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One injured during alleged robbery

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 1:00 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to Sago Glen to a 911 hang-up call.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with a male outside who stated they had not called 911 but they had heard a lot of noise across the street. Officers noticed the exterior of the residence where the male was standing was in disarray, as if a disturbance had just occurred. They contacted a female inside the residence. She also advised officers everything was fine. There were two children asleep in the residence at the time.

At 2:45 A.M., officers responded back to the area to the report of a male being stabbed. Upon arrival, officers discovered the same male from the earlier call with an injury to the back of his head. First aid was administered by officers until EMS arrived and transported the subject to a local hospital for further treatment. Officers followed a trail of blood from the location the injured subject was located, back to the same residence on Sago Glen. Officers attempted to conduct a well-being check on the occupants and discovered a crime scene inside including blood and a broken knife. No other persons were located inside the residence.

A neighborhood canvas was conducted and officers were unable to locate the other occupants of the residence. Out of concern for the well-being of the female and the two children, officers called for the assistance of air units from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Additional resources were also requested from Florida Department of Corrections K-9 teams to conduct a ground search as well as a thermal drone search conducted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. After approximately six hours of searching, the three missing persons were located asleep in a neighboring apartment.

No evidence was discovered at the location the subject reported the robbery to have had occurred.

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

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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