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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JUNE 8, 2020 – JUNE 14, 2020

On Tuesday, June 9, Sgt. P. Williams executed an arrest warrant in the 6000 block of Hwy 71 by arresting Mary Leanne Modi (33). Modi was wanted for Contempt of Court and Writ of Bodily Attachment for failing to pay child support.

On Wednesday, June 10, Sgt. S. Ferrell responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Hwy 71 in Wewahitchka. During an argument with a subject, Michael Bryan McDaniel (39), grabbed the person on multiple occasions and threw them on the ground. McDaniel then took the wires from the power meter to the home, attached the wires to his truck, and used his truck to rip the power box off of the utility pole. McDaniel was placed under arrest and charged with Battery and Criminal Mischief.

On Wednesday, June 10, Deputy S. Sheline was assigned to investigate a theft of an automobile from Dead Lakes Drive. The victim allowed a friend to stay the night at her home and while asleep, the victim's guest stole her vehicle in the middle of the night. The following day, on June 11, the suspect, accompanied by Donnie Noah Whitfield (29) returned to the victim's home with the car but fled into a wooded area after a confrontation with the victim. Warrants are still pending against the auto theft suspect, but Whitfield was wanted on an out of county warrant for Violation of Probation for weapons offenses. Deputy G. Desrosier located Whitfield later after emerging from the woods. He was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, June 11, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to the Ace Hardware Store in Wewahitchka to investigate a retail theft. Two suspects were captured on the store video surveillance stealing goods from the store. Both suspects have been identified and criminal charges are pending.

On Thursday, June 11, Deputy S. Alday executed an arrest warrant on Charles Avenue in White City by arresting Donald Wade Harcus (42). Harcus was wanted on three counts of DWLS/R while causing serious injury or death. The charges against Harcus resulted from

a Port St. Joe Police investigation into a traffic accident that occurred on May 25, 2020, on Hwy 98 near the intersection of 14th Street in Port St. Joe.

On Friday, June 12, Investigator M. Manley observed a man laying under a deck in front of a residence on Victoria Avenue in Highland View. Inv. Manley contacted the man, who he later identified as James C. Ford Jr. (53), to ensure he was not having a medical emergency. Ford was ok but while conversing with Ford, Inv. Manley learned that Ford was wanted in Bay County on warrants for Burglary of a Dwelling and Grand Theft. Ford was taken into custody and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, June 12, Sgt. R. Burkett executed an arrest warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility by arresting Gery Berdett Williams (62). Williams was wanted for failing to appear in court on a charge for Driving with No Valid Driver's License.

On Saturday, June 13, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to Bozeman Trail in reference to a stolen boat and motor. Some time between May 30, 2020, and this day, a 12-foot aluminum boat, with a Tohatsu 25ph motor was stolen from this area. Any one with information regarding this theft is encouraged to contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Sunday, June 14, Deputy J. Page conducted a traffic stop on Burgess Creek Road on a vehicle for having an unregistered license plate. Driver, identified as Dennis Franklin Sullivan (67), did not have a valid driver's license and was classified as a habitual traffic offender. Sullivan was placed under arrest for DWLS/R (Habitual) and Operating an Unregistered Vehicle on the Roadway. While inventorying the vehicle, in preparation for impound, Deputy Page discovered approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine and a glass smoking device. Sullivan was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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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