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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced that yesterday, an Okaloosa County jury convicted Jevon Anthony Hulewitt as charged of Robbery Without a Weapon.

Testimony at trial revealed that Hulewitt and two co-defendants, Joi Eileen Ellis and Terrance Alan Bollens, approached a young female while she was on her porch, asking her for cigarettes and offering to give her a ride. When she refused to go with them, they grabbed her and stole her purse. The victim banged on the side of her house to get her father's attention, and as he came outside, the three suspects fled in a van, but the victim was able to see the license plate as the van drove away.

The victim was able to identify all three individuals in photographic lineups, and Hulewitt and Bollens were located only a few hours after the crime walking along the side of the road as a deputy was driving the victim back to her residence. Ellis was apprehended a short time later driving the van that had been the getaway vehicle. The victim's debit card and social security card were located in the van, and her purse was located on the side of the road.

Sentencing has been scheduled for July 9, 2013 before Circuit Judge John T. Brown. Hulewitt has seventeen prior felony convictions and had only been out of state prison for two days before committing this offense. The State has filed its intent to seek Prison Releasee Reoffender sentencing as well as Habitual Felony Offender sentencing. Williams faces a minimum mandatory sentence of fifteen years in state prison and may be sentenced up to thirty years for his crime.

The investigation was conducted by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Clifton Drake, and for further information, please contact him at (850) 651-7260.