

NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide Team: Quarterly Report for October-December 2011

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Fifteen defendants were convicted in homicide cases during the months of October, November, and December, 2011:

October 10, 2011

Before the Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge:

Jeffrey Jenkins, 30, pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter for the 2006 death of Charles “Jake” Melton, 33. Jenkins was sentenced to 19-23 months in prison.

Tricia Rawana, 33, pled guilty to felony death by vehicle for the 2009 death of Kim Mobley, 43. Rawana was sentenced to 20-33 months in prison.

November 3, 2011

Before the Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge:

John Adams, 34, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2010 murder of Ada Adams, 63. He was sentenced to 196-245 months in prison.

Shamon Goins, 21, and Dantonio Hamilton, 20, each pled guilty to discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle in connection with the 2010 murder of Devon Clement, 20. The only gunshot to strike the victim was fired by a third defendant, who pled guilty to second-degree murder on a previous court date. Regarding Goins and Hamilton, sentencing was in the discretion of the Court. Goins, who was on probation at the time of the offense, was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison. Hamilton, who had only a minimal criminal record, was sentenced to 25-39 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Hamilton was also sentenced to 30 days of electronic house arrest.

Travis Moore, 26, pled guilty to driving while impaired for the 2010 accident that killed Amanda George, 25. Moore was sentenced to 60 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Jamarr Springs, 29, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, 3) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 4) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 5) second-degree kidnapping, for the 2010 murder of Pamela Garmon. Springs was sentenced to 425 to 580 months in prison.

Thomas Davis, 42, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2010 murder of Linda Wise, 54. Davis was sentenced to 185-231 months in prison.

November 15, 2011

Shawn Howard, 29, was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) discharging a firearm into occupied property, for the 2008 murder of Jacob Massachi, 53. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to *life in prison without the possibility of parole* for the murder charge, plus 25-39 additional months in prison for the firearm charge.

December 8, 2011

Before the Honorable Richard D. Boner, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge:

Tracy Gilliam, 29, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, 2) first-degree burglary, and 3) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, for the 2010 murder of LaSheira Hall, 28. Gilliam was sentenced to 325-409 months in prison.

Mercedes Smith, 22, pled guilty to felony obstruction of justice for her actions in concealing the whereabouts of Corey Grant, the person responsible for the 2009 murder of Jimmy Sanderlin, 24. Smith was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Corey Grant pled guilty to second-degree murder on a previous court date.

Seth Smith, 30, pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor death by vehicle for the 2009 deaths of Courtney Puckett, 26, and Alexandria Hinkley, 15 months. Smith was sentenced to 200 days in prison.

Oz Thomas, 22, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the 2009 death of Travis Davis, 21. Thomas was sentenced to 61-83 months in prison.

Melissa Wooten, 29, pled guilty to 1) driving while impaired, 2) misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana, in connection with the 2011 death of Rosemarie Lyle, 55. Wooten was sentenced to 6 months and 55 days in jail. The sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation; however, she was ordered to serve 72 hours in jail immediately and pay a fine of \$1,000.

December 13, 2011

Tyler Stasko, 23, was tried for three counts of second-degree murder for the April 4, 2009 car wreck that killed 45-year-old Cynthia Furr, her 2-year-old daughter McAllister Price, and Stasko's passenger, 13-year-old Hunter Holt. The jury found Stasko guilty of 3 counts of involuntary manslaughter, a lesser-included charge of second-degree murder. The Honorable James W. Morgan, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Stasko to 45-54 months in prison.