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## Media Release

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### **Lakeland Police Department Dive Team to Conduct Operation to Search for Firearm**

The Lakeland Police Department Dive Team will be conducting an operation on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Lake Mirror in downtown Lakeland beginning at 9:00 am. The target location is next to Fire Station #1 and directly behind the Lakeland Fire Department Administration Building.

The Dive Team will be utilizing the dredge and the magnet for this operation to recover a firearm used in the commission of an armed robbery. The robbery occurred on April 1, 2008, at 702 South Lake Avenue where two victims were approached and robbed at gunpoint. A Police K-9 located suspect Jamale Lawson (DOB: 2/25/86) hiding behind a large electrical box in the immediate area of the robbery. Lawson was arrested and charged with the robbery. The firearm used in this robbery is believed to have been thrown into Lake Mirror. LPD Case 2008-25170.

All media inquiries regarding this event should be directed to Jack Gillen, Public Information Officer, at 863.981.0196. Mr. Gillen will be on site at 9:00 a.m.

This information is also posted on [www.lpdonlinenews.com](http://www.lpdonlinenews.com).