

# NEWS RELEASE

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**Habitual Felon Team tries one, one pleads guilty, and one fails to appear**

During the week of July 6, 2010, the DA's Habitual Felon Team called three cases for trial in courtroom 5370. The scheduled week of habitual felon trials was shortened by the state holiday on Monday, July 5, as well as the conclusion of a second-degree murder trial on Tuesday morning, July 6.

The first defendant called for trial failed to appear and currently has an outstanding order for his arrest. The second defendant, Lamont Strong, age 31, pled guilty as charged to incidents that took place in 2008, 2009, and 2010, as follows: 1) two counts of being a habitual felon, 2) two counts of conspiracy to sell cocaine, 3) sell heroin, 4) two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 5) possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin, 6) felony failure to appear, and 7) interference with an electronic monitoring device. Strong was sentenced by The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, Superior Court Judge, to 133-169 months in prison. The third defendant, Michael Osborne, age 34, was tried before a jury for possession of cocaine. On Friday afternoon, July 9, the jury returned an unanimous verdict of *not guilty*, thus the habitual felon phase of the trial could not be conducted.

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