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Three jury trials for three habitual felons

The DA's Habitual Felon Team tried three habitual felons the week of December 13, 2010. The trials were held in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

Robin Land, 48, was tried for 1) sell marijuana, 2) deliver marijuana, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana, and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to the delivery and possession with intent to sell or deliver charges. The jury also returned a verdict of *guilty* as to Land's status as a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Land to 202-262 months in prison.

Carlos Cherry, 53, was tried for 1) conspiracy to sell cocaine, 2) deliver cocaine, and 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. The jury found Cherry *not guilty*.

Kenneth McCorkle, 49, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 3) being a habitual felon. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* on all counts. Judge Levinson sentenced McCorkle to 101-131 months in prison.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at <u>www.charmeckda.com</u>.

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