

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



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19 year old killed by gunfire

On Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 3:42 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NW Long Street to the report of gunshots from the gunshot detection system.

Upon arrival, officers located a 19-year-old male suffering from a gunshot wound. First aid was administered to the victim, by officers and then by EMS who transported the victim to Lake City HCA Hospital, unfortunately Nicholas Rashard Whitehead DOB June 6, 2004 succumbed to his 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 Investigators from the State Attorney's Office began speaking with the victim's family and possible witnesses.

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



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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