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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 13, 2020 – JANUARY 19, 2020

On Monday, January 13, the GCSO transported Cheyenne Marie Holley (28) and Bonnie Evon Hysmith (56) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Holley was wanted for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hysmith was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Depositing a Check with Intent to Defraud, Grand Theft and Exploitation of the Elderly.

On Tuesday, January 14, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Reid Avenue and Lake Alice Park Drive in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was being driven by Vertis Ray Hysmith (37). Hysmith was taken into custody for driving with a suspended driver's license. During a vehicle inventory Deputy Alday found a Pepsi can with a small baggie caught in the mouth of the can. Upon further inspection, he noticed what appeared to be methamphetamine in the baggie and floating in the soda can. The contents of the can tested positive for methamphetamine. Hysmith was additionally charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine.

On Tuesday, January 14, Deputy S. Alday responded to the 200 block of Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a theft. It was reported that two Frigidaire refrigerators were stolen along with a trail camera that was being used to overwatch the property. The theft remains under investigation.

On Tuesday, January 14, Investigators C. Harvey and M. Manley arrested Kelvin Lamar Green (42) as a result of a traffic stop on Williamsburg Road. Green was arrested for knowingly driving a vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

On Tuesday, January 14, Marci Ellen Giffen (40) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Giffen was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and DWLS/R.

On Tuesday, January 14, Reece Glendon Forehand (27) was arrested by Deputy Desrosier during an investigation into a disturbance on Ridge Road in Wewahitchka. Forehand, who was a party involved in the disturbance, was wanted for a violation of probation warrant. Forehand was on probation for Burglary, Grand Theft and Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Tuesday, January 14, Shelby Lynn Goss (31) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Goss was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Tuesday, January 14, Jackson Ty Combs (24) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Combs was on probation of Petit Theft.

On Wednesday, January 15, Sgt. S. Ferrell arrested Tierre Javazzia Ash (25) on Smith Road in Wewahitchka. Ash was wanted on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation. Ash was on probation for Resisting LEO with Violence.

On Thursday, January 16, Sgt. P. Williams was dispatched to a wooded area off of Nellie Whitfield Road in Howard Creek to investigate a trespassing and theft of lumber. Deseret Ranches (owner of the property) discovered where someone was cutting and stealing timber from their land. Suspects have been identified and criminal charges are pending.

On Thursday, January 16, Investigators C. Harvey and M. Manley arrested Jessica Marie Smiley (38) on Kemp Cemetery Road on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a DWLSR charge.

On Thursday, January 16, the GCSO received a call from Wewahitchka City Hall in regards to a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill being passed during a utility payment from a citizen. The person who passed the counterfeit bill has been identified and case remains under investigation.

On Thursday, January 16, the GCSO transported Joseph Bernard Edwards Jr. (31) from the Covington County Sheriff's Office in Alabama to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Edwards was wanted for failing to appear in court on a grand theft charge.

On Thursday, January 16, Sgt. P. Williams arrested Josie Whitfield Miller (35) on Rhodes Drive in Wewahitchka on a warrant for Petit Theft. The warrant was issued as a result of a theft reported on January 7, 2020, that occurred at the IGA. The theft was investigated by Deputy P. Young.

On Saturday, January 18, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98 near Good Morning Street. While conversing with the driver, who was identified as Benjamin Lasseter Hines (34), Deputy Alday detected an odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from inside the vehicle. After admitting to consuming alcohol, Hines was asked to perform field

sobriety assessments to determine if Hines was impaired. As a result of the assessments Deputy Alday determined that Hines was too impaired to be operating a motor vehicle. Hines was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence. Hines refused to submit to a breath test.

On Saturday, January 18, Deputy B. McCorvey arrested Jason Michael Hormuth (39) on N. Deer Avenue in Howard Creek. Hormuth was wanted on a warrant for Violation of Community Control. Hormuth was community control probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sunday, January 19, Jasmin Jermaine Thomas (42) was arrested on an Order of Contempt and Writ of Bodily Attachment for failing to pay child support.

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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