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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

OCTOBER 7, 2019 – OCTOBER 13, 2019

On Monday, October 7, Scotty Lydell Messer (53) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on warrants for Felony Battery and Battery on a Person 65 Years or Older. The charges stemmed from a Domestic Battery incident that was reported to the GCSO on September 15, 2019 and was investigated by Deputy S. Alday.

On Monday, October 7, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey arrested Jordan Lee Nickell (27) on Old Panama Hwy in Wewahitchka on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a DWLS/R charge.

On Monday, October 7, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Hwy 22 and Creamer Road. During the course of the traffic stop, investigators revealed that the driver, identified as Cheyenne Marie Holley (27), was in possession of methamphetamine, dextroamphetamine pills and a glass smoking pipe with meth residue in it. Holley was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Monday, October 7, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy B. McCorvey conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 at Britt Avenue. Deputies observed the passenger, identified as Elliot Edward Samples (65), digging around between the drivers seat and the passengers seat. Consent to search the car was obtained and Deputies found medication that was not prescribed to the driver, or the passenger. The medication was identified as morphine sulfate, which is a Schedule II narcotic. The medication was located in close proximity to the passenger. Samples was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Monday, October 7, Deputy S. Alday responded to a report of a theft on Little Creek Road in Wewahitchka. The victim reported that Halloween decorations were stolen from the property the evening prior.

On Tuesday, October 8, Anthony Lee Turner (35) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Turner was on probation for two counts of Battery.

On Tuesday, October 8, Investigators C. Harvey and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Cobia Avenue in Highland View. As a result of the traffic stop, they arrested Jimmie Dean Shores (49) on a Gulf County warrant for failure to appear in court on two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia charges and Possession of Marijuana.

On Tuesday, October 8, Sgt. P. Williams executed an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on Robert Steven Price (37). Price's arrest was the result of an investigation by Sgt. L. Dickey, which began on September 23, 2019. Price was charged with Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a Victim less than 12 Years Old.

On Wednesday, October 9, Investigators S. Ferrell and C. Harvey arrested Dana Marie Clark (42) on Audubon Lane in Wewahitchka. Clark was wanted for violation of probation on the original charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana and Violation of Curfew During a State of Emergency.

On Wednesday, October 9, GCSO deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka to investigate a "hit and run" vehicle accident. The suspect vehicle struck the traffic light control box at the intersection and drove away. Witnesses called the GCSO and provided a description of the vehicle and its' direction of travel. Deputy Young was able to locate the vehicle and contact the driver, who was identified as Rachel Diane Nelson (32). The vehicle had three passengers who were identified as Russell E. Brooks Sr. (62), Russell E. Brooks Jr. (34) and Marinda M. Chapman (32). During his investigation, Deputy Young learned that Russell Brooks Jr. had an active warrant out of Bay County, Florida. While he was checking the other occupants for warrants, he observed Russell Brooks Sr. kicking dirt on top of something, as if he was covering something up. Deputy Young approached Brooks Jr. and placed him under arrest for the warrant. While he was searching Brooks Jr., he observed an object in the dirt where Brooks' Sr. was kicking. Deputy Page recovered the item which was a white container that contained approximately 44 grams of methamphetamine. Brooks Sr. was placed under arrest and charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine. A search of the vehicle revealed a pipe with methamphetamine residue that belonged to Chapman. She was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The search also revealed a case with digital scales and jeweler baggies used to distribute the methamphetamine. Brooks Sr. was additionally charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The driver (Nelson) was arrested and charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Property Damage.

On Thursday, October 10, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Hwy 71 and Beatty Avenue in White City. The driver of the vehicle, Donnie Roy Waters

(52), had a suspended driver's license and was driving a vehicle that did not have the correct registration plate on it. Deputy Peek also learned that Waters had a warrant out of Bay County. Waters was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R and Attaching Tag Not Assigned.

On Thursday, October 10, the GCSO travelled to the Santa Rosa County Jail to pick up Howard Wayne Baldwin IV (26), who was being held on a Gulf County warrant for Contracting without a License.

On Thursday, October 10, Jonathan Mark Rustin (41) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Battery. The charge against Rustin resulted from a domestic disturbance that was reported to the GCSO on September 21, 2019. The incident, which occurred on Old Panama Hwy in Wewahitchka, was investigated by Sgt. C. Dixon.

On Friday, October 11, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy B. McCorvey conducted a traffic stop near the intersection Hwy 71 and Lake Grove Road. The vehicle was occupied by Denise Marie Baker (37) and a passenger, both from Michigan. During the course of the traffic stop, deputies obtained consent to search the vehicle. A search revealed methamphetamine, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) extract and drug paraphernalia. Baker was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of THC Extract and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The passenger in the vehicle had warrants out of Michigan but authorities in Michigan would not extradite so he was not arrested.

On Saturday, October 12, Deputy S. Alday attempted to stop silver Honda Civic for a traffic violation near the intersection of Osceola Avenue and 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. When Deputy Alday activated his emergency lights to signal the vehicle to pull over, the vehicle sped up, traveling south on 2nd Street. The vehicle turned east onto Lake Grove Road and accelerated to get away from Deputy Alday. Sgt. P. Williams, who was already on Lake Grove Road, was able to block the vehicle and get it to stop. The driver, who was identified as Kody Michael Martin (20), was placed under arrest and charged with Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement. Martin had in his possession a smoking device with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) so was additionally charged with Possession of THC Extract.

On Saturday, October 12, Deputy S. Sheline was assigned to investigate a report of a burglary that occurred on Our Town Road sometime between August 30, 2019 and October 12, 2019. During this time a shed was burglarized and several items were stolen, including a welder, air compressor, cordless drills and saws. The burglary remains under investigation.

On Saturday, October 12, Mitchell Wade Bowers (29) was arrested on a Gulf County warrant for Battery. The charge stems from a disturbance complaint on Caladium Drive in White City that was reported to the GCSO on October 9, 2019.

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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