

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Media Interference Incident at Active Crime Scene Results in Arrest

On Sunday, April 20, 2025, while officers from the Lake City Police Department were actively working a crime scene involving an officer-involved shooting near the Annie Mattox Recreation Center, an unrelated incident resulted in the arrest of an individual interfering with on-scene media coverage.

Several news crews were stationed in the area, lawfully filming from outside the perimeter of the active crime scene. While members of a camera crew were in the process of packing their equipment, a male subject crossed the street and aggressively approached the media personnel, yelling profanities and demanding the tapes and recordings.

An officer observed the male subject acting in a hostile manner, ultimately confronting a member of the media face-to-face and continuing to demand footage. The subject briefly took a fighting stance while threatening the crew, causing concern for their safety and escalating the disturbance.

The officer intervened and issued several commands for the individual to vacate the scene. The male subject, later identified as Adam Dicks, refused all lawful orders and continued to act aggressively. After repeated warnings, Mr. Dicks was informed that his refusal to comply would result in arrest.

As the officer attempted to detain him, Mr. Dicks resisted by pulling away. After a brief struggle, the officer successfully placed him into custody without further incident.

Mr. Dicks sustained a minor scratch to the side of his face during the arrest and was evaluated on scene. He was transported to the Columbia County Jail without incident.

Chief of Police Gerald Butler stated, "While we respect the public's right to film and the media's role in covering events, we will not tolerate interference at active crime scenes, especially when it jeopardizes the safety of others or impedes our operations."



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Name: Dicks, Adam Lee
DOB: 06/07/1981
Sex/Race: Male/White
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Brown
Address: 638 NW McCall Terrace, Lake City, FL 32025
Charge(s): Resisting an Officer without violence



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