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## **Warrant Arrest - Arson Investigation**

On Friday, August 8, 2025, at approximately 3:09 a.m., officers with the Lake City Police Department responded to the 500 block of SE Monroe Street in reference to a report of a suspicious person and possible arson.

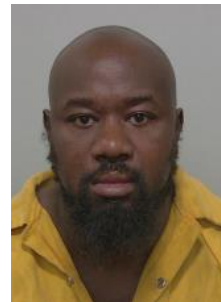
Upon arrival, officers spoke with the resident, who reported receiving an alert from a home security camera showing someone on her property. Shortly after, she observed a flash of light and smoke coming from the side of her home.

Investigating officers reviewed the security camera footage, which showed a male subject wearing a purple hoodie and black pants walking near the home as a bright light illuminated the area. Officers observed damage to the residence, including charred exterior panels and an open bottle of lighter fluid near the burned area, indicating the fire was intentionally set.

The suspect was identified as Damien Morgan. A warrant was issued for his arrest on the charge of Arson (F.S. 806.01). On Monday, September 8, 2025, Morgan was located and arrested by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Butler stated, "Acts of arson put lives in extreme danger, and our department will continue to work diligently to ensure those responsible are held accountable."

**Name:** Morgan, Damien  
**DOB:** 12/13/1991  
**Sex:** Male  
**Race:** Black  
**Hair:** Black  
**Eyes:** Brown  
**Charges:** Arson



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