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**BURROUGHS FOUND GUILTY OF DEALING IN STOLEN PROPERTY, FALSE VERIFICATION**

State Attorney Melissa Nelson announces that Timothy D. Burroughs, 34, of Jacksonville, was found guilty by a jury of Dealing in Stolen Property and False Verification of Ownership on a Pawnbroker Transaction Form. Burroughs now faces a maximum of 35 years in Florida State Prison. A sentencing hearing is scheduled before the Honorable Angela M. Cox the week of Sept. 5, 2017.

At 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26, 2016, Burroughs entered a Normandy Boulevard pawn shop with two other males and a female. One of the group members took a laptop off a display and the group, including Burroughs, exited without paying for the item. The incident was captured by surveillance video. At 5:45 p.m., Burroughs entered a Dunn Avenue pawn shop and pawned the laptop stolen hours earlier. The act also was captured by surveillance video and Burroughs provided his thumbprint on the pawnbroker transaction form, which was compared and identified as belonging to him.

Burroughs was later interviewed regarding this crime and initially denied being at the Normandy Boulevard pawn shop. He later admitted he was there, but that he did not steal or pawn the stolen laptop. Burroughs later admitted he did pawn a laptop at the Dunn Avenue store, but claimed it was his personal 11-year old device. However, upon further questioning, he told a Jacksonville Sheriff's Office detective "you got me, point blank," and admitted to pawning the stolen item.

The case was investigated by Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and is being prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Elizabeth Beck.