

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team convicts sellers, traffickers during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Prosecution Team convicted five defendants during the week of January 28-February 1, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judges.

Jorge Herrera, 23, was tried for 1) trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* on both counts. Judge Lewis sentenced Herrera to 90-117 months in prison for the trafficking offense and an additional 6-17 months in prison to be served consecutively for the heroin possession offense. In June 2012, police found Herrera in a Charlotte park holding balloons of heroin in his hand. When officers searched Herrera's vehicle, they found more balloons of heroin under a seat and in the door. In all, police discovered 18 balloons of heroin, as well as \$2,000, on Herrera and in his vehicle.



Jorge Herrera

James Mayfield, 26, was tried for 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana offense. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the charge of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Eber Urias-Sanchez, 25, pled guilty to trafficking in heroin by possession. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 90-117 months in prison.

Antonio Reynoso-Martinez, 33, pled guilty to conspiracy to traffic in heroin by possession. Judge Lewis sentenced him to 70-84 months in prison.

Henry Coaxum, 24, pled guilty to 1) sale of cocaine, 2) delivery of cocaine and 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Judge Lewis sentenced Coaxum to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Taquana Price, 23, pled guilty to conspiracy to sell cocaine. Price will be sentenced at a later date.

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