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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 11, 2020 - MAY 17, 2020

On Monday, May 11, Deputy B. McCorvey arrested Edward Garcia (58) on a Gulf County warrant for Battery. The warrant was issued for Garcia's arrest following an incident reported to the GCSO on March 28, 2020, where Garcia was involved in a physical altercation with a female acquaintance.

On Monday, May 11, Deputy B. McCorvey arrested Matthew Justin Summers (41) from a traffic stop in Port St. Joe. Summers was wanted on a warrant out of Jackson County, Florida.

On Tuesday, May 12, Investigators C. Harvey and M. Manley executed an arrest warrant on Turley Avenue in Howard Creek by arresting Sean Franklin Porras (43). Porras was wanted for violation of probation on the original charge of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, May 12, the GCSO transported Melissa Lynn Behee (61) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court on a charge for Worthless Check.

On Wednesday, May 13, the GCSO transported Joseph Gerald Causey (39) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Causey was wanted on a Gulf County warrant for Battery.

On Wednesday, May 13, Investigators M. Manley and C. Harvey, along with State Probation Officers, conducted a probationer check at a residence on Stone Mill Creek Road. Joshua Lee Easter (29) was arrested after officers revealed he was in possession of firearms, which violates conditions of his probation. The guns were seized and Easter was placed under arrest for Violation of Probation.

On Wednesday, May 13, Deputy S. Alday responded to a report of a burglary on Desoto Street in St. Joe Beach. The owner of a storage unit had left the unit door open and while away from the unit, someone burglarized it by stealing several power hand tools. During a canvass of the area, Deputy Alday identified a suspect and located some of the stolen goods and returned them to the victim. The GCSO Criminal Investigations Division was assigned to assist in the case, which remains under investigation. Criminal charges are pending.

On Wednesday, May 13, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant on Bozeman Circle by arresting Daniel Robert Gray (37). Gray was wanted for Felony Battery following an altercation that occurred on May 2, 2020, at Lands Landing Park.

On Wednesday, May 13, Deputy S. Alday executed an arrest warrant on Trout Avenue in Highland View by arresting Ashley Nicole Scruggs (32). Scruggs was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On Thursday, May 14, Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant in the 8000 block of CR 386 by arresting Terry Wayne Kelly Jr. (52). Kelly was wanted for failing to appear in court on four counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Thursday, May 14, Deputy G. Desrosier served an arrest warrant on N. Hwy 71 by arresting Linda Dianne Sides (67). Sides was wanted on two counts of violating an Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence.

On Friday, May 15, the GCSO received a report of a sexual battery. GCSO Criminal Investigations Division was assigned the case which involved two defendants (one adult and one juvenile) against two victims. At the conclusion of the investigation Chad Lavonne Gray (18) was charged with Lewd & Lascivious Battery on a victim between 12 and 16 years of age. The juvenile defendant was charged with Lewd & Lascivious Molestation on a victim between 12 and 16 years of age and Lewd & Lascivious Battery on a victim 12 to 16 years of age. Both defendants were located later in the evening and placed under arrest.

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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