

NEWS RELEASE

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Trials, motions, and guilty pleas with Drug Prosecution Team, June 7-11

The DA's drug prosecution team held court during the week of June 7 to June 11, 2010. The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, Superior Court Judge, presided over courtroom 5150.

TRIAL: Wendell Herron, age 23, was tried before a jury for (1) conspiracy to sell cocaine, (2) delivery of cocaine, and (3) possession with intent to sell or distribute cocaine. The jury found Herron *guilty* of all three charges. Judge Murphy sentenced Jones to 16 to 20 months, suspended for a period of 36 months. As a condition of probation, Herron will serve an active sentence of 120 days in jail.

TRIAL: Autarius Clayton, age 27, was tried before a jury for 1) trafficking in cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. The jury found Clayton *not guilty*.

Several other defendants pled guilty before their trials began; some of them included:

Darmarcus Ellison, age 36, pled to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Murphy sentenced Ellison to 108-139 months in prison.

Luis Diaz, age 40, pled to possession of cocaine. Judge Murphy sentenced Diaz to 6-8 months in prison.

Zonta Ellison, age 31, pled to 1) sale of cocaine and 2) possession of cocaine. Judge Murphy sentenced Ellison to 15-18 months in prison.

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