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Man Arrested After Sexual Assault of a Juvenile

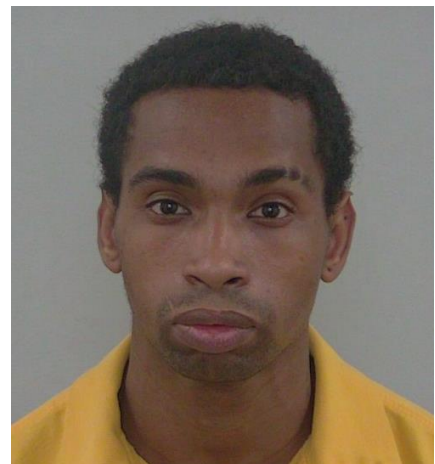
On Saturday, January 27th, 2024, the Lake City Police Department responded to a complaint of a sexual battery of a juvenile under the age of 12. The guardian of the victim told officers that an adult male, identified as Dallas Walters. According to the witness, the child was home alone with Walters while the witness went to the store. The witness returned and walked into the home to see the victim running to the bathroom with unzipped pants. The suspect was seen laying in the bed where the child had ran from.

The witness took the victim out for a drive away from the suspect. The victim described unwanted sexual activity occurring between the victim and Walters. The victim expressed fear telling the witness about this incident, as Walters had threatened to kill the victim if he told anyone.

The witness contacted police and took the victim for medical treatment. Investigators with the Lake City Police Department also assisted with a Child Protective Team interview, where the victim admitted to previous incidents of this occurring with Walters, including multiple different sexual acts.

Officers went to the home but Walters was no longer there. After further investigative efforts to locate him, Walters was found and detained and taken to the Lake City Police Department for interview. Afterwards, Walters was transported to the Columbia County Jail where he is being held without bond.

Name:	Dallas Michael Walters
DOB:	03/20/1997
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Address:	Lake City, FL
Charges:	Sexual Battery by an Adult on a Victim Under 12 Years of Age Aggravated Child Abuse Lewd and Lascivious Behavior / Indecent Exposure by Adult Tampering With a Witness



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