

Press Release

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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Three arrested following series of armed home invasion robberies

Between August 19 and August 31, 2025, officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to two separate home invasion robberies within the city, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office responded to a third in unincorporated Lake City.

On Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at approximately 1:59 A.M., officers were dispatched to 1283 SW Zesty Circle, Apartment 102, regarding an armed robbery. Victims stated that two masked black males wearing black clothing and gloves forced entry into the apartment after yelling "Sheriff's Office." Both suspects were armed with handguns and demanded money from the occupants, stealing cash and an iPhone 14 before fleeing.

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, at approximately 12:01 A.M., officers responded to 3853 NW Huntsboro Street, Apartment 101, in reference to another armed home invasion. Victims reported that three black males, all wearing masks, gloves, and black clothing, forced entry after shouting "Columbia County Sheriff's Office." The suspects held the victims at gunpoint and stole cash and an iPhone 14 before fleeing the area.

On Sunday, August 31, 2025, at approximately 9:54 P.M., deputies from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office responded to 134 SW Petunia Place in unincorporated Lake City in reference to a home invasion robbery. The victim stated that four black male suspects—two wearing all black, one in camouflage, and one in a gray hoodie—entered the residence armed with handguns with extended magazines. The suspects demanded to know where money was located and ransacked the home before fleeing on foot. Jewelry, watches, cologne, and clothing were stolen.

Detectives have noted similarities among the incidents, including suspects impersonating law enforcement, use of dark clothing and masks, and demands for cash. Both departments coordinated investigative efforts to determine if these robberies were connected.

Following a joint investigation between the Lake City Police Department and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, three suspects were identified and arrested in connection with the series of robberies. The suspects were identified as Trever A. Strawder (DOB 01/14/1999), Ja'Kyris A. Martin (DOB 06/10/2005), and Ajahnnie L.



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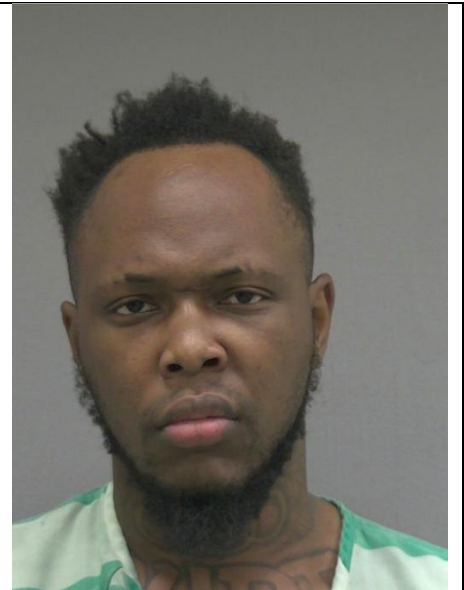
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Ward (DOB 10/04/1998). All three were taken into custody without further incident.

Chief of Police Gerald Butler stated, "These arrests reflect the outstanding teamwork between the Lake City Police Department and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Through coordinated investigative work, multiple violent offenders have been removed from our community. We will continue to pursue justice for the victims affected by these crimes."

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.

Name:	Strawder, Trever
DOB:	01/19/1999
Sex/Race:	Male/Black
Hair/Eyes:	Black/Brown
Address:	218 SW Rufo Ct, Fort White, FL 32038
Charge(s):	2 counts Home Invasion with a Firearm 2 counts Displaying/Possession of a firearm during the commission of a Felony 5 counts Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon 5 counts False Imprisonment 2 counts Impersonation of a Law Enforcement Officer 2 counts Grand Theft 2 counts Deprivation of 911 1 count Tampering with Evidence 1 count Conspiracy to commit a First Degree Felony



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Name: Martin, Jakyris Ahmaud
DOB: 06/10/2005
Sex/Race: Male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 15764 SE 83rd Ct, Summerfield, FL 34491

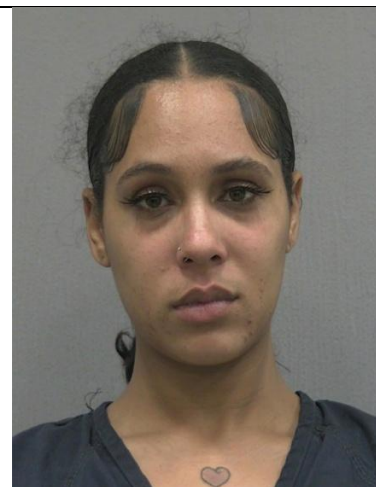
Charge(s):

- 1 count Home Invasion with a Firearm
- 1 count Displaying/Possession of a firearm during the commission of a Felony
- 2 counts Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon
- 2 counts False Imprisonment
- 1 count Impersonation of a Law Enforcement Officer
- 1 count Grand Theft
- 1 count Deprivation of 911
- 1 count Tampering with Evidence
- 1 count Conspiracy to commit a First Degree Felony



Name: Ward, Ajahnnie Leilani
DOB: 10/04/1998
Sex/Race: Female/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 2860 SW Windsong Circle, Lake City, FL 32025

Charge(s): 2 counts Home Invasion with a Firearm



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