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Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 3 at trial; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Holding court in three courtrooms, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted three defendants at trial January 25-February 9, 2016. Another four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judges.

Zerrick Mack, 38, was tried for 1) attempted statutory rape and 2) indecent liberties with a child. The jury found Mack *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced him to 144-233 months in prison. Upon his release from prison, Mack must register as a sex offender for 30 years. Click here for more information about the case.

Omar Cook, 27, was tried for 1) two counts of attempted first-degree murder and 2) two counts of assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm. The jury found Cook *guilty* of two counts of assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm and *not guilty* of the attempted first-degree murder charges. The jury also found the existence of an aggravating factor. Judge Lewis sentenced Cook to 62-100 months in prison.

Lindy Hoeun, 24, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) carrying a concealed weapon and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found Hoeun guilty of the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana charges. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Hoeun to 14-26 months in prison. He was also sentenced to an additional 15 days in custody; that sentence was suspended pending Hoeun's successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Following pre-trial motion arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Daniel Marine, 19, pled guilty to two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Marine to 16-29 months in prison. Marine was also sentenced to an additional 16-29 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Marine's successful completion of 60 months of supervised probation. Upon his release from prison, Marine must register as a sex offender for 30 years.

The following four defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Davion Drayton, 19, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Drayton to 38-58 months in prison.

Travon Byers, 22, pled guilty to common law robbery. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Byers to 13-25 months in prison.

Lonnie Ray, 23, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) misdemeanor larceny. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Ray to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending Ray's successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Ray must serve 195 days in prison.

Ronnie Neal, 29, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor possession of marijuana and 3) resisting a public officer. Judge Kuehnert sentenced Neal to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of unsupervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Neal must serve 3 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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