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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JULY 20, 2020 – JULY 26, 2020

On Monday, July 20, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Lightkeepers Drive and Hwy 98. During a driver's license status check of the driver, who was identified as Christopher Eugene Cobart (45), Sgt. Williams learned that Cobart was wanted on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court. While taking Cobart in custody, Deputy M. Peek revealed that Cobart had methamphetamine hidden in his wallet. Cobart was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On July 20, Xavier Floyd Bateman (21) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Bateman was on probation for three counts of Burglary and Obstructing a Criminal Investigation.

On Wednesday, July 22, Amanda Lee Shipman (29) turned herself in at the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Burglary and Grand Theft. The charges against Shipman resulted from an investigation began by Investigator J. Murnan and Investigator Manley on October 23, 2019. The investigation revealed that Shipman burglarized a boat shed on CR 381 and stole a boat and motor, along with pressure washer. The stolen boat and motor were located by Deputy J. Page in Stone Mill Creek on November 25, 2019.

On Thursday, July 23, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of First Street and Woodward Avenue in Port St. Joe. Jeffrey Paul Schlafke (51) was identified as the driver and it was revealed that Schlafke had a suspended driver's license. While taking Schlafke in to custody, Deputy Alday found a small baggie containing cocaine in Schlafke's pocket. Schlafke was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and charged with Possession of Cocaine and DWLS/R.

On July 23, Deputy B. McCorvey responded to a report of a burglary on East Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. The suspect broke through a glass door with a brick, entered the residence, and plundered through the inside without taking anything. However, a

box of Legos was stolen from the garage. The residence was equipped with a video surveillance system which captured footage of the suspect. Deputy McCorvey was able to identify the suspect who was a juvenile white male. Deputy McCorvey located and obtained a confession from the suspect and recovered the Legos. The juvenile suspect was placed under arrest and charged with Burglary and Criminal Mischief.

On Saturday, July 25, Deputy B. McCorvey executed an arrest warrant on Fork Drive in the Overstreet area by arresting Raegan Denae Davis (19). Davis' warrant was for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Battery, No Valid Driver's License, Attaching Tag Not Assigned and DWLS/R.

On July 25, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Hwy 71 and West Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. While conversing with the driver, who was identified as Chaz Benjamin Whitten (29), Deputy Alday observed two firearms in plain view. When questioned about the guns Whitten claimed they were his. An active domestic violence injunction prohibited Whitten from possessing firearms. He was taken into custody and charged with Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction. Deputy Alday also found Whitten to be in possession of methamphetamine and he was charged accordingly.

On July 25, Deputy B. McCorvey and Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Church Street in Wewahitchka. During the traffic stop deputies revealed that the driver, who was identified as Amber Sioux Nugent (28), was in possession of a glass smoking pipe with methamphetamine residue inside it. Nugent was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On July 25, Deputy B. McCorvey and Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on a bicycle on Long Avenue in Port St. Joe. The man operating the bicycle was identified as Nicholas Arron McLendon (28). While conversing with McLendon, the deputies found that McLendon was in possession of methamphetamine and a spoon with methamphetamine residue on it. McLendon was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, July 26, Deputy M. Peek responded to Angel Fish Street to investigate a report of a physical disturbance involving a man and woman. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Louis Edward Lindsey, Jr., (48). Lindsey was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and charged with 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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