

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent criminals convicted at trial; others plead guilty

The week of September 20, 2010, the Crimes Against Persons Team conducted three jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in two courtrooms.

The first trial was of Jaquan Weathers, age 26, for assault inflicting serious injury on a law enforcement officer. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Weathers to 25-30 months in prison.

The second trial was of Dontavious Pegues, age 26, for three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all three charges. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Pegues to 288-375 months in prison.

The third trial was of Astriane Horton, age 28, for assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer and felony flee to elude. The felony flee to elude charge was dismissed by the court. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer. Judge Boner sentenced Horton to 18-22 months in prison.

Christian Chavez, age 18, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Chavez pled guilty to first degree burglary, common law robbery, and conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Judge Boner sentenced Chavez to 72-96 months in prison.

Eric Kirkpatrick, age 37, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Kirkpatrick pled guilty to 2nd degree sex offense and four counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Morgan sentenced Kirkpatrick to 92-121 months in prison to be followed, upon his release from prison, by 32-40 months suspended for 36 months of supervised probation.

Ali Miller, age 17, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Miller pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Morgan sentenced Miller to 51-71 months in prison.

Jaylin Griffith, age 17, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Griffith pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Morgan sentenced Griffith to 54-74 months in prison.

Napolean Robinson, age 18, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Robinson pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Morgan sentenced Robinson to 60-81 months in prison.

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