

Press Release

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Serious Injury Crash Under Investigation

On Monday, August 18, 2025, at approximately 1:33 A.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to the intersection of SE Baya Drive and SE Sycamore Terrace regarding a single-vehicle crash.

Upon arrival, deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol were already on scene. A white Dodge pickup truck had collided with a concrete power pole located near the eastbound lane of SE Baya Drive. The vehicle sustained disabling front-end damage and came to rest facing eastbound on the sidewalk.

The driver sustained extensive injuries and was transported by Columbia County Emergency Medical Services to HCA Lake City Florida Hospital for emergency treatment. At this time, no witnesses to the crash have been identified. One motorist traveling in the area reported hearing the impact but did not observe the crash.

Due to the severity of the injuries, a crime scene perimeter was established, and the Lake City Police Department Traffic Homicide Investigators were notified. THI Investigators are conducting a comprehensive investigation into the cause of the crash.

"The safety of our roadways remains a top priority, and our investigators are working diligently to determine the factors that contributed to this collision," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler.

Anyone with information on this or any other crimes 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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