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# WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TWO WEEK REPORT WOOD COUNTY, TX

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### May 4

Deputy Cooper initiated a traffic stop on FM 778. After observing the vehicle to have expired registration, Deputy Cooper attempted to pull the vehicle over which refused to stop for 2 miles. As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver performed a wide turn into the driveway attempting to block the officers view of the driver removing items from the vehicle. Upon the vehicle pulling into the driveway, Deputy Cooper detected the odor of burnt marijuana inside of the vehicle. Deputy Cooper located baggies containing crystal like substance in the driveway near the vehicle. After a probable cause search of the vehicle, Deputy Cooper located a glass pipe with residue and a bag matching the ones found on the driveway that contained residue. Michael Robbins, 61, of Jacksonville, Texas, was arrested for possession of controlled substance and evading arrest.

Sgt Cox was dispatched to a criminal trespass on County Road 1947. The caller advised he found his neighbor on his property when he got home and he asked her to leave which she did. The caller advised this was not the first time he caught his neighbor on his property and he would like her criminally trespassed from the property. The neighbor was located and given a criminal trespass.

Deputy Williams responded to a theft call on FM 2966. The complainant advised someone had broken into a shed on his rental property and stole multiple items out of it. The complainant had no known suspects at the time of the report. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Rapp responded to a suicidal subject on FM 1799. Upon arrival, EMS was able to transport the individual to Quitman ER.

Deputy Kovic was dispatched to an animal bite on County Road 1660. Deputy Kovic made contact with the dog owner who stated the dog was too young to get the needed vaccines. After confirming the dog was old enough for the



vaccines, the dog owner was notified to get the proper vaccines and quarantine the dog.

Deputy Rapp was dispatched to a disturbance on Hwy 154. The victim advised while he was attempting to check on his child, his girlfriends mother began confronting him. A male subject on scene attempted to calm him down but they began to wrestle with one another. None of the parties wished to pursue charges and they were all separated.

Deputy Rapp took a phone report of harassment. The caller advised her boyfriend's ex-wife has attempted to text her multiple times in the past and she has tried to block her several times. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputies responded to 4 animal calls, 2 agency assists, and 1 transport.

### **May 5**

Sgt Skinner responded to an information call on Hwy 80. The caller advised a wanted person was frequently at the residence in this area. Upon arrival, Sgt Skinner located a vehicle in the driveway with a person inside of it. As Sgt Skinner approached, the vehicle attempted to flee from the deputy. While Sgt Skinner made contact with the driver, she noticed a glass pipe in plain view in the passenger's seat. After conducting a probable cause search, Sgt Skinner located multiple baggies of a crystal-like substance in the vehicle.

David Shimic, 36, of Tyler, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Mayer responded to a suicidal subject in Holiday Villages. Upon arrival, Deputy Mayer located the individual who was transported to Quitman ER.

Deputy Kovic responded to a theft call on FM 2869. The victim advised his girlfriend had taken his keys and credit card. After speaking with his bank, the victim advised his credit card was charged for \$800 in items. The victim is wishing to pursue charges and this case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Rapp responded to a structure fire in Holly Lake Ranch. The homeowner advised lightning had struck the house and caused a fire to start in the breaker box.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls.

### **May 6**

Deputy Whisenhunt responded to a suicidal subject on FM 852. Upon arrival, deputies witnessed the suspect to make threats to neighbors and he was transported to UT North for evaluation.

Sgt Milbourn responded to a suspicious person in Holiday Villages. Sgt Milbourn made contact with a subject who appeared to be under the influence and was standing in the middle of the road.



Subject advised he did not want to hurt himself or others and agreed to go inside.

Deputy Rapp responded to a burglary on FM 778. The caller advised his daughters storage unit was broken into after the lock was cut. The caller believed there to be multiple items missing from the storage unit. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Whisenhunt took a phone report of an animal complaint. The caller advised their neighbors dog would jump the fence and had attacked their dog in the past. The dog owner was contacted and notified of the issues if the dog gets out again.

Deputies responded to 3 animal calls, 4 agency assists, and 1 transport.

## May 7

Deputy Pollard was dispatched to a theft on FM 312. The victim advised after he came back to his locked vehicle, he noticed it was missing from the area. The victim advised the doors were locked and his personal belongings were inside. Vehicle will be entered as stolen and forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Hughes and Deputy Cooper performed a warrant service on County Road 1970. A neighbor next door to the residence advised the deputies that the suspect was inside of the residence but they refused to come outside during officers'

commands. After the suspect came outside, a female was located inside the residence. The female advised she knew the person she was with had a felony and she had been advised to call law enforcement once she saw the suspect. Shelly Hurley, 56, of Greenville, Texas, was arrested for hindering known felon.

Deputy Hughes initiated a traffic stop on FM 515. Deputy Hughes observed a vehicle fail to stop at the intersection of 154 and 515 and attempted to stop the vehicle. After speaking with the driver, Deputy Hughes observed him to be showing multiple signs of nervousness and began questioning the driver. After the driver declined consent to search, K9 was notified and alerted on the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, Deputy Hughes located crystal like substance and a firearm inside of the vehicle. Jason Boles, 50, of Fruitvale, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful carry of a weapon.

Deputy Pollard took a phone report of a wanted person. The caller advised a friend called and stated they were wanted and needed the Sheriff's Office to pick him up. Corey Marks, 52, of Winnsboro, Texas, was placed into custody and transported to the jail.

Sgt Hanner initiated a traffic stop on FM 514. Sgt Hanner observed the vehicle to avoid his patrol car 3 separate times. Sgt Hanner then observed the vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign and fail to drive in a single lane. Sgt Hanner then attempted



to stop the vehicle and made contact with the driver. While speaking with the driver, Sgt Hanner observed the scent of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After removing the driver from the vehicle, Sgt Hanner performed a probable cause search and located a small bag of crystal substance. After the passenger was searched by Deputy Pollard, a large bag of crystal substance was located on the person's body. Lacey Henson, 37, of Winnsboro, Texas and Robert Mckenzie, 39, of Winnsboro, Texas were arrested and transported to the jail.

Deputies responded to 3 animal calls, 3 agency assists, and 2 transports.

### **May 8**

Deputy Hughes responded to shots fired on County Road 4846. Deputy Hughes observed a vehicle in a field next to the address. The vehicle then turned their lights off and attempted to flee the area. Sgt Hanner was able to locate the vehicle and get it stopped. Deputy Hughes spoke with the parties who advised they were out shooting animals from the road. A game warden was notified and advised to document all evidence and the case would be forwarded to him.

Deputy Croney was dispatched to an animal bite after the fact. The victim advised they were at Lake Quitman when a dog bit her twice. After speaking with the dog owner, he advised the dog did not have vaccines and was notified the dog needed to be quarantined.

Deputy Rapp responded to a disturbance in a vehicle on County Road 2142. Mineola PD was able to get the vehicle stopped inside of their city. The driver advised the passenger jerked on the wheel and caused them to crash which he then proceeded to head towards Mineola. The passenger advised she was choked which she then pulled on the steering wheel. Deputy Rapp observed red marks on the passenger's throat that were consistent with someone squeezing her neck. Arik Boyd, 31, of Grand Saline, Texas was arrested for assault family violence.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls and 1 agency assist.

### **May 9**

Deputy Rapp took a phone report of child abuse. The caller advised her husbands sons were coming home with bruises after visiting their mother. The caller advised she had taken photos of the incidents and forwarded it to a CPS worker. The caller would like to press charges and this case will be forwarded to investigators.

Deputy Rapp responded to a suicidal subject in Holly Lake Ranch. The caller advised he was having suicidal thoughts and made plans to act on the thoughts. The caller went voluntarily with EMS to be evaluated.

Deputy Williams responded to an assault after the fact on County Road 3580. The victim advised she was picked up by her ex-boyfriend who told her he



wanted to talk with her. After getting into the suspects vehicle, he began checking the victim's phone and accusing her of talking to other men. The victim stated the suspect brandished a firearm while they were in the vehicle and he later took her to one of his family members residences. The victim then advised she had been strangled until she passed out and was assaulted multiple times at the residence. The victim advised she would like to press charges and this case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Kovic responded to a criminal mischief on County Road 2168. The homeowner advised their vehicle window was broken and believed it may have been from a pellet gun. The homeowner did not have any suspects at the time and the pellet was not located.

Deputy Cooper was dispatched to a stranded motorist on S Hwy 37. Upon arrival, the caller advised he had been at a residence earlier in the day and the individuals at the residence tied him up and took his belongings. Deputy Cooper was unable to locate any markings on the victims' body confirming his story. The victim continued changing his story every time he was asked questions about the incident. Deputy Cooper observed signs the individual may be under the influence and asked the victim if he was and he then advised he was under the influence of beer. Due to the suspect driving and walking near a highway, he, William Blan, 36, of Hawkins, Texas was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls and 1 transport.

### **May 10**

Deputy Baldwin was dispatched to a suicidal subject on FM 1799. The caller advised his brother entered his parents' bedroom with a knife and was trying to fight people at the residence. Upon deputies' arrival, the subject made suicidal comments to deputies and was transported to UT North for evaluation.

Deputies Williams took a theft call in the lobby. The complainant advised her son had taken money out of a lock box at the residence and used the money to buy a vehicle with it. The mother advised they found a set of keys in the suspects boots and were able to get the location of the vehicle that was purchased. The mother was able to start the vehicle with the keys provided and would like to press charges. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Mayer and Sgt Skinner responded to an out-of-control person on County Road 4641. Deputy Mayer observed a male running around in a pasture near the residence and was able to get him to come back to the residence where he was detained. The male advised he became upset earlier in the day and drank beer and took unprescribed medicine. James Cox, 17, of Winnsboro, Texas was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor.



Sgt Sepulvado took an animal complaint in the lobby. The victim advised her boyfriends son poisoned 4 of her dogs at her residence. The complainant stated she would like to criminally trespass the suspect from the property.

Deputy Kovic responded to a theft call on County Road 2121. The caller advised the neighbors had taken a dog house from his deceased mother's residence and he would like to get it back without pressing charges. Deputy Kovic was unable to make contact with the neighbors but was able to leave a card to have them call back.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls, 1 agency assist, and 3 transports.

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#### **May 11**

Deputy Gould responded to a criminal mischief on County Road 4200. The caller advised his ex-girlfriend had stolen his firearm and broken a window. The caller did not have a serial number for the firearm but did show where the window was broken. Caller wished to pursue charges and this case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Rapp responded to a protection order violation on County Road 3269. Upon arrival, the victim advised the suspect had been coming over

to a property that was breaking the conditions of the protection order. The victim did not have video of the suspect on the property but would like to pursue charges. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Hughes performed a warrant service on County Road 4139. Deputy Hughes observed the wanted subject inside a vehicle leaving the residence and was able to place the suspect in custody. Sterlin Farley, 30, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Deputy Cooper performed a warrant service on County Road 3955. Nicholas Kilduff, 27, of Hawkins, Texas, and Anthony Hudson, 40, of Hawkins, Texas, were arrested for outstanding warrants.

Deputy Croney was dispatched to an animal complaint on County Road 2142. Upon arrival, Deputy Croney spoke with the horse owner who advised he was currently unable to afford feed for the horse but usually takes care of the animal. The horse owner also advised he walks the horse to get water every day. Due to the condition of the horse, Deputy Croney took photos of the horse and will forward the case to be further investigated.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls.

#### **May 12**



Deputy Cooper checked out with a suspicious person in Mineola. While inside of a convenience store, a clerk working at the store advised Deputy Cooper of a person acting strange outside. Upon making contact with the individual, Deputy Cooper noticed the suspect to show signs of intoxication. Due to the suspect admitting to using narcotics, showing signs of intoxication, and advising he will be driving home, Deputy Cooper placed the suspect in custody. Stephan Vanscoy, 37, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputy Morrison performed a warrant service on FM 49. Deputy Morrison was able to locate the wanted person and place him in custody. Robert Farrell, 56, of Mineola, Texas was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Deputy Hughes initiated a traffic stop in Mineola. Deputy Hughes observed a vehicle fail to stop at an intersection and was able to pull the vehicle over. While speaking to the driver, Deputy Hughes observed a baggie containing crystal substance in the cupholder of the vehicle. Deputy Cooper performed a probable cause search of the vehicle where he located a box with crystal like substance and a firearm in it. After speaking with the passenger, she admitted the items were hers. Due to the driver having access to the narcotics, he was placed under arrest. Cody Sowell, 28, of Lindale, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and Peyton Becvar, 28, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested for possession of

controlled substance and unlawful carry of a weapon.

Deputies responded to 1 animal call and 1 agency assist.

### **May 13**

Deputy Hughes responded to a disturbance on FM 514. Upon arrival, Deputy Hughes made contact with the suspect who advised the victim had began drinking and playing loud music. The suspect advised after confronting the victim he began to cut his neck with his fingernails. After speaking with the victim, he advised the suspect tried to assault him and cut him with her fingernails. Lisa Sullivan, 52, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested for assault.

Sgt Hanner was dispatched to a disturbance on County Road 4200. Sgt Hanner made contact with the victim who advised his ex-girlfriend showed up at his residence and began to damage property. The victim provided a video that showed the suspect tearing up property and confronting the victim. The suspect, Jerri Brassfield, 37, of Winnsboro, Texas, was arrested for criminal mischief and assault family violence.

Deputy Cox responded to a vehicle fire on County Road 3940. The vehicle owner advised he had worked on the vehicle earlier in the day and after arriving home, he went inside his residence and then heard noise coming from outside. Once the vehicle owner made it outside, he found the



vehicle to be on fire and attempted to put it out. Fire Marshall Tully was contacted.

Deputy Kovic was dispatched to a vehicle theft on County Road 3689. The land owner advised he was selling a vehicle on the property and had people coming to look at it. After the people came to look at the vehicle, the next day it was found to be missing. The vehicle owner was able to provide a VIN and the vehicle was entered stolen.

Deputy Baldwin responded to a fraud call in Holly Lake Ranch. The victim advised she believes a friend got her credit card information and made fraudulent purchases with it. All of the transactions were listed and this case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputies responded to 2 animal calls and 2 agency assists.

#### **May 14**

Deputy Kovic responded to an animal complaint on County Road 1670. The caller advised her neighbor had taken a puppy from her and she wanted it back. The neighbor was found to have the dog and successfully gave the puppy back.

Deputy Mayer responded to an assault on County Road 3473. The victim advised a group of people who were swimming near them had come up and assaulted him. One of the victim's friends was able to get a license plate of the vehicle and a possible name to one of the suspects. The victim advised

he will pursue charges once he is home from the hospital.

Deputy Kovic responded to a criminal trespass on County Road 3220. The homeowner advised a male was walking in her backyard and had left as she called the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Kovic was able to locate the suspect who advised he was trying to walk to his residence. The homeowner advised she would like to criminally trespass the person from her property.

Deputy Baldwin was dispatched to a disturbance at Lake Holbrook. The parties on scene advised a male had been burning out in his vehicle and asked him to stop. The parties then advised the suspect was trying to fight them and cause issues. After Deputy Baldwin gave the suspect an opportunity to be picked up due to intoxication, he advised he was just going to walk to a family members house. Due to the level of intoxication and the suspect being a danger to others, he was placed under arrest. Ronnie Douthit, 21, of Mineola, Texas, was arrested for public intoxication.

Deputy Williams responded to a theft call on Main St in Yantis. The store employee advised a female was confronted about an item in her hand and then she fled the store and left in her vehicle. The store owner advised they would like to press charges and criminally trespass the suspect. The suspect was successfully criminally trespassed and given a citation for theft under \$100.





Deputies responded to 3 animal calls and 1 agency assist.

### **May 15**

Deputy Gould was dispatched to a shots fired at Lake Winnsboro. While enroute to the call, a trooper was able to locate one of the vehicles involved and get the vehicle stopped. Deputy Gould arrived on scene and met with a person who was bleeding on their calf area and he called for EMS. A witness on scene stated two people in a vehicle were near the campsite most of the day and had pulled up later in the evening and began firing. The witnesses stated there were multiple rounds of gunshots that went off and the caller called into 911. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputy Williams was dispatched to a suicidal subject on Hwy 154. Upon arrival, the person advised they were not suicidal but needed help and she went voluntarily with EMS.

Deputy Williams was notified of a theft call on FM 515. The caller advised a bushhog and other equipment was taken and she possibly had a suspect. This case will be forwarded to investigations.

Sgt Skinner responded to a suspicious person on Hwy 154. Sgt Skinner observed the male subject to be walking in the roadway. The subject advised he had been robbed in this area in his vehicle. Sgt Skinner was unable to locate a vehicle in that area

and observed the male to not be making sense and acting strange. Due to the male admitting to using alcohol and multiple narcotics, he was placed under arrest.

Deputies responded to 1 agency assist.

### **May 16**

Sgt Skinner made contact with an individual at Jim Hogg Park. Sgt Skinner observed the male subject to leave a bag behind and flee the scene as he noticed Sgt Skinner. The male was wanted out of another agency but they would not confirm on the warrant and the male was released.

Deputy Cooper initiated a traffic stop on Pacific St in Mineola. Deputy Cooper observed the vehicle to run a red light and display a possible fictitious license plate. The driver of the motorcycle then drove another 10 miles trying to flee Deputy Cooper and also threw baggies into the roadway. Once the motorcycle was undriveable, the driver fled on foot into a pasture and was later caught by Deputy Cooper. Deputy Cooper located drug paraphernalia and residue on the person and an empty gun holster on his person. The next day a Smith County officer located a firearm where the pursuit ended. Brent Vicknair, 30, of Canton, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, violating bond conditions, and a warrant will be filed for unlawful possession of a firearm.



Deputy Cooper initiated a traffic stop on County Road 4662. Deputy Cooper observed a vehicle to swerve over the median multiple times. While speaking with the driver, deputy Cooper observed him to show signs of nervousness and he refused for consent to search his vehicle. While waiting on a K9, Deputy Cooper asked the driver to remove the items from his pockets which he removed a smoking pipe. After conducting a probable cause search, Deputy Cooper located a syringe with a substance inside of it. Benjamin Howard, 31, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Morrison was dispatched to a theft on County Road 2351. The caller advised his camper was stolen from the residence while he was gone. After verifying the callers mother owned the trailer, she was contacted and stated she would like to report it stolen and gave the VIN. This vehicle will be entered stolen and the case will be forwarded to investigations.

Deputies responded to 1 agency assist.

### **May 17**

Deputy Cooper initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 37. Deputy Cooper observed the vehicles license plate light to be completely out. After speaking

with the driver of the vehicle, he admitted there were narcotics inside of the vehicle. Kevin Williams, 48, of Mineola, Texas, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputy Morrison responded to an animal call on County Road 2600. The caller advised 2 of her dogs became ill and one passed away. The vet advised the dogs may have been poisoned. The caller could not find anything in the area that was possibly poisoned but would call back if she found anything.

Deputy Croney performed a warrant service on Private Road 8937. Leslie Lambert, 37, of Quitman, Texas, was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputy Cooper initiated a traffic stop on Main St in Yantis. Deputy Cooper observed a vehicle to have the wrong license plate on it and successfully pulled the vehicle over. While speaking to the driver, they admitted there was narcotics in the vehicle. After searching the vehicle, Deputy Cooper located a syringe and liquid substance in the vehicle. Zoe Sigmon, 19, of Yantis, Texas was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Deputies responded to 1 transport.