

Press Release

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DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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License Plate Readers helping to catch criminals

In October 2023, Lake City implemented a Gunshot Detection System and License Plate Readers (LPRs) to bolster law enforcement efforts. Since then, the systems have notably increased leads in cases involving gunshots and vehicle-related crimes. The Gunshot Detection System, in particular, has led to a rise in reported incidents, as alerts are now sent directly to officers and 911 centers, bypassing the need for citizen reports. Similarly, LPRs have proven instrumental in identifying vehicles associated with suspects, witnesses, and victims, aiding investigators in focusing their resources effectively.

A recent success story occurred on May 3, 2024, when officers responded to a stolen vehicle report at Regal Inn on W US Hwy 90. After completing necessary reports and entering the vehicle into national and state databases, an alert was generated through the LPR system. Two days later, a deputy received an alert matching the stolen vehicle's license plate. With coordinated efforts between the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Lake City Police Department, the vehicle was located, and the driver apprehended.

This collaborative use of technology underscores the commitment of local law enforcement to enhance public safety and swiftly respond to criminal activity.

"Chief of Police Gerald Butler expressed pride in the early outcomes of the new systems, emphasizing the rapid pace of technological advancements not only for citizens but also for law enforcement. He highlighted the importance of collaboration among local agencies, stating that it's instrumental in safeguarding citizens and their property, as well as in building solid cases to remove criminals from the streets."

Name: Mcleod, Victoria Grace
DOB: 04/08/1991
Race/Sex: White/Female
Hair/Eyes: Blonde/Brown
Address: 801 SW Daisy Road, Lake City, FL 33024
Charges: Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle
Petit Theft
Violation of Probation
Possession of less than 20 grams of Marijuana
Drive with a Suspended Revoked License



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