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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

DECEMBER 9, 2019 – DECEMBER 15, 2019

On Monday, December 9, the GCSO executed an arrest warrant on Diana Lindsay Thompson (37), who turned herself in at the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.

On Monday, December 9, Investigators M. Manley and C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Stone Mill Creek Road and N. Diana Street. During the course of the traffic stop they learned that the driver, identified as Brandon G. Skipper (32), had a suspended driver's license. Skipper was arrested for DWLSR. Upon taking Skipper into custody, investigators revealed that Skipper was in possession of Hydrocodone, which he did not have a prescription for. Skipper was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Tuesday, December 10, the GCSO transported Ian Christian Bradford (37) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation. Bradford was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Tuesday, December 10, Deputy J. Page observed a suspicious vehicle parked behind the Goodwill store in Port St. Joe. Deputy Page approached the vehicle and found a white female in the dumpster behind the store, while another female was standing outside the dumpster. During Deputy Page's encounter with the females, she discovered that one of them, Shellie Elaine Wilson (42), was in possession of methamphetamine. Wilson was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, December 10, Investigators M. Manley and C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Squirrel Avenue and Bass Street in Howard Creek. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Arthur Denton McMaster III (57). During a records check, investigators discovered that McMaster was wanted on a warrant in Mississippi for

Possession of a Controlled Substance. McMaster was placed under arrest for the warrant and would await extradition back to Mississippi. During an inventory for the vehicle investigators found a personal amount of methamphetamine and numerous drug paraphernalia items such as smoking devices and straws for introducing narcotics through the nose. McMaster was subsequently charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, December 11, Deputy P. Young responded to a disturbance on Sailfish Street in Highland View. The landlord of a residence, Abdelhak Guemmaz (47), called 911 to request the GCSO to remove tenants from a residence he claimed to own. After explaining to Guemmaz that he would have to evict the tenants, he continued to call 911 after Deputy Young left. After being asked to contact the GCSO on a non-emergency line because he did not have an emergency, he continued to call 911 requesting that deputies evict his tenants. Deputy Young and two other deputies returned to where Guemmaz was located to arrest him for Misuse of an Emergency 911 System. Guemmez resisted arrest by fleeing from deputies but he was apprehended and charged with the misuse and Resisting LEO without Violence.

On Wednesday, December 11, Steven Morris Bennett (54) turned himself in at the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on warrants for Trespass, Malicious Land Burning and Criminal Mischief. The charges against Bennett stem from an incident reported to the GCSO on October 14, 2019, where Deputy J. Page investigated Bennett for trespassing on Deseret Ranch property and starting a fire.

On Wednesday, December 11, the GCSO transported Brandon Scott Felts (41) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Felts was wanted on a warrant for Criminal Mischief. The charge resulted from an incident reported to the GCSO on December 1, 2019, where Felts damaged another person's vehicle during a verbal altercation.

On Thursday, December 12, the GCSO transported Tyler Anderson Bowles (31) from the Calhoun County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, December 12, Deputy S. Alday stopped a vehicle for having an expired tag near the intersection of West Church Street and West River Road in Wewahitchka. The driver of the vehicle, identified as William Patrick Hall (52), had a suspended driver's license for failing to pay traffic fines. Hall was placed under arrest for DWLS/R. During a vehicle inventory, in preparation for impound, Deputy Alday revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine and a glass smoking device. Hall was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, December 12, Deputy B. McCorvey arrested Zeikel Paul Pitts (40) in the area of Hwy 71 and Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka. Pitts was wanted on a warrant for Violation of Community Control Probation. Pitts was on probation for Possession of a controlled Substance and Aggravated Battery.

On Friday, December 13, Deputy S. Alday stopped a vehicle on Hwy 71 near Midway Park Drive for having an expired vehicle registration. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Amesha Ann Broughton (38) who did not have a valid driver's license due to suspensions. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Alday and Sgt. P. Williams obtained probable cause to search the vehicle. A personal amount of methamphetamine belonging to Broughton was found. A passenger in the vehicle, identified as Mario Shanchez Faulk (39), was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine, three Alprazolam tablets and a set of digital scales. Broughton was arrested and charged with DWLS/R and Possession of Methamphetamine. Faulk was also arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, December 13, Deputy J. Page stopped a vehicle for speeding on Hwy 71 in White City. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Efriyn Luna (34). During a driver's license check, it was revealed that Luna did not have a valid driver's license. Luna was placed under arrest and charged with No Valid Driver's License.

On Friday, December 13, the GCSO transported Andrea Rachell Hatcher (35) from the Gadsden County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Hatcher was being held on a Gulf County warrant for violation of probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Saturday, December 14, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to Hwy 98 in St. Joe to investigate a vehicle crash. During his investigation he suspected the one of the driver's involved in the accident was intoxicated. That driver was identified as Summer Ann Campbell (38). Deputy Young performed field sobriety assessments on Campbell which she performed poorly. Campbell was placed under arrest and charged with DUI. Campbell refused to submit to a breath test to determine her blood alcohol level so she was charged with DUI Refusal.

On Saturday, December 14, Deputy P. Young stopped a vehicle for speeding on Hwy 98 in Windmark. When Deputy Young contacted the driver, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle. During a probable cause search, Deputy Young found approximately 142 grams of marijuana inside the glove compartment. The marijuana belonged to the driver, who was identified as Traderian Antwan Givens (18). Givens was placed under arrest and charged with felony Possession of Marijuana.

On Saturday, December 14, the GCSO arrested Michael Dee Harrell (49) on a Contempt of Court and Writ of Bodily Attachment for failure to pay child support.

On Sunday, December 15, Sgt. P. Williams was investigating drug activity on Freeman Rouse Road. GCSO narcotics investigators became involved and their investigation led them to residence on West Arm Drive in Wewahitchka. During a search on the property approximately 23.4 grams of methamphetamine was seized. The owner of the methamphetamine was identified as Allan Herbert Nelson (58). Nelson was placed under arrest and charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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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