

Press Release

LAKE CITY
POLICE
DEPARTMENT



Chief of Police Gerald Butler

For Immediate Release

April 6, 2026

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Arrest Made for Improper Exhibition of a Firearm

On Sunday, April 5, 2026, at approximately 10:31 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were in the area of NW Alma Street and NW Jefferson Street as Columbia County Sheriff's Office units worked to disperse a large crowd.

While assisting in the area, an officer observed a male subject walking northbound through the crowd holding a firearm. The subject was seen waving the firearm back and forth in a careless manner as he moved through a group of people. Officers attempted to make contact; however, the subject quickly blended into the crowd and left the immediate area.

Officers continued to canvass the surrounding area. Approximately one hour later, a detective observed a subject matching the description. The individual was positively identified by the original observing officer. Units detained the subject, and a firearm with an extended magazine was located inside a sling bag in his possession.

The subject was identified as Rasheem Gaskins. Gaskins was arrested and charged with Improper Exhibition of a Firearm in violation of Florida Statute 790.10. He was transported to the Columbia County Detention Center without further incident.

Chief Gerald Butler stated, "Displaying a firearm in a reckless manner in a crowded public setting puts lives at risk and will not be tolerated. Our officers responded quickly to identify and apprehend the individual, helping prevent a potentially dangerous situation from escalating."

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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Hair/Eyes: Blk/Bro
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Charge(s): Improper Exhibition of a Firearm



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