

Press Release

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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release

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Armed Domestic Dispute Leads to Search for Suspect

On Monday, August 11, 2025, at approximately 9:21 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to 929 NE Maple Lane in reference to a civil disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant, who reported leaving the residence following a verbal altercation with her spouse. She requested a police escort to retrieve her belongings. While at the scene, officers learned that during the earlier altercation, the suspect had allegedly produced a short-barreled shotgun from a gray bag, pointed it at the victim, and stated, "The only way you're leaving is in a body bag."

Officers attempted to detain the suspect, identified as Gregory Stockton, but he fled the area on a pink bicycle. He was last seen riding behind the residence where it was believed he entered through a rear door. A perimeter was established, and with the assistance of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, officers made entry into the residence; however, Stockton was not located.

A search warrant for the residence was drafted, approved by the State Attorney's Office, and signed by a judge. Upon execution, officers located a short-barreled shotgun loaded with six shells, along with sixteen additional shells. The firearm was found in a gray bag matching the description provided by the victim. An arrest warrant for Stockton was signed by a judge.

Charges against Stockton include Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon. He remains at large, and officers are actively attempting to locate him.

"This was a dangerous situation involving a firearm, and our officers acted swiftly to protect the victim and secure the area," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We thank the Columbia County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team for their assistance and remain committed to locating and apprehending this individual before anyone else is harmed."

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Gregory Stockton is urged to contact the Lake City Police Department at (386) 752-4343. You may also report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at (386) 719-2068 or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at (386) 754-7099.



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Name: STOCKTON, GREGORY UDOLPH
DOB: 07/24/1966
Sex/Race: male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 929 NE Maple Lane, Lake City, FL 32055

Charge(s): Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon



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