

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Crimes Against Persons Team tries 3 defendants; all receive prison sentences

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The District Attorney's Office Crimes Against Persons Team tried three defendants the week of January 30, 2012, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtrooms 5130, 5150 and 5370.

Antonio Coleman, 49, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery, 3) assault inflicting serious bodily injury, and 4) habitual felon. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Coleman to two consecutive sentences of 133-169 months in prison for a total of 266-338 months in prison.

Romain Davis, 20, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. The Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Davis to 58-79 months in prison.

Andwele Eaves, 28, was tried for 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Eaves to 12-15 months in prison.

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

David Baldwin, 27, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Bridges sentenced Baldwin to 14-17 months in prison. That sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 85 days in jail and 30 months of supervised probation.

Phillip Barnes, 48, pled guilty to second degree sexual offense. Judge Bridges sentenced Barnes to 102-132 months in prison.

Lavonte Davis, 30, pled guilty to 1) first degree rape, 2) two counts of first degree sexual offense, 3) first degree kidnapping, and 4) robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Williamson sentenced Davis to 307-378 months in prison.

Keith Hunt, 36, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and 3) being an habitual felon. Judge Bridges sentenced Hunt to 76-101 months in prison.

Jamarious Meeks, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) carrying a concealed weapon. Judge Bridges sentenced Meeks to 13-16 months in prison.

Laerek Williams, 19, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, and 2) two counts of common law robbery. The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Williams to 9-11 months in prison, followed by an additional 29-44 months in prison. That 29-44 month sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation.

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