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## **DA's Crimes Against Persons Team convicts 7 defendants during trial week**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted seven defendants and took two cases to trial during the week of March 11, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable C. Thomas Edwards, Superior Court Judge.

Keith Frazier, 37, was tried for possession of a firearm by a felon. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Frazier was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Terrell Nelson, 28, was tried for two counts of felony child abuse. At the conclusion of the State's evidence, Judge Edwards dismissed one count of felony child abuse. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the remaining count.

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

Jose Williams, 32, pled guilty to two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Williams was sentenced to 94-122 months in prison.

Tayvione Phillips, 22, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Phillips was sentenced to 67-93 months in prison.

Robert Knotts, 23, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon. Knotts was sentenced to 59-83 months in prison.

Bobby Arnold, 26, pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Arnold was sentenced to 26-44 months in prison.

Wistonne Phillips, 28, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Phillips was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Daquanna Cooper, 25, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Cooper was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

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