

Five charged with possession of pot

by MCL staff writer

Talking about a messed up holiday weekend, it seems the subjects on the way to the Sunshine State might have started their celebrating a little early.

On Saturday, March 13, Sgt. Brad Cox of the Miller County Sheriff's Department, conducted a traffic stop on a maroon Jeep Grand Cherokee, which was traveling southbound on Hwy. 91 south.

The traffic stop was the result of an incoming call, reporting that the vehicle's driver was driving recklessly.

The complainant had advised the 911 dispatcher that the vehicle almost ran into her in Colquitt. The caller stated that the vehicle was traveling out of town at a high rate of speed. The caller was still behind the vehicle as she was talking to the dispatcher and was able to report the vehicle's tag number.

Sgt. Cox caught up with the vehicle and followed it a short distance. After observing that the vehicle was still traveling at a high rate of speed, Sgt. Cox pulled the vehicle over.

Once the officer made contact with the driver, Michael Anthony Redmon, he asked to see his driver's license and registration.

As Sgt. Cox explained to Redmon why he had been stopped, Redmon stated that he and his four passengers were following some other people to Destin, FL.

As Sgt. Cox spoke with Mr. Redmon, he detected the strong odor of marijuana and alcohol coming from inside the vehicle.

Sgt. Cox then asked Mr. Redmon if he had been drinking.

Mr. Redmon stated that he hadn't.

The driver was asked by the officer if any drugs or other illegal items were inside the vehicle.

Mr. Redmon stated that there was not.

Sgt. Cox asked Mr. Redmon for consent to search the vehicle, as Deputy B. J. Josey arrived at the scene.

Mr. Redmon gave consent at which time Sgt. Cox asked everyone to step out of the vehicle.

The four passengers identified as Ryan Scott Davis, Kirk Chambers, Amanda Rena Willis, and Coral Kathleen Christian, all exited the vehicle. At that time Deputy Josey observed Ms. Christian grabbing at the front of her shorts, as if she was concealing something. Deputy Josey advised Ms. Christian to stop what she was doing. Ms. Christian turned as if she was going to walk away from the officer, at which time he told her to stop.

Sgt. Cox and Deputy Josey then asked Christian what was she concealing.

Ms. Christian pulled a small glass jar out of her shorts at that time, and handed it to deputy josey. The jar contained a green-leafy substance that appeared to be marijuana. Sgt. Cox told Deputy Josey to place Ms. Christian into the back seat of his



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patrol car.

As Deputy Josey walked behind Ms. Christian to the patrol car, he observed her drop a white cloth draw-string bag from her shorts, and onto the ground. Inside the bag the officers discovered more marijuana and paraphernalia.

A search of the interior of the vehicle by Sgt. Cox revealed more marijuana, and smoking devices, as well as open containers of alcohol.

At that time Ms. Willis laid down in the ditch.

When asked by the two officers what the problem was, they were told that Ms. Willis was having an anxiety attack.

EMS was called to the scene to check Ms. Willis as Sgt. Cox performed field sobriety tests on Redmon.

Redmon passed all tests and was found to be sober.

The paramedics finished checking Ms. Willis and advised the two officers that they saw no need for her to be transported to the ER.

Ms. Willis, Mr. Redmon, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Chambers were all taken into custody at that time.

On the way to jail, Ms. Christian began bouncing around in the back of Sgt. Cox's patrol car saying that she was also having an anxiety attack and advising that she was going to pass out.

Sgt. Cox radioed for EMS to stand by beside the road to check Christian, before continuing on. Sgt. Cox made contact with EMS, who checked Ms. Christian and determined that she did not need to go to the

ER either.

Upon arrival at the jail, all parties were separated until Sgt. Cox could interview them all.

Upon completion of the investigation all parties were charged as follows: Michael Anthony Redmon: open container

Amanda Rena Willis: possession of marijuana, less than an ounce, open container; Ryan Scott Davis: furnishing alcohol to persons under 21, open container;

Kirk Chambers: possession of alcohol by person under 21, open container; Coral Kathleen Christian, possession of marijuana, less than an ounce, possession of alcohol by person under 21; open container.

All were released on bail bond.

Two arrested in drug bust

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a large quantity of suspected cocaine, marijuana, and pills were located. Also located were numerous plastic baggies commonly used to package illegal drugs, U.S. currency, digital scales, and a 9 mm handgun. The illegal drugs would have had a street value of approximately \$11,700.00. Both Williams and Gilbert were transported to the Miller County Jail.

If anyone has information pertaining to these cases or any other illegal drug information, please contact the Pataula Drug Task Force at (229) 758-3100 or your local law enforcement agency.

Miss Colquitt queens chosen

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Colquitt" got underway with Bradley Grantham of Donalsonville, emcee for the evening, singing the "National Anthem."

The 2009 reigning queens made their way to the stage with music to "Dream Girls." The 2009 queens are Teeny Miss Colquitt, Emma Grace Thompson; Tiny Miss Colquitt, Braylen Roland; Little Miss Colquitt, Mackenzie Pickle; Young Miss Colquitt, Marley Bailey; Junior Miss Colquitt, Tori Green; and Miss Colquitt, Amber Espinoza.

This year's winner in the Teeny Miss Colquitt division is Anna Claire Mock. Abigail Beaty was first runner-up and winner of the booster line award while Emma Grace Donley was second runner-up and winner of the prettiest dress and photogenic award. Merritt Middleton was third runner-up.

In the Tiny Miss division, Ivanna Tabb was the winner. She also received the prettiest dress, photogenic and booster line awards.

In the Little Miss division, Haley Whittaker was crowned Little Miss Colquitt and also was the interview and prettiest dress winner. First runner-up and the photogenic winner was Jacey Cox. Jacey was also the 2010 Spirit Queen. Second runner-up honors and the citizenship award went to Baylee Tabb.

Taking the crown for Young Miss Colquitt was Harley Shiver. Harley was also the interview winner. Joy Dancer was named the first runner-up and the winner of the photogenic, prettiest dress, citizenship, and booster line awards.

Receiving top honors in the Junior

Miss Colquitt Pageant was Katina Whittaker. Katina was also the interview and citizenship winner. First runner-up was Amber Watson. Amber also received the prettiest dress and photogenic awards. Each of these girls tied for the booster line award.

Winning the title of Teen Miss Colquitt is Lindsey Fulghum. She also received awards for interview, photogenic, congeniality, and spirit. First runner-up, booster line winner and prettiest dress award went to Sara Briones.

In the Miss division, Jordie King is the new Miss Colquitt. She also received the verbal communication and the photogenic awards. Kayla Cook received first place honors as well as the interview award. Kayla was also crowned the 2010 Hospitality Queen. Susanne Reynolds was second runner-up in the pageant. She was also the recipient of the Mary Johnson Spirit Award and Miss Congeniality. Third runner-up and receiving the prettiest dress award was Victoria Newberry.

Little Miss Colquitt and Miss Colquitt will have a chance to represent Colquitt in the National Peanut Festival Pageant in Dothan, AL, in October if they choose.

Pageant directors Ansley Smith and Vicki Clenney would like to thank everyone who played a part in making this year's Miss Colquitt pageant a success.

"To all the parents of the contestants, businesses that donated, Miller County School, Cashwell's Photography, and anyone else who had a part in making this pageant one of the best, I am most thankful," said Ansley.

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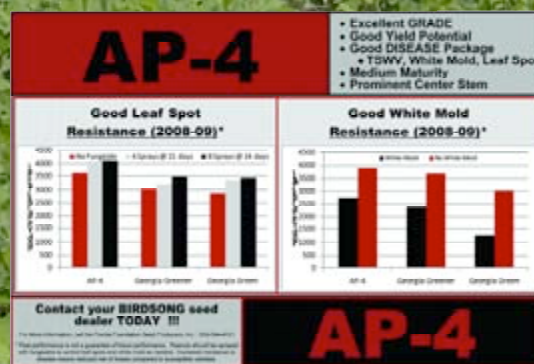
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