

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts habitual felon of stalking

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who has repeatedly stalked a woman was sent to prison after a jury found him guilty. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried two defendants during its latest trial session the week of March 11, 2019. Another defendant entered a guilty plea. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Carla N. Archie and The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judges.

John Calvin Rodgers, 66, was tried for 1) felony stalking and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Rodgers *guilty* as charged. Judge Bridges sentenced Rodgers to 80-108 months in prison. Rodgers has stalked the same woman for years. In October 2017, Rodgers went to the victim's church despite being repeatedly banned from the church. He brought photographs of the victim, whom he claimed was his wife. During his trial, Rodgers proposed to the victim while she was testifying. All of Rodgers' prior convictions are for felony stalking and trespassing incidents involving the same victim.

Kevin Raynard Marvels, 34, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon. A jury found Marvels *not guilty*.

Jeremiah Alonso Davis, 27, filed a motion to suppress certain evidence utilized by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Bridges, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the motion. Davis then pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Bridges sentenced Davis to 7-18 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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