

# Press Release

**LAKE CITY**  
**POLICE**  
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*Chief of Police Gerald Butler*

**For Immediate Release**  
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## One arrested discharging firearm

On Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 11:45 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 340 SW St. Johns Street to the report of someone discharging a firearm.

Upon arrival, officers and deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office began searching the area. Two witnesses provided a direction in which they believed the two gunshots came from. One of the witnesses, later identified as Trevor Aaron Melia, was in possession of a firearm and was wearing a bulletproof vest. This witness was given lawful orders by officers to secure his weapon inside his residence. While officers were searching the area, a third gunshot was heard where the two witnesses were originally located. When officers returned, they discovered Melia still in possession of his weapon.

During the investigation, it was discovered Melia was the individual who had fired his weapon each time from a window inside his residence. Melia was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

**Name:** Melia, Trevor Aaron  
**DOB:** 04/04/2001  
**Sex:** Male  
**Race:** White  
**Hair:** Brown  
**Eyes:** Brown  
**Address:** 304 SW St. Johns Street Lake City, FL 33025  
**Charges:** Firing a Weapon on Residential Property  
Use of a Firearm while Under the Influence of Alcohol  
Possession of a Bulletproof Vest during certain offenses  
Aggravated Assault with a Weapon



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