

Press Release



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Firearm discharged during disturbance; one arrested, shooter being charged

On Monday, January 26, 2026, at approximately 8:55 p.m., officers with the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NE Goodvine Way regarding a reported domestic violence incident. Prior to arrival, officers also received a FLOCK gunshot detection alert for the same location.

The primary aggressor in the disturbance was located and arrested on a battery charge. During the investigation, officers located evidence consistent with a single gunshot being fired outside the home and reviewed available video footage. The video showed a confrontation in the driveway area during which an individual produced a handgun and fired one round into the air. No injuries were reported as a result of the gunshot.

Officers seized the handgun for investigative and safekeeping purposes and confirmed through a records check that the firearm had been reported stolen out of Hamilton County. The firearm and spent shell casing were placed into evidence for further review, and investigators are coordinating with the originating agency regarding the stolen firearm.

"Anytime a firearm is discharged in a neighborhood, even 'into the air,' it creates an unacceptable risk to innocent people," said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We will continue to investigate these incidents thoroughly, hold offenders accountable, and work with our partners to keep guns out of the wrong hands."

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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