Press Release







Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Man Beats Victim Unconscious in Public

On Sunday, May 19, 2024, at approximately 8:45 p.m., officers responded to the Marathon Gas Station at 3586 W US Highway 90 concerning a fight in progress.

Upon arrival, an officer detained the suspect, later identified as Gregory McClellan. Additional officers located the victim lying on the ground. The victim was near the sidewalk, bleeding profusely from his neck and extremities, and was in and out of consciousness. The victim was provided medical attention and, due to the severity of the injuries, was immediately transported to Shands Trauma Center in Gainesville.

Witnesses stated they observed a white male standing over the victim who appeared to be unconscious. The white male was continuously punching the victim while the victim appeared unable to defend theirself.

Investigation led to the following discovery: McClellan alleged he was struck with a glass bottle by the victim. McClellan stated he took the glass bottle from the victim and repeatedly hit the victim in the head until the bottle broke. When the bottle broke, he threw it to the side and continued to punch the victim.

Upon evaluation by EMS, there were no visible marks indicating McClellan was struck with any object. He was transported to Lake City Hospital for further evaluation. Upon release from the hospital, McClellan was transported to the Columbia County Jail without further incident.

McClellan was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery Person Uses Deadly Weapon.



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MCCLELLAN, GREGORY MICHAEL (W/ MALE / DOB: 12/12/1981

Status: In Jail

Booking No: CCSO24JBN001396 MniNo: CCSO77MNI005637

Booking Date: 05/19/2024 11:26 PM

Age On Booking Date: 42

Bond Amount: NO BOND

Enlarge Photo Address Given: HOMELESS LAKE CITY, FL 32024

CHARGES

STATUTE COURT CASE NUMBER CHARGE DEGREE LEVEL BOND

[-] 784.045.1a2 P/C (LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT) AGGRAVATED BATTERY S F NO BOND

PERSON USES A DEADLY WEAPON (NOT DV)

Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068 or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 386-754-7099.



