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Armed Robbery Reported at Dollar General on NE Bascom Norris Drive

On December 2, 2025, at approximately 6:30 p.m., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to Dollar General, located at 136 NE Bascom Norris Drive, in reference to a reported robbery in progress involving a suspect armed with a handgun.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with store employees. Officers confirmed that no one had been physically injured, secured the scene, obtained initial statements, and reviewed available surveillance images of the individuals involved.

Through the course of the on-scene investigation, officers learned that a male entered the store, selected an alcoholic beverage, and left the business without paying. A store employee followed the male and a female companion into the area of NE Bascom Norris Drive and confronted them. The male then lifted his clothing to expose a handgun in his waistband and threatened to kill the employee and others before leaving the area. Officers obtained still images from store surveillance, reviewed prior call history, and conducted follow-up at a nearby apartment complex where the suspects were believed to reside.

Officers have identified the male suspect as Aljowan Jones, of Lake City. At this time, Jones has not been located. Jones should be considered armed and dangerous. If you see him, do not approach. Call 911 or contact the Lake City Police Department immediately.

"I am thankful that no one was physically harmed during this incident," said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "Anytime a firearm is used to threaten our citizens, we take it extremely seriously. We will continue to work with our community partners and the State Attorney's Office to ensure that those who bring guns into our businesses to commit crimes are held accountable."

Anyone with information regarding any 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.



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