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## Update - One Shot During Home Invasion

On Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at approximately 11:06 p.m., officers from the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to SW Leslie Glen in reference to an individual being shot.

Upon arrival, officers found a 31-year-old male unresponsive from a gunshot wound. Officers administered first aid until EMS arrived, but the individual succumbed to his injuries.

Victims of the home invasion reported that the individual, who was known to the victims, attempted to break into the home and was successful. The residence contained multiple adults and children. One of the adults fired multiple shots at the intruder when he rushed toward them.

### **Update – Wednesday, March 6, 2025**

The deceased has been identified as Langston Sykes, a 31-year-old male. An adult inside the home had an active injunction against Langston. Findings from the investigation suggest the case may qualify under Florida's Stand Your Ground law. The investigation remains ongoing.

"This is a tragic incident, and our thoughts are with everyone affected," said Police Chief Gerald Butler. "Based on the investigation, it appears this may be a case of a resident acting in self-defense during a home invasion. Our detectives are working diligently to gather all the facts to ensure a thorough and complete investigation. We encourage anyone with information to come forward."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective Pepin at (386) 719-5749.

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