Press Release







Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Pedestrian Seriously Injured in Late-Night Crash

On Thursday, July 31, 2025, at approximately 10:15 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to a vehicle crash involving a pedestrian near the intersection of SW Bascom Norris Drive and SW Tomoka Terrace.

Upon arrival, officers located a pedestrian who had sustained serious injuries after being struck by a 2010 Cadillac CTS while walking eastbound along SW Bascom Norris Drive. The individual was treated on scene and transported by EMS to UF Health Shands in Gainesville for emergency medical care.

Investigators documented damage to the vehicle, including impact to the front right side and windshield, along with physical evidence such as embedded hair. Officers also observed the driver of the Cadillac, Frank Daniel West, displaying signs of impairment, including glossy eyes and lethargic movements. Based on the crash dynamics, physical evidence, and the driver's behavior, officers developed probable cause to believe that West was impaired at the time of the crash.

Frank Daniel West was arrested, transported to a local hospital for medical clearance, and then booked into the Columbia County Detention Center.

"The Lake City Police Department is committed to thoroughly investigating all crashes—especially those involving serious injuries," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We will continue to follow the evidence wherever it leads to ensure accountability and public safety."

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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Name: West, Frank Daniel

DOB: 01/15/1957 Sex/Race: Male/White Hair/Eyes: Grey/Brown

Charge(s): 23760 Park Center Drive Apartment 415, Live Oak, FL 32064

DUI causing Serious Bodily Injury





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