

NEWS RELEASE

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Felony drug trials and pleas

The Drug Prosecution Team for the District Attorney's Office held court in two courtrooms during the week of November 30, 2009. The Honorable Beverly T. Beal, Superior Court Judge, presided over criminal courtroom 5150. The Honorable Timothy S. Kincaid, Superior Court Judge, presided over criminal courtroom 5370.

TRIAL: Kenneth Green, age 31, was tried before a jury for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found Kenneth Green *not guilty* of possession of cocaine so the habitual phase of the trial was not conducted.

The defense filed a pretrial motion to suppress the evidence seized from Clevis Morrison, age 27, who was charged with 1) possession of ecstasy and 2) being a habitual felon. After arguments from both sides, Judge Kincaid denied Morrison's motion to suppress. Morrison pled guilty to both charges. Judge Kincaid sentenced Morrison to 85-111 months in prison.

The defense filed a pretrial motion to exclude expert testimony regarding the laboratory analysis in two separate cases. After arguments from both sides in both cases, Judge Beal denied the pretrial motions to exclude the testimony, but continued the trial of the case to give the defense an opportunity to review additional evidence.

Some defendants pled guilty when their cases were called for trial; among them were:

Stephen Crook, age 44, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Beal sentenced Crook to 5-6 months in prison to be suspended for 48 months of supervised probation.

Rodolfo Espinal-Martinez, age 21, pled guilty to attempted trafficking in cocaine. Judge Beal sentenced Espinal-Martinez to 10-12 months in prison.

Elishevia Graham, age 38, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Beal sentenced Graham to 13-16 months in prison to be suspended for 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of probation, Graham will serve an active sentence of 30 days in jail.

Bobby Glenn, age 49, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Beal sentenced Glenn to 9-11 months in prison.

Carlos Jones, age 36, pled guilty to 1) trafficking in cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Kincaid sentenced Jones to 35-42 months in prison and 8-10 months in prison to be served consecutively and fined him \$50,000.00.

Curtis Crowder, age 29, pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, a gun. Judge Kincaid sentenced Crowder to 45 days active jail time.

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