

Press Release

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Subject attacks officer during armed trespass incident

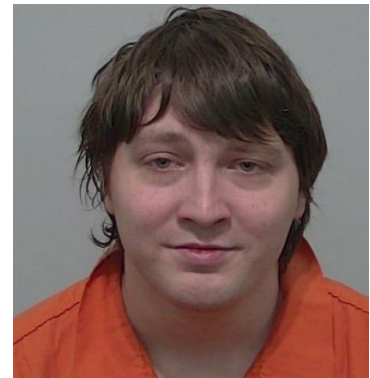
On Monday, May 8 2023 at 10:25 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 213 SW Commerce Drive, Holiday Inn, to the report of a person trespassing.

Upon arrival, officers were advised by management of an employee who had been terminated and was now refusing to leave the premises. The officer located and spoke to Zachary Gibson in the office area behind the front desk. Gibson was advised by the officer that he had to leave the premises and Gibson replied he was not going until he was able to discuss with management the reason for his termination. Management told the officer they were not going to discuss the decision with him and that Gibson needed to leave as he was disrupting the operations of the business.

The officer explained to Gibson his options of leaving the premises or being arrested for trespass after warning. Gibson said he was not leaving and resisted attempts by the officer to place his hands behind his back. Gibson shoved the officer away, who then deployed his taser. The taser was ineffective and Gibson ran at the officer who forcefully took Gibson to the ground and placed him in handcuffs. A loaded firearm was located in Gibson's pocket as he was being searched after being handcuffed. During the incident, Gibson suffered minor injuries which were treated at a local hospital.

Gibson was transported to the Columbia County Detention Center after treatment.

Name: Gibson, Zachary Taylor
DOB: 11/23/1996
Sex: Male
Race: White
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Address: 233 NW Sophie Drive White Springs, FL 32096
Charges: Armed Trespass
Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer
Resisting Arrest with Violence
Carrying a Concealed Firearm



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