

NEWS RELEASE

Spencer B. Merriweather III
District Attorney

March 2, 2018

Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicts defendants in Superior Court

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Misdemeanor Appeals Team recently tried one defendant in Superior Court. Two defendants entered guilty pleas, and another remanded his case to District Court for sentencing. The proceedings were held February 12-15, 2018, in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judge.

The Misdemeanor Appeals Team prosecutes cases in which the defendant was convicted in District Court and then appeals his or her conviction to Superior Court for a jury trial, as allowed under North Carolina law.

Evan Shelton, 26, was tried for driving while impaired. A jury found him *not guilty*.

Lashelle Gibbs, 38, pled guilty to driving while impaired. She was sentenced to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. As a condition of her probation, she chose to serve 24 hours in the Mecklenburg County Jail in lieu of community service.

Kendra Stocks, 36, pled guilty to criminal contempt of court. She was sentenced to 7 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Two additional defendants filed motions, alleging violations of their legal rights. Judge Hayes, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied those motions. The cases remain pending.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, "like" the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA.

// End //