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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Michael David Tuele, Jr., has been sentenced to a 25 year minimum mandatory prison sentence on the charges of Home Invasion Robbery with a Firearm, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Tuele entered a plea on Thursday before Circuit Judge William Stone. The charges arose from an incident which occurred on November 20, 2012 in Fort Walton Beach. Tuele entered the victim's home to steal money and drugs from the victims while wearing a gas mask and carrying a pistol. During a struggle with one of the victims, the victim was shot and stabbed. The victim recovered from his wounds.

The case was investigated by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Angela Mason was responsible for the prosecution.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Angela Mason at (850) 651-7260.