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**Crimes Against Property Team tries two defendants, several plead guilty**

The week of July 20 to July 24, 2009, the Crimes Against Property Team conducted two jury trials in Mecklenburg County.

The first trial was of Samuel Murphy, age 48, for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny, and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on all felony offenses but *guilty* of a misdemeanor offense of possession of stolen goods. The Honorable James E. Hardin, Jr., Superior Court Judge, presided over the trial in courtroom 5150.

The second jury trial was of Quintrell Stokes, age 21, for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. At the end of the State's presentation of the evidence, The Honorable W. Robert Bell, the Superior Court Judge presiding over courtroom 5130, dismissed the charge.

In addition to the two jury trials, some defendants pled guilty before their trials began; among them were:

Jeremiah Alexander, age 22, pled guilty to burglary and was sentenced to 100-129 months in prison. (Courtroom 5130; Judge Bell)

Earl Cress, age 44, pled guilty to failing to register as a sex offender and was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison. (Courtroom 5130; Judge Bell)

Randell Edward, age 38, pled guilty to failing to register as a sex offender and was sentenced to 5 months in the Mecklenburg County jail, followed by 30 months of probation. (Courtroom 5130; Judge Bell)

Charles Stubbs, age 47, pled guilty to failing to register as a sex offender and was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison. (Courtroom 5130; Judge Bell)

Thomas Boyce, age 48, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, and being a habitual felon. Boyce was sentenced to 90-117 months in prison. (Courtroom 5150; Judge Hardin)

Jesus Jimenez, age 24, plead guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle and was sentenced to 3-4 months in jail. (Courtroom 5150; Judge Hardin)

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