

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release
February 28, 2024

Greg Burnsed, Public Information Officer
Ph. (386) 247-1148

Arrest made within hours of crime

On Monday, February 26, 2024, at 9:51 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NW Ashley Street to the report of a person shot.

Upon arrival, officers located a 23-year-old male suffering from a gunshot wound. A witness was attempting Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation which was taken over by officers and EMS. Unfortunately, Cristopher Alid Cruz Aleman, DOB January 15, 2001, succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives from the Lake City Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division, along with Investigators from the State Attorney's Office, spoke with the victim's family and possible witnesses. Two persons of interest were developed early in the investigation. With the assistance of Investigators from the State Attorney's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, and Special Agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Justin Torres DOB June 10, 1997, and Kendall Doty DOB July 31, 1998, were located, interviewed, taken into custody without incident, and charged with Homicide.

"I would like to personally thank State Attorney John Durrett, Sheriff Mark Hunter, Sheriff Emery Gainey and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, Sheriff Sam St. John, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the men and women of these agencies for their assistance," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "The first 24 hours after this tragic incident, hundreds of hours of manpower were put into this investigation and arrests were made. I would like to reassure the citizens of Lake City this incident was not a random act of violence. Mr. Cruz Aleman was the specific target of these two individuals."

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



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



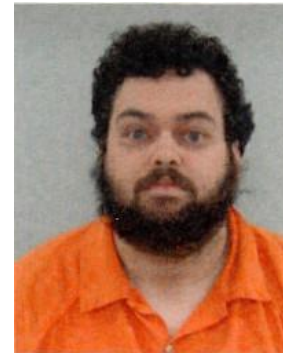
Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

Name: Torres, Justin
DOB: 06/10/1997
Sex: Male
Race: White
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Address: 3305 206th Terrace Welborn, FL 32094
Charges: 1 count of Murder



Name: Doty, Kendall Todd
DOB: 7/31/1998
Sex: Male
Race: White
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Address: 128 SW Oxford Court Lake City, FL 32024
Charges: 1 count of Murder



Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068
or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 386-754-7099.



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

