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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 – MARCH 1, 2020

On Tuesday, February 18, Investigator A. White arrested Roger Augustus Thomas (66) and charged him with Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a victim under 16 Years of age following a joint investigation with the Port St. Joe Police Department.

On Wednesday, February 19, Deputy P. Young conducted a traffic stop on Cockles Avenue. While conversing with the driver, who was identified as Gene Allen Porter (45), Deputy Young suspected that Porter was under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety assessments were administered and as a result of Porter's performance he was arrested and charged with DUI. Porter refused to submit to a breath test.

On Wednesday, February 19, Robert Charles House (50) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Animal Cruelty. House was already incarcerated on unrelated charges.

On Friday, February 21, Deputy D. Goodman responded to a physical disturbance on Our Town Road in Wewahitchka. Deputy Goodman learned that Scotty Lee Linton (43) was involved in physical altercation with two females. Linton was identified as the aggressor and was arrested on two counts of Battery.

On Saturday, February 22, Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to the 3000 block of Hwy 71 North to investigate a report of a physical disturbance. Ladora Lee Jillson (50) was arrested and charged with Battery after grabbing a man by the throat during an altercation.

On Saturday, February 22, the GCSO transported John Todd Nelson (47) from Houston County, Alabama, to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Nelson was being held in Houston County on a Gulf County warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Listed Chemicals.

On Sunday, February 23, Deputy P. Young arrested Stephanie Marie Coleman (41) for DUI following a traffic stop that occurred on Woodward Avenue in Port St. Joe. Coleman submitted to a breath test following her arrest, which resulted in a blood alcohol content level of .18.

On Sunday, February 23, the GCSO received a request for a welfare check on CR 386. When Deputy V. Everett and Sgt. Burkett arrived, they encountered Stephen Alan Brinkmeier (55), who had made statements to family members that he intended to harm himself. As deputies spoke with Brinkmeier in an effort to help him, he withdrew into his motor home and refused speak with anyone. He implied that he was armed with a pistol and that he would put law enforcement in a position to shoot him. Members of the Bay County Sheriff's Office and Port St. Joe Police Department arrived on scene to assist in resolving the situation. After a brief stand-off with law enforcement Brinkmeier surrendered himself to be taken into custody. He was then transported to a mental health facility for treatment. Brinkmeier is under sanctions of an active injunction for protection which prohibits him from possessing a firearm. The GCSO executed a search warrant for the motor home he was living in and seized three firearms and ammunition. A warrant was obtained for Brinkmeier's arrest for Violation of an Injunction. Brinkmeier surrendered himself to the GCSO on Wednesday, February 26.

On Monday, February 24, GCSO deputies executed three arrest warrants at a residence on Woodpark Drive by arresting Donna Ruth Bickerstaff (35), Kylie Deann Bush (21) and Jason Michael Hormuth (39). Bickerstaff was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Marijuana. Bush was wanted for failing to appear in court on two counts of DWLS/R and Hormuth was wanted for Violation of Community Control on the original charge of Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Monday, February 24, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy S. Alday executed an arrest warrant on Sesame Street in Wewahitchka by arresting John Joseph Kinney (41). Kinney was wanted for Battery which stemmed from an incident that occurred on McGlon Drive on January 7, 2020.

On Tuesday, February 25, Deputy B. McCorvey conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98 in Beacon Hill. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Salina Marie Harrison (39). It was discovered that Harrison's driver's license was suspended so she was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R.

On Tuesday, February 25, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98 in Highland View. The driver was identified as Alvin Kirkland Carter (36) from South Carolina. It was revealed that Carter had a suspended driver's license so he was placed under and charged with DWLS/R.

On Wednesday, February 26, Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a theft from a residence in the 9000 block of Auger Avenue. A Trek bicycle was stolen from under the carport. Later in the day, Deputies Young and J. Page recovered the stolen bicycle from a residence on Cockles Avenue. No suspects could be linked to the theft but the bicycle was returned to its owner.

On Wednesday, February 26, Paul Jock Causey (36) was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Causey was on probation for Grand Theft and Possession of Methamphetamine. Causey was already incarcerated at the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Wednesday, February 26, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on CR 386 near Roberts Landing Road. During the course of the traffic stop, a passenger was identified as having an active warrant for their arrest. Ashley Nicole Chadwick (26) was arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a charge for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, February 28, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy S. Alday arrested Arthur Ernest Marlin Lanier (26) at a residence on Woodpark Drive. Lanier was wanted on a warrant for Violation of Community Control. Lanier was on probation for Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Person and Child Abuse.

On Friday, February 28, Deputy G. Desrosier executed an arrest warrant on West Creekview Drive by arresting Estella Ann Luebe (45). Luebe was wanted on a warrant for Cyberstalking. In an incident reported to Deputy D. Goodman on February 23, 2020, Luebe was found to be responsible for sending electronic messages to someone via social media that were found to be harassing in nature.

On Saturday, February 29, Deputy S. Sheline responded to a report of a disturbance on Bea Bea Road in Wewahitchka. During her investigation, she learned that a physical altercation had occurred between Garrett Pate (19) and Stevie Danielle Reed (18), who both reside together. Both Pate and Reed were arrested and charged with Domestic Battery.

On Saturday, February 29, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98 near the intersection of 4th Street in Port St. Joe. Deputy Alday identified the driver as James Crafton Ford (53) of Tennessee. Port St. Joe Police Officer Ty Van Heerden arrived to assist Deputy Alay by deploying K-9 Pepper Jack to conduct a free air sniff of the vehicle. Pepper Jack alerted on the vehicle providing probable cause to search it. A search of the vehicle revealed personal amounts of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Ford also had a suspended driver's license. Ford was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and DWLS/R.

On Sunday, March 1, Sgt. S. Ferrell executed an arrest warrant on Charles Avenue in White City by arresting James Richmond Ard Jr. (36). Ard was wanted on a Gulf County warrant

for Violation of Community Control on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, March 1, Sgt. D. Sanders executed an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility by arresting Bryan George Gardner (50). Gardner was wanted for Grand Theft following an incident reported to Deputy K. Newell on January 4, 2020. Gardner was suspected of stealing approximately three thousand dollars worth of property from a family member he was living with.

On Sunday, March 1, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant on Avenue A by arresting Darnell Kentavious McCurdy (26). McCurdy was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. McCurdy also had an active warrant issued by the Port St. Joe Police Department for 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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