

Press Release

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Online dating application leads to person being kidnapped

On Monday, January 1, 2024 at 7:19 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to Brookdale Drive to the report of a person kidnapped.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who currently lives in Tampa, Florida. The victim stated they had met Maxim Mark Dowd, suspect also from Tampa, via an online data application. The victim agreed to meet with Dowd at a location in Tampa on 12/31/2023. After hanging out for a few minutes, the victim agreed to accompany Dowd to a convenience store. Upon leaving the store, the victim asked Dowd to take them home. Dowd made excuses and drove to several locations in central Florida attempting to meet other persons at each location. After leaving each location, the victim would ask to be taken home. Dowd refused to take the victim home and after arriving in Lake City, again to meet other people, the victim was able to alert the resident of the home that they had been driven from Tampa to Lake City against their will. The resident was able to contact law enforcement.

Dowd was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Name:	Dowd, Maxim Mark
DOB:	09/10/1994
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Address:	18103 Heron Walk Drive Tampa, FL 33647
Charges:	Kidnap-False Imprisonment Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Possession of more than One Valid Driver's License Resist Officer without Violence



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