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## 12 year old killed on couch from gunshots fired into home

On Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 9:06 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NW Long Street to the report of a person shot.

Upon arrival, officers located a 12-year-old female suffering from a gunshot wound. First aid was administered to the victim, by officers and then by EMS, unfortunately the victim succumbed to her injuries.

The crime scene was secured by officers with assistance of deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. The scene was processed by Crime Scene Investigators from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Investigators from the Lake City Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division along with Agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Investigators from the State Attorney's Office began speaking with the victim's family and possible witnesses. Columbia County Sheriff's Office Victim's Advocate responded to assist the family.

Anyone having information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343 and speak with Investigator Sapp.



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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