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STUDENTS SENTENCED IN FLAG DESECRATION CASE

All four students involved with defacing an American flag in February 2009 have now been sentenced in connection with the case.

Jesus Flores-Ramos (dob: 04-16-90) pleaded guilty earlier to one count of *false reporting* (M3) and one count of *disorderly conduct* (PO1). He was sentenced to 12 months of supervised probation, 100 hours of community service and must take a cultural sensitivity course.

Wade Sternberg (dob: 11-25-90) pleaded guilty earlier to one count of *false reporting* (M3) and one count of *disorderly conduct* (PO1). He was sentenced to 12 months supervised probation, 100 hours of community service and must take a cultural sensitivity course.

Briawna Lewis (dob: 01-24-91) pleaded guilty to one count of false reporting (M3). She has been sentenced to 12 months deferred judgment probation, 48 hours of community service and must take a cultural sensitivity course.

A fourth juvenile co-defendant pleaded guilty earlier to one count of *defacing property of another* (M2) and was sentenced to 2 years probation and 100 hours of community service.

On February 9, 2009, police were notified that a defaced American flag was found hanging upside down at Thomas Jefferson High School. Flores-Ramos, Sternberg, and the juvenile were responsible for defacing the flag with crude drawings and racist language. The four co-defendants attempted to cover up their wrongdoings by reporting a false story to investigators.