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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

JUNE 21, 2020 – JULY 5, 2020

On Sunday, June 21, Sgt. S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Dead Lakes Drive in Wewahitchka. While conversing with the occupants of the vehicle, Sgt. Ferrell learned that one of the occupants, identified as Cody James Carter (29), was wanted out of Calhoun County for Violation of Probation. He also revealed that two other occupants, identified as Zachary Thomas Chambliss (29) and Jason M. Tufts (36), were in possession of narcotics. Chambliss was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Tufts was arrested and charged with Possession of Fentanyl and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Monday, June 22, Deputy P. Young responded to St. Joe Timber Port Road to investigate a report of a burglary. The victims reported a burglary of a camper and captured photo surveillance of the suspect who was later identified as Lenny Barjames Touchet (42). The following day, Touchet was located and arrested on Blossom Hill Road in Howard Creek and charged with Burglary.

On Monday, June 22, Deputy J. Page arrested Virginia N. Cooley (31) while conducting an escort to recover property from a home on Pridgeon Lane. Cooley repeatedly interfered with the person recovering the property after being warned by Deputy Page to stop. Cooley continued interfering so she was charged with Obstructing Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Tuesday, June 23, Deputy J. Page was assisting another deputy with a burglary investigation on Blossom Hill Road. During the investigation Brenna Christine Jewell (34) was detained in the back of Deputy Page's patrol car. While Jewell was in the car, she broke the inside door handle after repeatedly kicking it. Jewell was placed under arrest and charged with Criminal Mischief and Resisting without Violence.

On Tuesday, June 23, Sgt. P. Williams arrested Ian C. Bradford (38) in the 200 block of Woodbrook Drive. Bradford was wanted for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, June 23, Dewayne L. Johnson (40) was extradited from the Bay County Jail and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Johnson was wanted in Gulf County for the Sale of Crack Cocaine and the Sale of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a Church. The warrants and arrest of Johnson were the result of Operation Ice "Man" Down.

On Wednesday, June 24, Deputy S. Sheline responded to a residence on Burgess Creek Road in reference to a theft from a mail box. According to the U.S. Postal Service, the package was confirmed delivered and the resident learned that it was missing when they checked the mail. No suspects have been developed at this time.

On Wednesday, June 24, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. The driver of the vehicle, identified as Curtis L. Gray (55), did not have a valid driver's license so he was placed under arrest and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, June 26, Deputy D. Goodman was dispatched to a residence on Colleen Street to investigate a report of a domestic disturbance. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joshua Dell Thomas (37) for Battery.

On Friday, June 26, Deputy P. Young responded to the intersection of Hwy 98 and Atlantic Street in reference to a motorcycle accident. While investigating the report of the crash, Deputy Young learned that the driver was under the influence. The driver, identified as James Audren Wagner (58), was found to be in possession of three baggies of methamphetamine and a pipe used to ingest methamphetamine. Wagner was charged with DUI, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and Operating a Motorcycle with No Endorsement.

On Sunday, June 28, Investigator A. White responded to Gaskin Park in reference to a burglary of a houseboat. The victim reported that his houseboat was missing from its original location and was located a couple miles downriver, and was secured with new lashings. The victim discovered that his houseboat was burglarized with several items missing. The burglary remains under investigation.

On Saturday, June 28, Deputy J. Page arrested James M. Bracewell (61) in the 1100 block of Vann Drive. Bracewell was wanted for a Violation of an Injunction for Protection. The warrant was the result of an investigation into a complaint received by the GCSO. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Monday, June 29, Deputy S. Alday, conducted a traffic stop on Robert's Cemetery Road in Wewahitchka. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Alday was given consent by the driver to search the vehicle. A search revealed a small amount of methamphetamine and a smoking device used to ingest methamphetamine. The driver, identified as Ryan Scott Combs (37), was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of drug Paraphernalia.

On Monday, June 29, Deputy B. McCorvey conducted a traffic stop on Amy Circle in Wewahitchka. The driver, identified as Demetrice Leshawn Jones (31), had a suspended driver's license so he was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R. During a vehicle inventory Deputy McCorvey found a razor blade with cocaine residue on it and a small baggie containing methamphetamine. Jones was additionally charged with Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, June 30, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Rutherford Street on a vehicle for not having a vehicle tag. The driver, identified as Douglas Lynn Pelt (53), was placed under arrest and charged with Failing to Register a Motor Vehicle and Resisting Arrest without Violence.

On Tuesday, June 30, Deputy S. Alday responded to a report of a retail theft at the Family Dollar Store in Wewahitchka. Carrie Joy Watts (35) was caught by store staff attempting to steal Ben and Jerry's Strawberry Cheese Cake ice cream, a pack of plastic spoons and a pack of dark chocolate Piroulines. Watts was placed under arrest and charged with Petit Theft.

On Thursday, July 2, Deputy P. Young arrested and served Lennie B. Touchet (42) with a warrant for Violation of Probation at the Gulf County Detention Facility. Touchet was already incarcerated. He is on probation for two counts of Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Thursday, July 2, Deputy P. Young responded to a report of a physical disturbance on South Dianna Street in Stone Mill Creek. Timothy Joseph Priest Jr. (33) and Amy Lynn Williamson (29), who reside together, were engaged in the altercation. As a result of the investigation both subjects were placed under arrest. Priest was charged with Domestic Battery by Strangulation and Williamson was charged with Domestic Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

On July 2, Deputy D. Goodman arrested Christopher T. Yakkey (26) on Smith Road. The GCSO held an active warrant for Criminal Mischief. The charges resulted from a complaint filed on June 19 in the 900 block of County Road 381. Yakkey was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Thursday, July 2, Deputy P. Young and Gulf EMS responded to the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka in reference to a possible drug overdose inside the store. While EMS was treating the patient, who was revived with NARCAN, Deputy Young encountered a female companion who was with the patient. Her name was Brianna Jane Jenkins (25). While speaking with Jenkins, Deputy Young grew suspicious that Jenkins was on narcotics. After providing consent to search the vehicle she was traveling in, Deputy Young revealed a syringe containing liquid that tested positive for methamphetamine and spoon used for injecting heroin. Jenkins was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Heroin and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Friday, July 3, Sgt. P. Williams was dispatched to a residence in Port St. Joe to investigate a report of a burglary involving an attempted sexual battery. According to the victim, a male followed her home and forced his way into her residence. The suspect then forced her to the ground and attempted to rape her. During a fight to defend herself, the victim was able to get a pair of scissors and stab the suspect in the back of the head. The suspect fled the scene, leaving behind a flip flop style sandal and blood. At approximately the same time, the Port St. Joe Police received a call to Sacred Heart Hospital to investigate a male subject who was being treated with an injury to the back of his head. This subject matched the victim's description of the assailant who assaulted her, and he was also missing a flip flop style sandal, which matched the one left at the scene. The suspect was a sixteen-year-old juvenile. He was wearing an ankle monitor as the result of being released from incarceration for a similar sex crime. The subject was placed under arrest and charged with Attempted Sexual Battery and Burglary involving a Battery.

On Friday, July 3, Sgt. S. Ferrell arrested Jimmy Hammond (31) in the 200 block of McGlon Drive. Hammond was wanted Grand Theft. The warrant was the result of an investigation, conducted by Deputy V. Everett, into the theft of an outboard motor that occurred on around June 14th in the 500 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Wewahitchka. Hammond was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Saturday, July 4, Deputy B. McCorvey and Sgt. S. Ferrell responded to the Ace Hardware in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a theft. Paul Gregory Francis (73) was captured stealing merchandise on the stores video surveillance system. Francis was still on scene so he was placed under arrest and charged with Petit Theft.

On Saturday, July 4, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 22, near the intersection of Old Panama Hwy. During the traffic stop, Deputy Alday revealed that the driver, Kaitlyn Sara Gunnells (28), had a suspended driver's license. Gunnells was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R. Due to her driving history she was charged with Felony DWLS/R.

On Saturday, July 4, Deputy B. McCorvey arrested Xavier F. Bateman (21) in the 1100 block of Garrison Avenue. Bateman was wanted on felony warrants secured by the Port St. Joe Police Department for three counts of Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance

and one count of Grand Theft. Bateman was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Sunday, July 5, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 98, near Santa Anna Street, for a vehicle not having a license plate attached. The vehicle was occupied by the driver and two passengers, identified as Amanda Grace Stivers (35) and Ashley Ann Brown (36), both from Georgia. Initially Stivers and Brown provided Deputy Alday with false names because they thought they were wanted in Georgia. Once Deputy Alday obtained their legitimate identities, he learned that Stivers was wanted out of Atlanta, Georgia, with full extradition. During a probable cause search of the vehicle, Deputy Alday revealed that Brown was in possession of methamphetamine and Alprazolam. Brown was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Providing False Name to Law Enforcement. Stivers was arrested on the Georgia warrant and was additionally charged with Providing False Name to Law Enforcement.

On Sunday, July 5, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of West River Road. During the course of the traffic stop, consent to search the vehicle was provided by the driver. A search of the vehicle revealed a small baggie containing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia such a glass smoking device and a digital scale. The contraband items belonged to a passenger in the vehicle identified as Jonathan Lamar Sims (45). Sims was placed under arrest and 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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