

Press Release

LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Pitchfork attack leads to 2nd Degree Attempted Murder Charge


On Monday, March 20, 2023 at 8:25 A.M., officers with the Lake City Police Department, were dispatched to NW Palm Drive to the report of a person stabbed with a pitchfork.

Upon arrival, officers located a 49-year-old victim who was suffering from multiple stab wounds to the head and neck. Officers rendered aid until EMS arrived and transported the victim to a trauma unit.

The victim and witnesses on scene provided statements to investigators indicating Ryan Paul McCartney, suspect, had become upset and threw a pitchfork at the victim after a verbal altercation. McCartney then fled the area on foot in an unknown direction of travel.

An active arrest warrant for McCartney was requested by investigators and signed by a judge for Attempted 2nd Degree Murder.

McCartney is considered dangerous and should not be approached. If you see or know of the location of McCartney, call 911 or your local law enforcement agency. If you have information concerning this incident you are asked to call Investigator Poteat, with the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343.

Name:	McCartney, Ryan Paul	
DOB:	11/24/1986	
Sex:	Male	
Race:	White	
Hair:	Brown/Blonde	
Eyes:	Blue	
Height/Weight:	5'07"/160	
Address:	Unknown	
Charges:	Attempted 2 nd Degree Murder	



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