

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Crimes Against Property Team tries three defendants, several plead guilty**

The week of November 16 through 20, 2009, the Crimes Against Property Team conducted three jury trials in Mecklenburg County.

The first trial was of Tony Smith, age 44, for 1) financial transaction card theft or withholding, 2) misdemeanor larceny and 3) misdemeanor financial transaction card fraud. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to all counts. The State then proceeded against Mr. Smith for being a habitual felon. Mr. Smith was found by the jury to be a habitual felon. The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Smith to 135-171 months in prison. (Courtroom 5370)

The second jury trial was of Ashline Briggs, age 23, for 1) larceny of a firearm and 2) communicating threats. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* to the larceny of a firearm charge and *guilty* to communicating threats. The Honorable Beverly T. Beal, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Briggs to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. (Courtroom 5150)

The third jury trial was of David Thompson, age 60, for felony larceny. The jury was unable to reach a verdict in this case; a mistrial was declared. The Honorable Beverly T. Beal, Superior Court Judge, presided over the trial. (Courtroom 5150)

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

Furman McLaurin, age 29, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering and felony larceny. He was sentenced to two consecutive active sentences of 11-14 months in prison.

Grant Mulkey, age 20, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Judge Beal continued sentencing to address an issue with probation.

Muhammed Abdul-Majid, age 19, pled guilty to second degree burglary. Judge Beal continued sentencing to December 14, 2009.

Jarrett Bush, age 35, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering and was sentenced to 100 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Edwin Marrogun, age 20, pled guilty to misdemeanor tampering with a motor vehicle. Judge Levinson sentenced the defendant.

Jacoby Chambers, age 18, pled guilty to felony possession of stolen goods and was sentenced to 4-5 months in prison.

Jenerian Craig, age 16, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering and felony larceny. Mr. Craig was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison with the sentence suspended upon 30 days active time and 24 months probation.

Darien Hoskins, age 23, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering and felony larceny. Mr. Hoskins was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison with the sentence suspended upon 120 days active time and 24 months of probation.

Michael Ledbetter, age 32, pled guilty to three counts of conversion by a bailee and was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison with the sentence suspended upon 36 months of probation with the first 6 months to be intensive supervision.

Michael Love, age 30, pled guilty to breaking or entering a motor vehicle and was sentenced to 8-10 months in prison.

Shaun Morgan-Dalton, age 26, pled guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle and was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison, suspended upon 15 days active time and 20 months of probation.

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