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CAPE SAN BLAS BURGLARY SUSPECT IDENTIFIED AND CHARGED

Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) Investigators have identified and obtained warrants for the man responsible for six residential burglaries on Cape San Blas. The initial report was filed with the GCSO on August 21 after a resident determined a cooler was stolen from underneath their carport. Video surveillance captured the offense and was provided to deputies. The video revealed the suspect and the vehicle used to commit the crime.

After posting a snapshot of the video to social media and requesting the public's assistance, investigators received a tip that led them to Kevin Morris Schoelles (36) of Apalachicola. The following day the Franklin County Sheriff's Office stopped Schoelles while he was driving the vehicle used in the burglaries and subsequently arrested him on unrelated charges.

During the investigation, several other burglaries/thefts were uncovered that the GCSO had not received a report of. Those additional cases were confirmed, and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office assisted GCSO investigators by securing and executing a search warrant on a residence in their jurisdiction. The search warrant resulted in the recovery of some of the stolen property.

The GCSO has obtained warrants for Schoelles charging him with six counts of Burglary, four counts of Grand Theft, one count of Trespassing and Petit Theft. He remains incarcerated at the Franklin County Jail.

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