

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts defendant of felony assault; sex offender pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team recently tried two defendants before a jury, and a third defendant pled guilty after his trial began. Another defendant entered a guilty plea when his case was called for trial. The proceedings were held January 23-31, 2017, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges.

Corey Lee, 27, was tried for 1) attempted first-degree murder and 2) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury. The jury found him *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury and *not guilty* of attempted first-degree murder. Judge Caldwell sentenced Lee to 53-76 months in prison.

Dred Davis, 21, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor possession of marijuana and 3) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun. Before the close of the State's evidence, the State dismissed the possession of marijuana charge in order to pursue charges best supported by the testimony at trial. The jury found Davis *not guilty* of the remaining offenses.

Swade Patterson, 23, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery and 3) felony possession of stolen goods. Following testimony from one of the State's prosecuting witnesses, Patterson agreed to enter a plea of guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Judge Levinson sentenced Patterson to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

After his case was called for trial, Darrell Digsby, 46, pled guilty to 1) second-degree rape, 2) second-degree kidnapping and 3) common law robbery. Judge Levinson sentenced Digsby to 12 years in prison. Upon his release from prison, Digsby must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

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