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## **Cold Case Homicide Investigation – 2021 Shooting Death**

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at approximately 6:35 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 810 NE Sam Court in reference to a person being shot.

Upon arrival, officers discovered two individuals at the scene. One male victim was found lying in the prone position with a severe gunshot wound and no signs of life. CPR was initiated by officers while a second male, also injured, was treated on-scene and transported by EMS. Medics pronounced the first victim deceased at 6:51 P.M.

Investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division responded along with agents from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. A crime scene perimeter was established and evidence collected. The deceased was later identified as Deontay Lewis Farmer 29.

Despite significant efforts during the initial investigation and numerous follow-ups, this case remains unsolved. The Lake City Police Department is now seeking the community's assistance in bringing closure to the family and justice to those responsible.

"We are committed to solving this case and giving answers to Mr. Farmer's family," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We believe someone in our community has information that can help. We urge you to come forward."

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



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