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## **GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

AUGUST 10, 2020 – AUGUST 16, 2020

On Monday, August 10, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Texas Street in Wewahitchka. The driver was identified as Jamie Leigh Norris (43). During the course of the traffic stop, consent to search the vehicle was given to Deputy Alday, who subsequently revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine in the driver's wallet. During the search, while Norris was standing outside of her vehicle, she attempted to discard a glass pipe used to ingest methamphetamine, but it was recovered by Deputy Alday. Norris was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Norris was also charged with DWLS/R after learning that her driver's license was suspended.

On Tuesday, August 11, Investigators M. Manley and C. Harvey conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Britt Avenue. While conversing with the driver, who was identified as Michael Duane Hess (42), investigators developed probable cause to search the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 125 grams of marijuana, a digital scale and smoking devices containing THC oil. Hess was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana (Felony), Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, August 11, Sgt. P. Williams executed an arrest warrant on Old Panama Hwy by arresting Cody Duanne Harrelson (26) for Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement. The warrant resulted from a traffic stop on August 11, where Harrelson left the scene of the stop on his bicycle. Harrelson was ordered to stop but refused.

On Tuesday, August 11, at approximately 12:16 AM, Deputy S. Alday, conducted a traffic stop on bicycle on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Johnson Lane. The bicyclist was identified as David Lee Griffin (41). While conversing with Griffin, Deputy Alday revealed that Griffin was in possession of a small baggie of methamphetamine. Griffin was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Thursday, August 13, Michael Matthew Yarrell (38) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a warrant for violation of probation. Yarrell was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement, Felony DWLS/R and Obstructing a Criminal Investigation.

On Friday, August 14, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Hwy 71 and CR 381A. Deputy Alday stopped the vehicle because he knew the driver, identified as William Ray Raker (34), did not have a valid driver's license. During the course of the stop, Deputy Alday obtained consent to the search the vehicle, which revealed a small amount of methamphetamine in a backpack belonging to Raker. Raker was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and DWLS/R.

On Sunday, August 16, K-9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Doc Whitfield Road. During the stop, Deputy Peek and Deputy Alday revealed that the driver, Jimmy Dean Shores (50), was in possession of a glass pipe with methamphetamine inside. Shores was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Sunday, August 16, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of 2nd Street and Chipola Avenue for not having a license plate. The driver was identified as Eugene Phillip Allen (34) and was placed under arrest for Failing to Register a Motor Vehicle. While inventorying the vehicle for impound, Deputy Alday found a small plastic baggie containing methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Allen was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

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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