

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Crimes Against Persons Team convicts violent criminals at trial

The weeks of March 22 and March 29, 2010, the Crimes Against Persons Team conducted three jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in two courtrooms.

The first trial was of Matthew Morgan, age 18, for (1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and (2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on both charges. The Honorable Marvin K. Blount III, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Morgan to 84-119 months in prison.

The second trial was of Quincy Ketter, age 27, for (1) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and (2) discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all three charges. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Ketter to 204-272 months in prison.

The third trial, which lasted two weeks, was of Steven Staples, age 20, Timothy Hines, age 20, and Marquis Gaines, age 19. Staples was tried for (1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, (2) possession of stolen goods, (3) assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer and (4) felony flee to elude. While the state was presenting evidence at trial, Staples decided to plead *guilty as charged*. The Honorable Kevin N. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Staples to 117-151 months in prison. Hines was tried for (1) possession of stolen goods and (2) robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty* as to possession of stolen goods but *guilty* as to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Bridges sentenced Hines to 77-102 months in prison. Gaines was tried for (1) possession of stolen goods and (2) robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty* as to the possession of stolen goods but *guilty* as to the robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Bridges sentenced Gaines to 77-102 months in prison.

Carlos Davis, age 30, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Davis pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Boner sentenced Davis to 117-150 months in prison.

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Adolfo Albarran, age 36, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Albarran pled guilty to taking indecent liberties with a child. Judge Blount sentenced Albarran to 15-18 months in prison.

James Austin, age 22, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Austin pled guilty to discharging a firearm into occupied property. Judge Blount sentenced Austin to 28-43 months in prison.

Donald Larry Winger, age 63, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Winger pled guilty to two counts of sexual battery. Judge Boner sentenced Winger to 120 days in jail.

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