

NEWS RELEASE

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Five defendants, including habitual felons, sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team and Crimes Against Persons Team convicted five defendants during the trial week of March 4-8, 2013. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

Franklin Chisholm, 42, was tried for 1) larceny of a motor vehicle, 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 3) fleeing in a motor vehicle to elude arrest, 4) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 5) reckless driving and 6) being a habitual felon. The jury found Chisholm *guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, fleeing in a motor vehicle to elude arrest, and reckless driving. The jury found him *not guilty* of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Chisholm admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Chisholm to 111-143 months in prison. Among Chisholm's prior convictions are multiple counts of breaking or entering buildings and motor vehicles. In addition, Chisholm has previously been convicted of being a habitual felon.



Franklin Chisholm

Michael Bullabough, 44, was tried for 1) second-degree kidnapping, 2) first-degree burglary, 3) assault with a deadly weapon, and 4) communicating threats. The jury found Bullabough *guilty* of assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats and *not guilty* of second-degree kidnapping and first-degree burglary. Judge Bell sentenced Bullabough to 270 days in prison. Bullabough's prior convictions include two counts of second-degree rape.

Three defendants pled guilty before their cases were called to trial:

Kevin Pratt, 39, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Pratt to 39-59 months in prison. Pratt has previously been convicted of being a habitual felon.

Jeffery Lineberger, 57, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia, and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Lineberger to 30-48 months in prison. Lineberger's prior convictions include common law robbery and felony larceny.

Lonnie Hames, 23, pled guilty to 1) sell marijuana, 2) deliver marijuana, 3) two counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 4) felony possession of marijuana, and 5) conspiracy to sell marijuana. Judge Bell sentenced Hames to 10-21 months in prison.

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