

# Press Release

**LAKE CITY**  
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**DEPARTMENT**



*Chief of Police Gerald Butler*

**For Immediate Release**  
April 8, 2026

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## Drive-By Shooting Leads to Attempted Murder Arrest

On Wednesday, April 2, 2026, at approximately 6:00 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to the area of NW Bascom Norris Drive and NW Oakland Avenue in reference to a FLOCK gunshot detection alert indicating multiple shots fired.

Upon arrival, officers located shell casings, vehicle debris, and damage consistent with a shooting and traffic crash. A crime scene was established, and officers began interviewing witnesses and securing evidence. Officers were later advised that a gunshot victim had arrived at HCA North Florida Hospital.

Detectives determined that a white Ford Mustang pursued a silver Toyota Tundra before an occupant of the Mustang fired multiple rounds at the Tundra in a drive-by style shooting. The victim's vehicle sustained multiple gunshot strikes. Detectives executed search warrants on both involved vehicles and collected additional evidence. Audio from the FLOCK system confirmed the number of shots fired.

Through the investigation, detectives identified the shooter as Jamal Waters. Waters was arrested and charged with Attempted Second Degree Murder while Armed with a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a person under 24 with a prior qualifying delinquency. He was transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Chief Gerald Butler stated, "This type of targeted violence will not be tolerated in our community. Our officers and detectives acted quickly to identify those responsible and ensure they are held accountable. We remain committed to protecting our citizens and addressing violent crime aggressively."

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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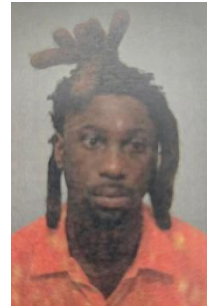
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**Name:** WATERS, JAMAL ANTONIO  
**DOB:** 09/18/2002  
**Sex/Race:** Male/Black  
**Hair/Eyes:** Blk/Bro  
**Address:** 1847 N US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32055  
**Charge(s):** Attempted Murder  
Possession of a Weapon by a Delinquent



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