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SAWYERVILLE.....On Wednesday, November 17, 2010 deputies from the Hale County Sheriff's Office arrested four males in connection with several major thefts throughout the county; Marcus Kennedy, age 29, Samuel Royal Jr, age 24, Cedric Rhodes, age 34, and Kelvin Taylor, age 40, all of Sawyerville. All four of the suspects were booked into the Hale County Jail. Kennedy was charged with three counts of Theft of Property 1st Degree and one count of Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree, and released on a \$60,000 bond. Royal was charged with one count of Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree, and released on a \$15,000 bond. Rhodes was charged with two counts of Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree, one count of Theft of Property 1st Degree and Failure to Pay Child Support, he remains in the Hale County Jail under a \$45,000 bond. Taylor was charged with two counts of Theft of Property 1st Degree and released on a \$30,000 bond.

Many of the items taken in the burglaries ranged from vehicles and tractors to fishing boats and farm equipment. An estimated \$35,000 in stolen equipment was recovered. Sheriff Ellis commended the work of Deputies Dillard and Bryant. "These deputies worked these cases very aggressively. It took several days to match the property with the theft reports we had, but these guys put the extra hours into solving these cases and making the necessary arrests".

Any further developments in this case can be followed at the Sheriff's Office website; www.halecoso.com