

Press Release

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Vehicle passenger flees from scene but does not avoid arrest

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 12:53 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to Cedar Park Apartments, located at 399 NW Bascom Norris Drive, regarding a report of a disturbance. While en route, officers were informed by Columbia County Combined Dispatch that an occupant of a silver passenger car had pointed a handgun at a citizen.

Before arriving, officers observed a vehicle matching the description leaving the area. When they attempted a traffic stop, the vehicle initially failed to pull over. When it finally stopped, a passenger exited the vehicle carrying a handgun and fled on foot. Officers attempted to locate the fleeing suspect, whom they identified as Da'zarin Exavier Johnson based on prior encounters, but were initially unsuccessful.

The driver of the vehicle confirmed that Johnson was the fleeing passenger. He was later located at a convenience store, arrested, and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Name: Johnson, Da'zarin Exavier
DOB: 09/01/2005
Sex/Race: Male/Black
Hair/Eyes: Black/ Brown
Address: 2830 SW Windsong Cir Apartment 201, Lake City, FL 32025
Charges: Resist Officer with Violence
Improper Exhibition of a Firearm



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