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TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS

Gulfport, Miss - Ervie Lee Fairbanks, 29, of Waveland, a member of the Simon City Royals street gang, and Yvette Janel Hayden, 25, of Pass Christian, an affiliate of the Simon City Royals street gang, both pled guilty in U.S. District Court yesterday to one count of tampering with a witness, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced.

Fairbanks and Hayden will be sentenced on March 22, 2011 and face a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison. Both defendants remain in federal custody.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Annette Williams.

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