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GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

AUGUST 24, 2020 – AUGUST 30, 2020

On Monday, August 24, Deputy S. Alday responded to reports of an intoxicated person causing a disturbance in the roadway on Cape San Blas Road near the intersection of Cape Isle Drive. When he arrived on scene, he found a white male laying on the shoulder of the road. Next to him was a bottle of rum. The man was making incoherent sounds and shouting at cars as they passed. Deputy Alday identified the man as Stormy Sutton (39) of East Moline, Illinois. Sutton was placed under arrest and charged with Disorderly Intoxication.

On Monday, August 24, Deputy B. McCorvey responded to a report of a physical disturbance on Body Street in Wewahitchka. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Joseph Dale Garner (35) for hitting a female in the mouth with his fist. When the victim attempted to contact law enforcement, Garner took the phone from her so she couldn't call for help. Ultimately, the victim was able to contact law enforcement. Garner was charged with Battery and Tampering with a Victim by preventing the report of a crime. Garner was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Tuesday, August 25, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Old Dairy Farm Road. Daniel Robert Gray (38) was identified as the driver of the vehicle and it was learned that Gray had a suspended driver's license. Gray was placed under arrest and charged with DWLS/R.

On Thursday, August 26, Deputy J. Page responded to a report of trespassers on Marlin Street in Highland View. Julio Roberto Lopez (26) and Rigoberto Castillo (27) were both arrested for trespassing while harvesting saw palmetto berries without the property owner's permission.

On Sunday, August 30, Deputy S. Alday conducted a traffic stop on a bicycle on Hwy 71 near the intersection of Woodward Avenue. While speaking with the driver of the bicycle, who was identified as Charles Edward Peterson (62), Deputy Alday suspected that he was intoxicated. Peterson was asked to participate in field sobriety assessments which he

performed poorly. Peterson stated that he had consumed eight to ten malt liquor drinks and that on a scale of one to ten, ten being passed out drunk, he was an eight. Peterson was placed under arrest and charged with DUI.

On Sunday, August 30, Sgt. S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Creamer Road and Old Panama Hwy in Wewahitchka. When the vehicle came to a stop, Sgt. Ferrell observed the passenger dropping a cigarette pack outside of the window. The passenger was identified as Scotty Lydell Messer (53). Sgt. Ferrell picked up the cigarette pack that Messer dropped, looked inside it and revealed a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine. Messer was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Tampering with Evidence.

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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