

Press Release

**LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release

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Arrest made after threats with firearm

On Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 7:10 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NW Long Street to the report of a disturbance.

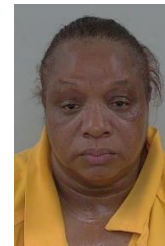
Upon arrival and during the on scene investigation, officers spoke with family members of a twelve year old homicide victim who were involved in an altercation with family members of a person recently arrested in the case.

The victim in this dispute reported to officers that Lucille Simpson, suspect, drove by as they were standing on the side of the street. While driving by, Simpson lowered the passenger window of the vehicle she was driving and stated to the victim, "I'll lay your behind out". Simpson was holding a firearm in her right hand as she made the statement. Simpson was located, arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center without further incident.

"The incident in question involved a reprehensible and intimidating act directed at the family of 12-year-old Mariah Smith, who tragically lost her life on August 24, 2023," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "As I have said before, we will continue to work diligently to identify and arrest all those involved in this case".

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

Name: Simpson, Lucille Renida Hines
DOB: 02/10/1968
Sex: Female
Race: Black
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Address: 363 NW Long Street Lake City, FL 32055
Charges: Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon



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