

# Press Release

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**POLICE**  
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*Chief of Police Gerald Butler*

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## Three Juveniles Identified in Vehicle Burglaries

On Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2:00 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to Brandywine Apartments to a report of three subjects wearing gloves and ski masks.

Upon arrival, officers attempted to locate the three subjects but were unsuccessful. After speaking with the complainant officers continued searching in an adjacent complex where an officer observed three subjects wearing masks standing near a vehicle. As two stood watch, a third opened the vehicle's passenger door and enter the vehicle. As the officer approached the three fled into a wooded area on foot. A perimeter was established and two of the three were quickly apprehended. During questioning, after being advised of their constitutional rights, the third person was identified and all three were determined to be juveniles.

“The Lake City Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the city. With the holidays approaching, I urge residents to continue practicing good security habits, such as locking vehicles, removing valuables from plain sight, and reporting any suspicious activity promptly” stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler, “This successful identification and apprehension of these suspects serves as a reminder that cooperation between law enforcement and the community can lead to positive outcomes in solving crimes and maintaining a safe environment for all residents.”

Anyone having information concerning this or any other incident, they are asked to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343 and speak with an investigator.



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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