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State Attorney's Office investigators arrested James Wallace Mathis, Jr. for the crime of Tampering with a Witness. Mathis is currently in the Lee County Jail awaiting trial on a robbery charge.

In a previous case, Mathis is accused of intimidating a witness to try to prevent them from testifying against him.

The problems of witness recantation, intimidation of witnesses, and the "no snitching" phenomena are increasing throughout the country and Southwest Florida is not immune to it. The State Attorney's Office will continue to aggressively combat these issues. If we find it is happening and can prove it; we will take swift, effective, and firm action to stop it.

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