

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Suspect Arrested Following Knife-Related Disturbance Near Local Businesses

On Monday, May 19, 2025, at approximately 2:40 p.m., officers from the Lake City Police Department were at Five Below, located at 209 NW Hutton Drive, when they were approached by several individuals from a nearby wooded area reporting a disturbance involving multiple people living there.

Further investigation revealed that two victims were attempting to remove personal items from the area when a male suspect, later identified as Chad Delair, attempted to attack one of the victims with a machete. A second male suspect, later identified as Jonathan Mahurien, also attempted to attack the same victim with a knife. The victims fled the area and contacted officers.

After the initial scene was cleared and peace appeared to be restored, Delair followed and threatened the victims again near the Lake City Mall. Officers quickly located Delair in a nearby parking lot, where he was taken into custody without further incident.

Delair was arrested for two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center without incident.

Charges against Mahurien were forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for review.

Anyone with information about this or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343, report information anonymously through the LCPD TIPS line at (386) 719-2068, or reach out to Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at (386) 754-7099.



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Name: Delair, Chad
DOB: 08/11/1984
Sex/Race: Male / White
Address: Homeless, Lake City, FL 32025
Charge(s): 2 Counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon



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