

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Crimes Against Persons Team convicts robbers, child rapist

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Crimes Against Persons Team of the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office took one defendant to trial and four others pled guilty before their trials began during the week of January 14-18, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The cases involved defendants facing charges that included robbery with a dangerous weapon, assault on a government officer and first-degree rape of a child. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, and in courtroom 5370 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

Gregory Cornelius Coleman, 29, pled guilty to 1) first-degree rape of a child and 2) indecent liberties with a child. Coleman was sentenced to 180-225 months in prison. Judge Forrest D. Bridges ordered that, after his release from prison, Coleman must register as a sex offender and be placed on satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life. In 2006, Coleman raped his then-girlfriend's 10-year-old daughter. Years later, the victim disclosed the rape to her mother, who then tracked Coleman down through Facebook. Coleman confessed his crime to the victim's mother and detectives.



Gregory Cornelius  
Coleman

Damian Newell Vazquez, 25, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) attempted kidnapping and 3) possession of a firearm by a felon. He was sentenced to 84-110 months in prison.

Dequan Octavion Reid, 20, pled guilty to attempted common law robbery. He was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison.

Darrian Antoine Perry, 42, pled guilty to 1) three counts of assault on a government officer, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia and 3) misdemeanor flee to elude arrest. He was sentenced to two sentences of 150 days in the Mecklenburg County jail to be served consecutively for a total of 300 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Demarcus Octavius Reid, 20, was tried for 1) three counts of first-degree rape, 2) four counts of first-degree sexual offense and 3) first-degree kidnapping. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

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