Convict under death sentence guilty in escape

A Jacksonville killer sentenced to death Friday pleaded guilty Monday morning to an attempted escape at the Duval County jail.

Justin McMillian, 26, was one of four inmates charged with overpowering three guards in the Aug. 2 escape attempt. The inmates briefly took over a control pod before a rapid response team of corrections officers called to rescue their colleagues was able to subdue the inmates.

McMillian, facing three charges in the case, pleaded guilty to battery on a law enforcement officer. Circuit Judge David Gooding sentenced him to five years in prison, which will run concurrent to the death sentence imposed Friday in the 2009 slaying of McMillian's exgirlfriend, Danielle Stubbs.

The other inmates charged with McMillian are awaiting trial.

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