

Press Release

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Juvenile with firearm leads to their arrest

On Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1:25 P.M., investigators, in unmarked vehicles, from the Lake City Police Department were conducting proactive patrols near NE Martin Luther King Jr. Street.

Upon observing a black SUV parked on NE Aggie Avenue near the intersection of NE Trinity Place, investigators attempted to speak with the driver of the vehicle. At the same time, two juveniles attempted to enter the SUV. Then upon seeing the investigators approaching, they attempted to flee around a house. One juvenile did not flee when ordered to stop by investigators and was briefly spoken to before being released. The other juvenile ran to the south west side of the residence where they were observed by an investigator dropping an unknown object on the ground. The observing investigator returned to the location of the SUV upon hearing a loud disturbance coming from bystanders.

After the two juveniles and the driver of the SUV were released from the scene, the investigator walked to the area where he had observed the juvenile drop the unknown item. The investigator discovered a loaded firearm on the ground.

The SUV was still in the area and was stopped again. The juvenile previously seen dropping the loaded firearm was taken into custody without further incident.

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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