

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, February 24, 2023

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Shoplifters Flee - One Harms Juvenile

On Wednesday, February 23, 2023, officers of the Lake City Police Department responded to a report of shoplifting at Wal-mart.

A black male, later identified as Dontay Johnson attempted to steal items from Wal-mart and was confronted by employees. Johnson ran from the building and got into a white 4-door car. Johnson and the driver, a white female later identified as Tamara Stafford, fled the scene.

Officers were able to locate the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. As the driver of the vehicle came to a stop, Johnson exited the passenger side of the vehicle and ran. Additional officers continued the search for Johnson.

A search of the vehicle was conducted. Multiple items bearing price tags with a total value of \$113.84 were located. Also discovered in the vehicle were a joint and a clear plastic bag containing a white powdery substance.

While searching for Johnson, an officer was flagged down by a juvenile on NW Gibson St. The juvenile reported he was asleep in his home when he heard a loud banging on the door. When the juvenile walked into their living room, they were met by Johnson. The juvenile said Johnson grabbed them and placed them in a chokehold. The juvenile was able to get free and run out of the house.

Officers established a perimeter around the juvenile's home. Officers gave several loud commands announcing the presence of the officers and K9. Johnson verbally made himself known and came out of the residence.

Johnson was arrested for larceny, cocaine possession, resisting an officer, simple battery, burglary, possession of drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stafford was arrested for obstructing justice, drug possession, and moving traffic violation.

Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068
or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 386-754-7099.



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JOHNSON, DONTAY NMN (B/ MALE / DOB: 5/30/1987)

Status: In Jail
Booking No: CCSO23JBN000520 MniNo: CCSO77MNI007960
Booking Date: 02/24/2023 12:20 AM
Age On Booking Date: 35
Bond Amount: \$0.00
Address Given: PO BOX 43 SANDERSON, FL 32087

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CHARGES				
STATUTE	COURT CASE NUMBER	CHARGE	DEGREE LEVEL	BOND
[+] 812.014.3c	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	LARCENY	T F	\$5000.00
[+] 893.13.6a	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	COCAINE-POSSESS	T F	\$5000.00
[+] 843.02	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	RESIST OFFICER	F M	\$1000.00
[+] 784.03.1a1	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	SIMPLE BATTERY	F M	\$1000.00
[+] 810.02.2a	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	BURGLARY	F F	\$5000.00
[+] 893.147.1	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	DRUG EQUIP-POSSESS	F M	\$1000.00
[+] 893.13.6a	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	DRUGS-POSSESS	T F	\$5000.00



STAFFORD, TAMARA LYNNE (W/ FEMALE / DOB: 2/21/1988)

Status: In Jail
Booking No: CCSO23JBN000521 MniNo: CCSO23MNI000835
Booking Date: 02/24/2023 12:20 AM
Age On Booking Date: 35
Bond Amount: \$0.00
Address Given: HOMELESS LAKE CITY, FL 32055

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STATUTE	COURT CASE NUMBER	CHARGE	DEGREE LEVEL	BOND
[+] 322.03.1	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	MOVING TRAFFIC VIOL	S M	\$1000.00
[+] 893.13.6a	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	DRUGS-POSSESS	T F	\$5000.00
[+] 918.13.1a	P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	T F	\$5000.00

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