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Attempted Kidnapping at Bus Station

On Friday, April 19, 2024, at 9:15 a.m., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to the Greyhound Bus Station, 251 S. Marion Avenue, about a disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim and witnesses. The victim stated they were attempting to exit the bus when an older man, later identified as Kevin Van Fossen, grabbed and picked up the victim's two-year-old child. Fossen refused to return the child to the victim. The victim and another individual forcibly removed the child from Fossen.

After the child was returned to the victim, Fossen snatched a phone from the second victim refusing to return the phone, and threatened to smack the first victim.

A witness confirmed the above to officers.

While speaking with officers, Fossen appeared to be intoxicated from ingesting mouthwash. He was transported to the local hospital for evaluation. Upon release, he was arrested for Attempted Kidnapping, Assault, and Robbery by Sudden Snatching.



VANFOSSEN, KEVIN LYNN (W/ MALE / DOB: 11/18/1967)

Status:	In Jail		
Booking No:	CCSO24JBN001097	MniNo:	CCSO24MNI001627
Booking Date:	04/19/2024 01:53 PM		
Age On Booking Date:	56		
Bond Amount:	NO BOND		
Address Given:	HOMELESS LAKE CITY, FL 320		

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