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Men Plead Guilty After Court Deputies Discover Note

Three men have pled guilty to Home Invasion and Armed Robbery after Court Security Deputies discovered a note written by one of the men.

The three men, Joshua Burgess, Chaz West and Marquise Williams, were all co-defendants and were waiting to appear before Judge Jan Shackelford for trial. The case stemmed from an incident which occurred within the jurisdiction of the Pensacola Police Department on December 25, 2012.

On August 19, 2013, as Court Security Deputies Richie Faunce and Joseph Kastor were taking the inmates to the courtroom, they noticed one of the men digging in his jumpsuit. When questioned, he stated he was missing a letter he had received from his attorney. Deputy Kastor found a note in the jury box. Upon closer inspection, he realized that the note was from one of the suspects to the other advising on what to say to get their stories straight for trial.

Based on the new information from the note, all three co-defendants pled guilty to the charges instead of going to trial.

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