

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Gunfire Over Weekend

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, at approximately 3:22 a.m., officers were dispatched to a local residence to the report of gunfire.

The victim reported their household was asleep when they were awoken by gunfire and bullets coming through the walls. No one inside the home was harmed. Five projectile entry holes were found on the exterior of the home. Four projectile entry holes were found on one of the personal vehicles parked on the property with two additional projectile entry holes found on a second personal vehicle parked on the property.

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, at approximately 10:29 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of NE Cherry Lane and NE Chestnut in reference to the report of gunfire.

The person reporting the gunfire stated the sound came from the street. While canvassing the intersection, officers discovered 9 shell casings from a 9MM firearm.

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, at approximately 2:36 p.m., officers were dispatched to the intersection of NW Fronie St and N Marion St to the report of two vehicles chasing and shooting at each other.

Officers spoke with several individuals in the area who said they heard no gunfire. Officers also canvassed the area and did not discover any victims or shell casings.

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, at approximately 6:11 p.m., officers were dispatched to 230 NE Aggie St to the report of gunfire.

Upon arrival, a rowdy crowd was present in the street and on personal property. Officers were able to calm the crowd. A witness reported the suspect ran through a neighboring yard and hid the firearm. A search of the area resulted in the discovery of a Smith and Wesson SD40 VE.

For all of the aforementioned reports of gunfire, there are currently no additional witnesses or suspects, and no one was harmed. Anyone having information concerning these incidents is asked to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343 and speak with investigations.



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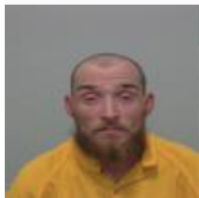


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On Saturday, June 24, 2023, at approximately 10:29 p.m., while conducting a traffic stop which resulted in the search of the vehicle, officers located several small clear plastic bags containing a white substance and a loaded sawed-off shotgun. The driver of the vehicle, Joshua Butler, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm while in the commission of committing a felony.



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BUTLER, JOSHUA MICHAEL CODY (W/ MALE / DOB: 4/29/1990)

Status:	In Jail		
Booking No:	CCSO23JBN001683	MniNo:	CCSO23MNI002506
Booking Date:	06/25/2023 12:38 AM		
Age On Booking Date:	33		
Bond Amount:	\$0.00		
Address Given:	261 SW GRIZZLY WAY LAKE CITY, FL 32024		

CHARGES					
STATUTE	COURT CASE NUMBER	CHARGE	DEGREE	LEVEL	BOND
[+] 893.13.6a	PC (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	DRUGS-POSSESS	T	F	\$5000.00
[+] 790.07.2	PC (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT)	WEAPON OFFENSE	S	F	\$0.00

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