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Armed Driver Shot and Killed at DUI Checkpoint

March 14, 2014 at approximately 11:49 p.m., a driver proceeding through a scheduled DUI/Safety Checkpoint pulled a handgun on an officer, was shot inside his vehicle and died at the scene.

On Friday, March 14, 2014 at 8:20 p.m., officers from the Lake City Police Department began their pre-announced DUI/Safety Checkpoint in the 1400 block of US-90W. This location was in the parking lot of the Lake City Professional Plaza directly across from the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

While officers were making contact with the driver of a black 2012 Dodge pick-up truck, the driver drew a handgun and pointed it out of the vehicle window at him. The officer was able to grab hold of the firearm and struggle with the driver as he used his weapon hand to draw his duty firearm. The officer fired and shot the armed suspect, who was later identified as Mr. Jimmy Eugene Barker of Louisville, TN. The driver died at the scene. The next of kin have been notified of the incident.

The State Attorney's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) were called to investigate the shooting and responded to the scene. Counsellors have been contacted to provide support to the involved officers. The officer involved in the shooting has been placed on administrative leave as a standard procedure, pending the ongoing investigation into the shooting.



DECEASED: Jimmy Eugene Barker
Race/Sex: White / Male
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