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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 – OCTOBER 6, 2019

On Monday, September 30, the GCSO travelled to the Florida State Prison (Raiford) to pick up David Jordan Dodson (31) and arrest him on a Gulf County warrant for failure to appear for court. Dodson failed to appear in court on charges of Theft of Utilities. Dodson was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Wednesday, October 2, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on Trout Avenue in Highland View. Investigators identified the driver of the vehicle as Samuel Adam Smith (33). As investigators approached the vehicle, they observed Smith throw a glass pipe out of the window. They learned that Smith did not have a valid driver's license so he was taken into custody. The pipe that was thrown from the window was recovered and contained methamphetamine residue. A search of the vehicle revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine. Smith was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and driving with a suspended driver's license.

On Wednesday, October 2, GCSO deputies responded to a report of a burglary on CR 386 in Overstreet. A citizen reported what appeared to be a burglary of a residence, providing suspect and vehicle information, which was relayed to other deputies to be on the lookout for. Deputy G. Desrosier located the suspect vehicle on Hwy 22 and stopped the vehicle west of the Bay/Gulf County line. During further investigation, they learned that the suspects were authorized to be at the residence where they were seen. One of the subjects was wanted on a warrant out of Baker County, Florida, so he was taken into custody and transported to the Bay County Jail.

On Wednesday, October 2, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop in Stone Mill Creek for operating on the roadway with an expired vehicle registration. Deputy Alday identified the driver as Scotty Lydell Messer (53) and revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. Also, the license plate that was displayed on the vehicle was not

registered to that vehicle. Messer was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R and Attaching Tag Not Assigned.

On Thursday, October 3, Deputy K. Newell responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked on a private dirt road off Hwy 71. Deputy Newell located the vehicle and identified the occupant as Andrea Rachell Hatcher (35). While Deputy Newell was speaking with Hatcher about why she was trespassing on private property, Investigator Ferrell noticed a baggie with what appeared to be methamphetamine located in plain view inside the vehicle. Subsequently, a search of the vehicle ensued and deputies confirmed that the substance in the baggie was methamphetamine. A glass smoking pipe was also found. Hatcher was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Trespassing.

On Friday, October 4, Investigators C. Harvey and S. Ferrell executed an arrest warrant on CR 386 by arresting Brandon Scott Felts (41). Felts was wanted for Domestic Battery following an incident reported to Deputy V. Everett on September 16, 2019.

On Friday, October 4, Scotty Lydell Messer (53) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Messer was on probation for Domestic Battery.

On Sunday, October 6, Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Laurelwood Street in Wewahitchka. Anthony Lee Turner (35) was seen by a citizen running down the street, chasing a vehicle with a liquor bottle in his hand. The citizen approached Turner to see if he was ok and Turner struck the man in the face with his fist. Turner attempted to attack the man again but the man thwarted Turner's attack with a wooden dowel rod. Turner was located and placed under arrest and charged with Battery and Disorderly Intoxication. While Turner was being taken into custody, Deputy Young found that Turner had methamphetamine in his pocket. Turner was also charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

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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