

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team - Trial Week

The week of February 2 to February 5, 2010, the Crimes Against Property Team conducted two jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Trials were delayed one day due to inclement weather on Monday, February 1, 2010.

The first trial was of Ian Russell, age 26, for felonious larceny and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury returned of *guilty* to both charges. The Honorable Robert F. Johnson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Blackmon to 9-11 months in prison.

The second trial was of Daniel Krider , age 21, for breaking or entering, larceny, and possession of stolen goods. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Alex Lawrence, age 38, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Lawrence pled guilty to felonious uttering a forged instrument. He also admitted his status as an habitual felon. Judge Johnson sentenced Lawrence to 82 to 100 months in prison.

Justin Aldrich, age 32, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Aldrich pled guilty to felonious uttering a forged instrument. Judge Johnson sentenced Aldrich to 6-8 months in prison, suspended, with a 60 day active sentence followed by 36 months of supervised probation.

Ian Grier, age 20, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Grier pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny. The Honorable Christopher M. Collier, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Grier to 45 days in jail, suspended for 12 months of probation.

Ralph Bynum, age 42, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Bynum pled guilty to felonious larceny, felonious conspiracy, and two counts of injury to personal property. Judge Collier sentenced Bynum to two consecutive sentences of 6-8 months in prison, suspended, with a 15 day active sentence followed by 48 months of supervised probation.

James Jackson, age 40, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Jackson pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Judge Johnson sentenced Jackson to 13-16 months in prison.

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