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CARJACKING

Woman dragged from car at gunpoint

Escapes late Saturday incident without injury, suspects soon nabbed.

By COREY ARWOOD
carwood@lakecityreporter.com

Alone on a dark stretch of highway near midnight, a woman was pulled from her car with a gun to her head and thrown to the ground by two men who took her phone and car and drove off, sheriff’s officials said.

Less than a mile from the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office, her 911 call from a nearby house drew a quick response from deputies who tracked the armed suspects down in a construction site across town using CCSO and DOC K9s early Sunday, according to arrest reports.

Jamarcus Malcom Brooks, 21, of Jacksonville, was later identified by the victim as the gunman who took her 2015 Chrysler 200 and drove away, leaving her stranded on East U.S. Highway 90.

Deangelo Marquise Demps was identified as the second individual involved.

Both were arrested on the same charges of grand theft, robbery with a firearm and carjacking with a firearm plus resisting arrest, jail records show.

ATTACK continued on 3A

Dunn, Lawson give up salaries during government shutdown

Both of Columbia County’s representatives in Congress have given up their pay during the partial government shutdown, now entering its second month.

U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn, a Panama City Republican who represents southern Columbia County, and Al Lawson, who represents the northern portion of the county, asked that their pay be withheld until federal workers are back on the job.

“Americans across the country are suffering the consequences of this unnecessary government shutdown,” said Dunn. “I have asked the Clerk of the House to withhold my pay until we come to an agreement and reopen the government.”

Lawson issued a press release to the same effect.

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While the percentage of TSA airport screeners missing work has hit 10 percent as the partial government shutdown stretches into its fifth week.

The Transportation Security Administration said Monday that Sunday’s absence rate compared to 3.1 percent on the comparable Sunday a year ago.

The workers who screen passengers and their bags missing another paycheck if the shutdown doesn’t end early this week. According to TSA, many of them say the financial hardship is preventing them from reporting to work.

TSA says the national average waiting time in airport checkpoint lines is within the normal limit of 20 minutes, but there are longer lines at some airports.

The agency has dispatched extra screeners to airports in Atlanta, LaGuardia Airport in New York, and Newark, New Jersey. A TSA spokesman said airport officials might also be getting additional help.

Sunday’s 10 percent absence rate indicates that more than 3,000 airport screeners missed work. TSA has 54,000 screeners, and a spokesman said that about 33,000 work on any given day. That topped the previous high of 8 percent on January 2.

With fewer screeners, TSA closed one of its security checkpoints at Baltimore/Washington International airport over the weekend, reopened it, but closed it again Monday afternoon, according to an airport spokesperson.

A checkpoint at Houston’s Bush Intercontinental Airport remained closed. — Associated Press

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Melvin was the father of three wonderful children: Shanna Deese Baldree, Sammie (Dee) Baldree (Dale) of Washington, D.C. (Dale) Baldree of Turkey and Telukubu, Buka Island Province of Papua New Guinea; (his) four brothers and his (her) four sisters; Ovadia Baldree, Shakhed Fur and David Baldree of Lakeland, FL, and several uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Melvin was preceded by his father, A. P. Baldree and brother Patrick Baldree.

Melvin graduated from Clewiston High School, received his BA degree from Lakeland Bible College in Lakeland, FL, and received his Master of Divinity Degree at Asia Pacific Bible College in Lakeland, FL, and received his Master of Bible College in Lakeland, FL, and received his Master of Divinity Degree at Asia Pacific

Melvin was a pastor (located on 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025) (386) 752-1234 Please leave a message for the family at www.g🌻.com/123

Melvin Forest Deese
Melvin Forest "Forest" Deese was born on January 20, 1929 in the Brevard Hospital Center in Lake City, Florida, after a long battle with cancer. He is the son of the late Ocie and Mildred Hinson Deese of Middleburg. His funeral and interment were held at the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, 485 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, Florida (386) 752-1234 Please leave a message for the family at www.g🌻.com/123

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We believe strong newspapers build strong communities — Newspapers get things done!

We need more veterans in politics

F orty years ago, military veterans made up roughly three-quarters of Congress. By 2017, the proportion had declined to fewer than one in five.

The number of veterans on Capitol Hill will dip slightly again next year, because of retirements — but the elections of 2018 were nonetheless a good day for veterans.

At least 175 veterans received major party nominations for national office, marking a 20-year high. There are at least 75 won office. (The figures above do not include those who have not yet declared their intentions.) Of these, at least 14 are now running in the general election in a couple of Nov. 4.

Americans should care about this.

In all age of peace and harmony — little sign of the war that was. But the perspective and experience of former soldiers are matters that impact Americans in a number of ways.

Second service” in politics. Good, too, that the tally of female veterans is on the rise. But one expects that, as a group, they’ll bring discipline, duty and a commitment to country before politics. Congress has been lacking in those traits lately.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service.
Wednesday

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St. James Episcopal Church, (242) 214-1320. Talks are given on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Mondays. Newcomers are welcome on Mondays at 5 p.m.

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Saturday

Turkey shoot

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Sunday

Bingo at Amer. Legion

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Scenes from MLK Day, 2019

Olivet Missionary Baptist Church brought the church to South Marion Avenue, or at least a pew’s worth of its congregation, who rode its float in the 2019 Martin Luther King Jr Day Parade.

LEFT: Annette Fulton holds Micah Ross of Lake City as a float draws near with Vanessa George, former city council District 10 candidate, on board. RIGHT: Youth with New Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City march holding reversible signs that read, “All Lives Matter,” “Black Lives Matter” and “White Lives Matter.”

LEFT: Beginning at the Florida Department of Transportation, the Columbia High School Marching Band was among bands that participated. RIGHT: “Keep the Dream Alive,” was the message this young member of New Dayspring Missionary Baptist Church in Lake City presented.

LEFT: U.S. Air Force ROTC was just behind LPD in marching order along the route through downtown Lake City. RIGHT: Mount Tabor AME Church of Lake City had a float bearing the title “The Color of Unity” with several members of its congregation on board.
Columbia was forced to forfeit in District 4-1A win over Ocala Forest on Jan. 8 due to an ineligible player.

Head coach Steve Faulkner self-reported the infraction to the Florida High School Athletic Association and it will only affect one game.

The Tigers defeated the Wildcats 68-44 at home that night, but Faulkner mistakenly played the unlisted player too early coming off of ineligible in the fall semester due to grades.

Faulkner notified all the district teams over the weekend.

“I was all in,” Faulkner said.

The FHSAA bylaw says players do not become eligible until six days after the semester ends. The game took place when the spring semester began.

“I dropped the ball and was not copmutant of that so we self-reported and made the FHSAA aware of it and they told us we needed to forfeit,” Faulkner said.

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No. 16 Auburn at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
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Today's Top 25 Games
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GATORS NOTEBOOK

UF forward Stone out for season with knee injury

GAINESVILLE — Florida forward Keith Stone will have season-ending surgery after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee at Georgia.

The Gators announced the injury Sunday, two days after his injury and after Stone underwent further evaluation in the Gainesville area by two of the nation’s top knee specialists.

Overhfeld Beach scored eight points in nine minutes before

Michelle Richards waves as the ruins of the Houston Marathon on Sunday.

Michelle Richards, along with over 15 runners from Team Florida Track Club, started the Houston Marathon Sunday Morning in a field of over 28,000 runners. Richards pushed out a personal-best marathon with a time of 3:14:53 to place

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BASKETBALL

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Associated Press Top 25

1. Tennessee (48) 23-2
3. Virginia (45) 21-4
4. Michigan (44) 22-3
5. Arizona (40) 21-4
6. Kansas (39) 22-3
7. Duke (38) 21-3
8. Villanova (37) 21-4
9. Miami (36) 21-4
10. NU (35) 20-4
11. North Carolina (34) 21-4
12. Iowa (33) 21-5
13. Maryland (32) 18-6
14. New Mexico (31) 24-2
15. Creighton (30) 21-4
16. Marquette (29) 20-4
17. Xavier (28) 19-5
18. Purdue (27) 20-4
19. Providence (26) 20-4
20. Louisville (25) 20-4
21. Butler (24) 20-4
22. Nevada (23) 20-4
23. Illinois State (22) 21-4
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Other stock moving: Florida, 135


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DEAR SHE DESERVES BETTER: I doubt Jane would like to be married and is open about your relationship. Do you think she would rather have a proposal and a wedding than a special diamond? The band's parents forgot his birthday. On his other adult siblings' birthdays, but throw parties, and make the occasion a happy one with friends, and make the moment she decides to get married — she deserves without asking her to marry me. — BETTER OR WORSE

DEAR ABBY: My husband's parents forgot his birthday — again. Last year, he laughed it off. This year, he laughed it off. It's especially hurtful because they should remember his other adult siblings' birthdays, but throw parties, and make the occasion a happy one with friends, and make the moment she decides to get married — she deserves without asking her to marry me. — BETTER OR WORSE

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The Lakeland Reporter is seeking a Classified Advertising Account Executive to sell advertising to Classified accounts. You will be looking for an individual with a Can-do spirit who enjoys working with customers. You have a proven track record in closing business and not be intimidated by outbound sales. Must have the individual and social skills to establish and share new account strategy with classified sales manager. Responsibilities in this position include:

- Selling classified, direct, charge, display and specialty advertising.
- Process and publish legal notices.
- Identify new sales and new avenues by soliciting new accounts while managing existing accounts.

This is a salaried position. We are looking to create a minimum of 100 new classified accounts. We offer:
- Potential to purchase bonus plan, phone, voice or internet in a family scene.
- Review credit status of all potential and make customer decision.
- Consider account on varying opportunities due to our inventory.

Qualifications:

- Two plus years of advertising and/or direct sales experience.
- Proficient in word processing, cold calling, prospecting and the ability to close the sales.
- Excellent typing and proofreading skills required.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher.
- Experience with social media.
- Must be a quick learner.
- Conflict of interest and ethical sales practices.

Position in full-time is available with full benefit packages, including health insurance, good paid holidays, vacation and 401K.

Please send resume to Jackie Taylor & Associates, 502 S. Florida Ave. Lakeland, FL 33805

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The Tigers' final game of the regular season is a trip to Edgewater, which will be the first opportunity to see the school's new stadium. The game is scheduled for March 10, and the Tigers hope to come away with a victory to solidify their position in the playoffs.

### Seniors

Emmett Mims, Widgeren's third assistant to Martin sent Columbia into halftime up 4-0.

"That was some of the most unselfish play that Columbia has all year and hopefully that will continue," Columbia coach Shane Edge said. "He knows that we needed a couple of guys that would get goals. He did really, really well and that showed that kind of player he can be. He can distribute the ball like that and get the ball to a guy's foot and get him a goal."

Goals came in rapid succession in the second half. Cole Welhle assisted Carmel Hull less than three minutes into the half and Widgeren made it 6-0 when his shot deflected off of a Taylor County defender and away from goalkeeper Jesse Nelson, who finished with 13 saves on 30 shots.

Burns scored on Caballero's pass in the 46th minute before Caballero ended the day with a goal.

The ninth senior, William Burns, had a huge day.

"I liked Valdosta State and the time we went down there this summer," Williams said. "I wanted to go up there and see how I was doing, and they just invited me up toVSU."

They were always reaching out to me and calling me to see how I was doing," Williams said. "They'd check up on me and they were really cool and I feel like I can relate to them. I feel like we get along a lot."