

NEWS RELEASE

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Thieves among 9 convicted during Crimes Against Property Team's trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Over the course of a week, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried two defendants and convicted eight others who pled guilty to crimes such as larceny and breaking or entering. The proceedings were held during the week of January 5, 2015, in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The State called Markail Greene, 21, for trial for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. Greene then pled guilty as charged. Judge Hayes sentenced him to 29-47 months in prison. The charges arose from a break-in that was reported in July 2013. A pastor had arrived at his church to find that someone had broken into two of the church's annex buildings, and he discovered that a computer system was missing. Fingerprints collected at the scene matched those of Greene. The State previously called Greene for trial in October 2014, but the trial was delayed because Greene fled the courthouse. At the time, Greene was wearing an electronic monitor, so police quickly located him and brought him into custody.

Frankie Shipman, 30, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Hayes sentenced Shipman to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Shipman must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and pay the victim \$600 in restitution.

Antonio Collins, 17, was tried for felony breaking or entering. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, and as a result, Judge Hayes declared a mistrial.

In addition to these matters, the Crimes Against Property Team also obtained guilty pleas in the following cases:

Jessica Browning, 33, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Browning was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Kane Browning, 17, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) felony conspiracy. Browning was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Browning was ordered to pay the victim \$1,000 in restitution.

Brandon Coxton, 24, pled guilty to 1) four counts of felony breaking or entering and 2) four counts of larceny after breaking or entering. Coxton was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Coxton must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail, wear an electronic monitor for 12 months and pay the victims \$1,225 in restitution.

Andre Hendricks, 24, pled guilty to three counts of misdemeanor larceny. Hendricks was sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail. He was also sentenced to an additional 45 days in jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Antonio Mason, 28, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 4) larceny of a motor vehicle. Mason was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Mason was ordered to wear an electronic monitor for 12 months.

Bryant Roseborough, 17, pled guilty to resisting a public officer. Roseborough was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Lester Townsend, 29, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Townsend was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Townsend must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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