

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Ashley Hardison, Public Information Officer
Ph. 386.752.4343

ONE DEAD IN SINGLE VEHICLE DUI CRASH

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at approximately 10:45 p.m. officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to SW Symphony Loop in reference to a single-vehicle traffic collision.

During the traffic crash investigation, the driver was identified as Kevin Ramirez. Ramirez exhibited slurred speech, and the odor of an alcoholic beverage was noticeable on his breath.

Further investigation revealed Ramirez made a hazardous decision to pass another vehicle in a no-passing zone while negotiating a curve. As a result, he lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer off the roadway and collide with several objects before stopping amidst roadside foliage. It's important to note the vehicle's roof also struck a utility pole, tragically resulting in the death of the rear-seat passenger.

"This tragic event serves as a stark reminder of the irreversible consequences that can result from irresponsible actions such as driving while intoxicated," noted Chief of Police Gerald Butler.



Proudly Serving the Citizens of Lake City

225 NW Main Boulevard, Suite 102, Lake City, FL 32055 • Phone: (386) 752-4343 • Fax: (386) 719-5463

An Equal Opportunity Employer

