

NEWS RELEASE

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Thief who assaulted store employee among 3 tried by Crimes Against Property Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried three defendants February 2-11, 2015, and three other defendants pled guilty to property crimes. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Susanna Christensen, 30, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) felony larceny from a merchant and 3) simple assault. The jury found her *guilty* as charged. Judge Bell sentenced Christensen to 12-24 months in prison. In April 2013, Christensen removed an anti-theft device from a pair of shoes at a Marshalls store in Charlotte and then attempted to exit the store without purchasing the merchandise. When stopped by the store's loss prevention officers, Christensen handed over her purse, which contained the stolen shoes, to one of the officers but then pulled it back. As the other officer attempted to retrieve the shoes, Christensen bit her and fled the scene.

Dequon Blakeney, 22, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony conspiracy. The jury found him *guilty* of the lesser-included offense of misdemeanor breaking or entering and *not guilty* of conspiracy. Judge Hayes sentenced Blakeney to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Maurice Patton, 23, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony possession of stolen goods and 4) being a habitual breaking or entering status offender. The jury found him *not guilty*.

Kevin Ford, 27, was called for trial for 1) three counts of obtaining property by false pretense and 2) attempting to obtain property by false pretense. Ford then pled guilty as charged. He was sentenced to 22-46 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Ford must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and pay the victim \$767.89 in restitution.

Genesis Fulwiley, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of stolen goods and 2) felony conspiracy. She was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. Fulwiley was also ordered to pay the victim \$934 in restitution.

Zacharais Lee, 22, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation,

Lee must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail and pay the victim \$4,234.95 in restitution.

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