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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 6, 2020 – JANUARY 12, 2020

On Monday, January 6, Brandon Ray Michael Evans (28) turning himself in at the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Evans was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine (two counts) and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

On Tuesday, January 7, the GCSO transported Penny Marie Ramos (32) and David Mitchell Rich Jr. (56) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Ramos was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Grand Theft. Rich was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Tuesday, January 7, Investigators C. Harvey and M. Manley conducted a traffic stop on N. Kim Avenue in Howard Creek. During the course of the traffic stop Deputy M. Peek deployed his K-9 "Brix" to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle. Brix alerted, giving investigators probable cause to search the vehicle. As a result of the search, deputies found a glass pipe containing methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Lennie Barjames Touchet (43), was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, January 7, Michael Walter Arena Jr. (29) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on two warrants for Felony Domestic Battery by Strangulation and Trespassing. The warrants stemmed from an incident investigated by Deputy B. McCorvey on November 24, 2019. Video footage was captured of Arena refusing to leave the victims property and then engaged in a physical altercation that involved him choking the victim.

On Wednesday, January 8, the Deputy G. Desrosier arrested Gary Allen Noah Roberts (42) in Wewahitchka on an Order of Contempt and Writ of Bodily Attachment.

On Wednesday, January 8, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98 near the intersection of Coronado Street in St. Joe Beach. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christopher Patrick Willis (19). During the stop, Willis was found to have a pipe in his pocket with methamphetamine residue in it. Willis was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, January 8, the GCSO transported James Bernard Clayton (48) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Clayton was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana and DWLS/R.

On Friday, January 10, the GCSO was dispatched to the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park in reference to a dead person that was found washed up on the shore. A kayak was found in close proximity with an ankle leash attached to the body's leg. The decedent was identified as Doyle Edward Strange (48) of Arkansas. FWC is leading the investigation as a possible boating accident.

On Sunday, January 12, Deputy P. Young was patrolling in White City when he observed a vehicle parked in the road on Hwy 71 near Beatty Avenue. Deputy Young stopped to investigate and found the vehicle running with the driver asleep with his foot on the brake. The vehicle's transmission was still in drive. Deputy Young couldn't wake the driver at first so he entered the vehicle to put it in park and turn it off. He eventually woke the driver who was identified as Jackson Ty Combs (24). During his encounter with Combs, he found that Combs had a glass pipe in his pocket with methamphetamine residue. In plain view, in the vehicle console area, was a plastic baggie with approximately 6 grams of methamphetamine. Combs was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, January 12, Ella Nora Lang (62) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on warrant for Violation of Probation. Lang was on probation for Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Facility.

On Sunday, January 12, Deputy J. Page was dispatched to Bill Nelson Road to investigate an unknown disturbance. The investigation led to the arrest of Steven Ike Collinsworth (48) for Battery.

On Sunday, January 12, the GCSO transported William Scott Bozeman (30) from the Washington County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court on the charge of Possession of a Firearm/Ammunition by a Convicted Felon.

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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