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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

MAY 25, 2020 – MAY 31, 2020

On Monday, May 25, at approximately 1:45 AM, Deputy S. Alday noticed a man walking along Hwy 71 near the intersection of CR 386. Due to the late hour, Deputy Alday stopped to speak with the subject who was identified as Jason Anthony Upchurch (42). During the encounter, Deputy Alday obtained consent to search a backpack Upchurch was carrying. Deputy Alday found a syringe containing methamphetamine in the bag. Upchurch was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Monday, May 25, at approximately 3:53 AM, Sgt. S. Ferrell observed a white female walking along Hwy 71 near the intersection of Gaskin Side Camp road carrying a backpack. Sgt. Ferrell stopped to question the female who was identified as Felicia Marie McKenzie (29). During his encounter with McKenzie, Sgt. Ferrell obtained consent to search and found approximately 4 grams of methamphetamine in her backpack. McKenzie was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Tuesday, May 26, Deputy C. Kesterson arrested Jonathan Brian Peters (25) of Minnesota. In prior encounters with Peters, who was living on Wave Crest Lane in Cape San Blas, Deputy Kesterson discovered that Peters is a convicted felon who was required to register in Gulf County as a convicted felon. Peters was not registered so Deputy Kesterson obtained an arrest warrant, charging Peters with Failure to Register as a Convicted Felon.

On Tuesday, May 26, Deputy D. Goodman responded to Myers Road in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a violation of a no contact order. The outcome of the investigation led to the arrest of Joseph Gerald Causey (39). Causey violated conditions of his release from incarceration for a previous charge by being in contact with the victim of that previous charge.

On Wednesday, May 27, Deputy S. Sheline responded to Arrowhead Circle to investigate a report of a physical disturbance. Dustin Lee Schneiderman (35) was arrested and charged with Battery for slapping another member of the household in the face.

On Wednesday, May 27, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on CR 381 near the intersection of Hadden Drive for not having a registration plate. The driver was identified as Eugene Phillip Allen (33). Allen, who had already received three prior citations for the same offense, was placed under arrest and charged a fourth time with Failing to Register a Motor Vehicle.

On Wednesday, May 27, Deputy G. Desrosier executed an arrest warrant on E. River Road in Wewahitchka by arresting Warren Mitchell Bowers (33). Bowers was wanted for failing to appear in court on the original charge of Breach of the Peace.

On Wednesday, May 27, Blake Edward Harrelson (24) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Battery. Harrelson was already incarcerated for a new charge of Battery.

On Thursday, May 28, Jennifer Leanne Brown (40) turned herself in at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office to be arrested on a warrant for Petit Theft and Criminal Mischief. On May 23, 2020, Deputy B. McCorvey investigated a theft at the Sun Stop in Highland View. Brown was captured on video surveillance picking up a cell phone that was left on the checkout counter by another person. Brown took the phone from the store and went to Oak Grove where it was discarded in a wooded area. The phone was recovered and returned to its owner; however, it was damaged.

On Friday, May 29, Sgt. S. Ferrell and Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant on 3rd Street in Wewahitchka by arresting Vertis Ray Hysmith (37). Hysmith was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Trafficking Methamphetamine and Felony DWLS/R.

On Friday, May 29, Christia Leeann Johnson (26) turned herself in at the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Leaving the Scene of an Accident. The charge against Johnson is the result of an incident reported to the GCSO on May 14, 2020, where Johnson had struck another vehicle and failed to stop or report the accident.

On Sunday, May 31, Deputy P. Young arrested Ashley Michelle Cohran (32) while investigating a disturbance on S. Canal Drive. Cohran provided false information to law enforcement regarding her identity because she had an active warrant out of Bay County. Cohran was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

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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