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Chief of Police Gerald Butler

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Peaceful resolution to hours long standoff

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, at approximately 8:05 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to a report of a shooting incident at 369 NW Wilson Street, Lake City, FL.

Upon arrival, officers encountered a victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the stomach. Officers administered first aid to the victim until emergency medical technicians (EMTs) arrived to transport them to a nearby trauma unit. In the midst of administering aid and conducting initial investigations, officers discovered a second victim, also injured by gunfire. Recognizing the shooter had retreated inside the residence, officers established a secure perimeter around the residence and requested the assistance of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

Once on scene, the SWAT team's hostage negotiator initiated communication with the suspect, identified as Brooks Samuel Smith (DOB: 9/25/1983), who resided at the location. Despite the suspect's continued aggressive behavior, including firing shots from inside the residence and through windows at officers, officers and deputies maintained composure and professionalism throughout the ordeal.

After a five-hour standoff, the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. Smith was transported to a local hospital for medical evaluation and subsequently booked into the Columbia County Detention Center.

"This successful resolution underscores the unwavering commitment of our local law enforcement agencies to work together to protect and serve the community," stated Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "We extend our gratitude to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Law Enforcement Division, Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, Lake City Fire Department, Columbia County Fire Department, and Century Ambulance for their assistance."

"These men and women showed courage and dedication in the face of danger, while ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens," stated Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter. "Our thoughts are with the victims as they receive medical care and support during this challenging time."



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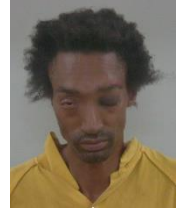


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Name: Smith, Brooks Samuel
DOB: 09/25/1983
Sex/Race: Male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/Brown
Address: 369 NW Wilson Street, Lake City, FL 32025
Charges: 2 counts of Attempted Homicide



Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068
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