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Sexual Assault Arrest

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to a residence on SE Pine Drive to the report of an alleged sexual offense involving a juvenile.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant who advised them of finding alarming text messages on their teenager's cell phone. When reviewed by officers, the text messages revealed a romantic relationship between the teenager and a 31 year old adult.

After an extensive investigation by detectives, an arrest warrant was prepared, reviewed by the State Attorney's Office and approved by a Judge. The suspect, Cardale Johnson, date of birth 02/19/1988, was located, arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center without incident.

Name: Johnson, Cardale
DOB: 02/19/1988
Sex: Male
Race: Black
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Address: 794 NW Union Park Road, Welborn, FL 33955
Charges: Sexual Assault by Suspect 24 or older Victim 16-17
Transmit Pornographic/Obscene Material to Minor
Possession of Depiction of Child Sex
Unlawful Sexual Acts with Certain Minor



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