

Press Release

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Minor vehicle crash leads to arrest for kidnapping

On Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 12:55 P.M., officers from the Lake City Police Department responded to Baya Pharmacy, located at 1465 West US Hwy 90, regarding a report of a kidnapping.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim, an employee of the pharmacy. The victim stated that while traveling south on NW Ridgewood Avenue, at the intersection of West US Hwy 90, they observed a bicyclist in the crosswalk attempting to cross eastbound. After making eye contact with the cyclist, he motioned for the driver to proceed. As the vehicle moved forward, the cyclist suddenly moved in front of the vehicle and was struck.

The driver exited the vehicle to check on the cyclist and attempted to report the incident to law enforcement using her cellphone. As she approached the cyclist, he slapped the phone from her hand and threatened violence if law enforcement was contacted. The cyclist then demanded that the driver return to the driver's seat while he placed his bicycle in the rear of the vehicle. He entered the passenger seat, brandished a knife, and ordered the driver to take him to a specific location.

After reaching the location, the cyclist exited the vehicle, and the driver returned to Baya Pharmacy to report the incident.

Detectives identified the suspect as Danny Keith Phelps. He was located, arrested, and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center.

Name: Phelps, Danny Keith
DOB: 05/22/1957
Sex/Race: Male/White
Hair/Eyes: Grey/ Brown
Address: 469 SE Sharon Lane, Lake City, FL 32025
Charges: Kidnap – False Imprisonment
Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon
Tampering with a Witness



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