## **Press Release**







Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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## Juvenile suffers fatal injuries in shooting incident

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:13 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to 1477 NW Wayne Place Apartment 104 in Lake City to the report of a person having been shot.

Upon arrival at the apartment, officers located a male juvenile who was suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. First Responders attempted life-saving measures which were unsuccessful. Preliminary findings indicate the victim and another juvenile were in the apartment handling the firearm when the incident occurred.

The scene was secured by officers with the help of deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division responded and took over the investigation with the assistance of investigators from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office. The scene was processed by crime scene technicians from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The victim's advocate for Columbia County was on scene to assist family members.

If anyone has any information concerning this incident, they are asked to contact Investigator Poteat with the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343.



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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