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One arrested for burglary and criminal mischief after mini crime spree

On Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:29 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 2888 W US Hwy 90, Jersey Mike's Subs, to the report of a burglary in progress.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with a victim who stated they were seated in their vehicle in the rear parking lot when an unknown white male, later identified as Zakarya David Searles, entered the passenger side of the victim's vehicle and demanded to be driven to an undisclosed location. The victim refused, turned off the vehicle, removed the keys and exited the vehicle. Searles then began searching inside the vehicle for items to steal. Deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office arrived and was Searles was still in the vehicle. He was taken into custody with assistance of LCPD officers.

During the investigation, it was discovered Searles was the same individual who committed criminal mischief at the nearby Driftwood Inn by breaking a window before fleeing towards Jersey Mikes Subs.

While being searched after arrest, methamphetamine, a pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine and two knives were found in Searles' pockets. Searles was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Name: Searles, Zakarya David
DOB: 11/26/1997
Sex: Male
Race: White
Hair: Green
Eyes: Brown
Address: 204 S Granada Lane Lake City, FL 33024
Charges: Armed Burglary
Assault
Possession of Controlled Substance
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



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