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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

DECEMBER 17, 2019 – DECEMBER 29, 2019

On Monday, December 17, Deputy K. Newell responded to Grand Harbor Drive to investigate a report of a burglary. Multiple power tools and a turkey fryer were stolen from a residence. There was no evidence of a forced entry. It appears the suspect(s) already had access to the home. The burglary remains under investigation.

On Monday, December 17, the GCSO transported Joseph Roland Mason (38) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for Trafficking Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The warrant stemmed from a February, 2019, traffic crash investigated by Deputy S. Sheline. After Mason was transported to a medical facility Deputy Sheline revealed approximately 23 grams of methamphetamine inside his vehicle.

On Monday, December 17, Deputy B. McCorvey conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 South of White City. During the course of the traffic stop Deputy McCorvey learned that the vehicle was not registered. The driver, Damon Kyle Rink (34), was placed under arrest and charged for operating a vehicle with no registration.

On Tuesday, December 18, Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to investigate a disturbance on Mary Drive. As a result of the investigation William Shannon Knox (27) was placed under arrest and charged with Battery.

On Wednesday, December 19, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on West Church Street. During the stop, Sgt. Williams learned that one of the occupants was wanted in Liberty County, Florida. James William Harris (51) was placed under arrest and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Wednesday, December 19, Deputy V. Everett responded to the Family Dollar Store in Wewahitchka in reference to a vehicle burglary. The burglary involved a dispute over a dog. Jonathan Curtis Gates was accused of going into the victim's truck and taking a dog. The dog was proved to belong to the victim so charges against Gates are pending.

On Thursday, December 20, Deputy B. McCorvey responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Windmark Way. One of the suspects was identified as Terry Wayne Kelly (51). Kelly was found to be in possession of methamphetamine, Alprazolam, Hydrocodone, THC extract and drug paraphernalia. Kelly was placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

On Friday, December 20, Investigators C. Harvey and M. Manley conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Bass Street and Squirrel Avenue in Howard Creek. Investigators identified the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle as Steven Wayne Hilliard (47). During the course of the traffic stop investigators learned that Hilliard did not have a valid driver's license. While Hilliard was being placed under arrest, Inv. Harvey discovered approximately 115 grams of methamphetamine in Hilliard's waistband. During an inventory of the vehicle investigators found a set of digital scales, indicating Hilliard was distributing the meth. Hilliard was charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and DWLSR.

On Sunday, December 22, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East River Road and Pine Avenue in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was stopped because the driver, Terrence Antonio Cage (36), had a suspended driver's license. Deputy Alday had prior knowledge of that before the traffic stop. Cage was placed under arrest and charged with DWLSR.

On Sunday, December 22, Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant at Hayes Avenue by arresting Ricky Laurimore (53). Laurimore was wanted for failing to appear in court on a DWLSR charge. Laurimore was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Monday, December 23, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy B. McCorvey responded to Honey Hill Road in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a physical disturbance. Deputies learned that an argument erupted between the victim and a co-inhabitant. During the argument the suspect threatened the victim by putting a knife up to the victim's throat. A struggle ensued leading to the victim being cut on the hand. The suspect was identified as Jonathan Ray White (31). White fled from the scene when the victim was able to contact law enforcement. White was arrested on December 27th walking on the side of the road on CR 381.

On Monday, December 23, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy J. Page were dispatched to a verbal disturbance on Hwy 71 north of Five Points landfill. Witness reported seeing a man and woman fighting on the side of the road. During the fight, the man "head butted" the female, knocking her on the ground. Deputies found the female on the side of the road but the male party had left the scene. The victim was treated for her injuries. The suspect, Robert James Blair (49) was later found and arrested for Battery. Blair was also charged with DWLSR and Attaching License Plate Not Assigned.

On Monday, December 23, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to 7th Street in Wewahitchka to investigate a disturbance. The disturbance was a physical altercation among co-inhabitants. As a result of the investigation, Curtis Lavon Gray (54) was arrested and charged with Battery.

On Monday, December 24, Deputy D. Goodman responded to Palm Street in Red Bull Island to investigate possible trespassers. Deputy Goodman located the trespassers and identified one of them as Arthur Ernest Marlin Lanier (26). Lanier was wanted on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Person and Child Abuse. Lanier was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Tuesday, December 24, Deputy B. McCorvey stopped a vehicle for suspicion of DUI near the intersection of Ling Street and Grouper Avenue. The driver was identified as Raul Uribe-Perez (27). After smelling an odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from Perez, he was asked to perform field sobriety assessments, which he performed poorly. Perez was placed under arrest and charged with Driving Under the Influence.

On Tuesday, December 24, Deputy D. Goodman responded to a residence on Alabama Avenue to investigate a report of a suspicious person. Deputy Goodman located the subject and identified him as Darien Nathen Hutcheson (41). During a wanted persons check, Deputy Goodman learned that Hutcheson had an active warrant in Gulf County for failing to appear court on a trespassing charge. Hutcheson was placed under arrest and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, December 26, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Hwy 71 and Industrial Road. The driver was identified as Jonathan Edmond Stripling (41). Deputy Alday learned that Stripling had an active Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. Stripling also had a suspended driver's license. Stripling was placed under arrest. Probable cause to search the vehicle was gathered and a search revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine that belonged to Stripling and a passenger, identified as Candace Marie Stripling (37). Jonathan was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. During transport to the Gulf County Detention Facility, Jonathan stashed a baggie of approximately 28 grams of marijuana in the back seat of a patrol car so he was also charged with Possession of Marijuana and Tampering with Evidence. Candace was also charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Tampering with Evidence after she was found trying to discard a baggie of methamphetamine.

On Thursday, December 26, Sgt. P. Williams was assigned to investigate a physical disturbance that occurred on Colleen Street in Wewahitchka. The result of his investigation led to the arrest of Joshua Dell Thomas (37) for committing battery on another household member.

On Thursday, December 26, Sgt. L. Dickey arrested John Bradley Short (49) for Reckless Driving.

On Thursday, December 26, the GCSO transported Tatiana Nicole Davis from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for Violation of Community Control on the original charge of Grand Theft and Dealing in Stolen Property.

On Thursday, December 26, Deputy S. Alday, attempted to stop a vehicle on Hwy 71 near West River Road. The vehicle failed to stop and proceeded to flee toward Bay County. Deputy Alday learned that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Bay County so he pursued the vehicle. The pursuit entered Bay County and ended on Hwy 22 near Allanton Road. The driver, identified as Tyler Gregory Davis (26), was taken into custody by Bay County deputies.

On Friday, December 27, the GCSO arrested Jesse Alexander Jensen (22) at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Jensen was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance (x2).

On Friday, December 27, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Lake Grove Road near Crappie Drive. During the stop, Deputy Peek deployed K-9 Brix to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle ensued and a baggie of methamphetamine and a container with methamphetamine residue was found. The occupants of the vehicle, Christopher Allen Nelson (35) and Mary Elizabeth Morgan (37), were both arrested. Nelson was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Morgan was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, December 27, Deputy M. Peek responded to a report of a vehicle burglary on Cape San Blas Road at the "Stump Hole". The vehicle, belonging to beach goers, was parked along the side of the road when the suspect(s) broke a window out of the vehicle and stole a purse. Similar burglaries were reported in Franklin County and one in Port St. Joe.

On Saturday, December 28, Deputy M. Peek responded to a report of a vehicle trespassing on private property off of Freeman Rouse Road. When he arrived on scene, he encountered the vehicle leaving the area. He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle to investigate why the vehicle was on private property. Deputy Peek identified one of the occupants in the vehicle as Haylee Alyss Johnson (32). During his investigation, Johnson was found to be in possession of contraband. Johnson was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance (x2) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, December 28, Deputy J. Page was dispatched to a report of an attempted burglary on Trey's Lane in the area of Pleasant Rest Road. Someone had attempted to break into a camper. After failing to break in, the suspect(s) stole two propane tanks and the gas from the exterior of the trailer. No suspects have been identified.

On Sunday, December 29, Deputy D. Goodman responded to a physical disturbance on N. Patrick Street in Overstreet. The disturbance involved a physical altercation between co-inhabitants at a residence. As a result of the investigation, Bonnie Maybethal Bye (38) was arrested and charged with Battery and Aggravated Battery.

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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