

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Violent criminals convicted at trial, others plead guilty**

During a two week trial session that began on Monday, November 8 and ended on Friday, November 19, the Crimes Against Persons Team conducted four jury trials in Mecklenburg County Superior Court in two courtrooms.

The first trial was of Robert Caldwell, age 22, for robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on both charges. Caldwell then entered a guilty plea to attempted common law robbery in an incident unrelated to the trial. The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Caldwell to 86-113 months in prison to be followed by 36 months of supervised probation after his release from prison.

The second trial was of Roderick Richardson, age 34, for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* on all three charges. The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Richardson to 120-164 months in prison.

The third trial was of Nakio Cousart, age 31, for common law robbery. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

The fourth trial was of Harvey Massey, age 30, for robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. After the state presented evidence, Massey entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Massey to 25-39 months in prison, suspended for 36 months of supervised probation with 55 days in jail.

Robert McClinton, age 21, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. McClinton pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Williamson sentenced McClinton to 10-12 months in prison.

Jonathan Lynn, age 26, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Lynn pled guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and first degree burglary. The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Lynn to 156-206 months in prison.

Malik Whitney, age 39, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Whitney pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and he admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Foust sentenced Whitney to 90-117 months in prison.

Martin Reid, age 32, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Reid pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Williamson sentenced Reid to 74-99 months in prison.

Roman Johnson, age 25, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Johnson pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Williamson sentenced Johnson to 29-44 months in prison suspended for 36 months of supervised probation with 90 days in jail.

Arbrey Moore, age 26, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Moore pled guilty to possession of stolen goods. Judge Levinson sentenced Moore to 10-12 months in prison.

Abdur Mahmood, age 46, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Mahmood pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Levinson sentenced Mahmood to 16-20 months in prison.

Oliver Wolfe, age 46, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Wolfe pled guilty to assault inflicting serious bodily injury, felony breaking and/or entering, and assault on a female. Judge Foust sentenced Wolfe to 19-23 months in prison, suspended for 36 months of supervised probation.

Nelson Herron, age 23, entered a guilty plea prior to his trial. Herron pled guilty to discharging a weapon into occupied property, conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and obstruction of justice. Judge Foust sentenced Herron to 29-44 months in prison.

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