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*Chief of Police Gerald Butler*

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## Suspicious Device at Local Business Determined Safe

On Monday, August 11, 2025, at approximately 8:00 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, located at 129 Gwen Lake Avenue, regarding a report of a suspicious device.

Upon arrival, officers contacted an employee who advised that, during a morning vehicle inspection, he located a suspicious device inside a vehicle that had been returned overnight. The device, described as a piece of wood with a metal pipe attached by zip ties and blue tape, had been moved to the vehicle's front passenger floorboard prior to law enforcement's arrival.

Officers secured the immediate area and established a safety perimeter around the vehicle. As a precaution, a daycare located nearby was evacuated until the device could be examined. The Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad responded to the scene, conducted an assessment, and determined the device was safe.

No arrests have been made, and the investigation remains ongoing. 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.

"The safety of our community is always our highest priority," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "I commend the quick actions of our officers, as well as the assistance from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and Lake City Fire Department. Their cooperation ensured this situation was handled safely and effectively."

The scene was cleared, and normal operations resumed in the area.



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