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Fatal crash

On Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 3:16 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to SW Baya Drive near SE Perry Avenue in response to a traffic crash.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a single-vehicle crash. The investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling east on SW Baya Drive, approaching SE Perry Avenue, apparently lost control, veered onto the sidewalk, and struck a utility pole. Both the driver and the passenger sustained fatal injuries.

The driver was identified as Charles Harrison Fails 51 and the passenger as his wife, Tracy Carol Fails 49 both of Lake City.

The Lake City Police Department extends its gratitude to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Lake City Fire Department, and Columbia County Emergency Medical Services for their swift response and assistance during the investigation.



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