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Three jury trials for three habitual felons

The DA's Habitual Felon Team tried three habitual felons the week of August 2, 2010.

Jamal Williams, 37, was tried for 1) possession of heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* in both phases of the trial and Williams was sentenced to 121-155 months in prison by The Honorable Calvin E. Murphy, Superior Court Judge.

Tobias McNeil, 32, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) felony larceny pursuant to breaking or entering, 3) conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering, 4) attempted larceny of a motor vehicle, and 5) being a habitual felon. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* to the attempted larceny of a motor vehicle charge. The jury returns verdicts of *guilty* to the three remaining felonies and to the habitual felon status. McNeil was sentenced by The Honorable Lucy Inman, Superior Court Judge, to a total sentence of 279-363 months in prison.

Jermaine Hodges, 31, was tried for the second time for being a habitual felon after a previous jury convicted Hodges of 1) breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering but could not reach a verdict as to his habitual felon status. The new jury once again could not reach a unanimous verdict as to his habitual felon status and Hodges was sentenced for the felony convictions to 40-48 months in prison by Judge Murphy.

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