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On December 14th Deputies responded to a property on County Road 7521 for a report of stolen trees. The victim's neighbors saw people trespassing on his property and removing a tree. The tree that was removed was a walnut tree. The victim showed the Deputies where another tree had been cut but the suspects left it because it had split. The approximate value of the trees was \$2000.00.

On December 15th a Detectives responded to South Side Lumber and spoke with the owner who stated he bought a walnut log on December 14th. He provided the Detectives with a copy of the bill of sale.

From information that was gathered a suspect has been identified. Charges are pending at this time.