned herself in a warrant for Cyber Stalking. The warrant stemmed from an investigation by Deputy D. Goodman that began on August 12, 2019. The victim in this case was receiving harassing and repetitive text messages from Clarkson. When asked stop, Clarkson refused and continued to send text messages. Clarkson was also arrested on warrant issued by the Port St. Joe Police Department following an investigation into an unrelated incident.

On Thursday, August 22, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop in Highland View on a vehicle being driven by Cresta Denise Morrison (42). Morrison was wanted on a warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Morrison was placed under arrest for the warrant and was found to be in possession of a syringe that tested positive for methamphetamine. The tag on the vehicle she drove was expired and she was issued a citation for DWLS/R. Morrison was charged with Possession

of Drug Paraphernalia and was issued citations for the driver's license and vehicle registration violations.

On Friday, August 23, Deputy M. Manley was assigned to investigate a credit card theft that in Oak Grove. The victim reported that he ordered a new credit card that was suppose to delivered to him in the mail, however, he never received the card. He confirmed that the card was delivered and began seeing charges to the new account. A suspect has been identified but no arrests have been at this time.

On Friday, August 23, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey executed an arrest warrant in the 3000 block of N. Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka by arresting Ryan Matthew McDonald (26). McDonald was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 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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