

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 3 defendants in Habitual Felon Team's trials

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Three defendants prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team were convicted by juries during the team's most recent trial session. Another three defendants entered guilty pleas. These matters were held in courtrooms 5110, 5130 and 5370 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser, The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey and The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judges, during the weeks of March 6, 2017 and March 13, 2017.

Robert Gregory Brown, 48, was tried for 1) larceny from a merchant by defeating an inventory control device, 2) habitual larceny and 3) being a habitual felon. A jury found Brown *guilty* as charged. Judge Sumner sentenced Brown to 112-147 months in prison. Brown's prior convictions include felony larceny, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and attempted felony larceny.

Glenn Anthony Clory, 55, was tried for 1) discharging a weapon into occupied property, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and 4) being a habitual felon. A jury found Clory *guilty* of discharging a weapon into occupied property, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and the lesser-included offense of assault with a deadly weapon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict as to the habitual felon charge. Clory was sentenced to 83-121 months in prison.

Loveless Decarlos Hoskins, 36, was tried for 1) five counts of selling cocaine, 2) five counts of delivering cocaine, 3) five counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 4) first-degree kidnapping and 5) being a habitual felon. A jury found Hoskins *guilty* of one count of selling cocaine, one count of delivering cocaine and two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. The jury found him *not guilty* of one count of selling cocaine, one count of delivering cocaine and first-degree kidnapping. When the jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts for the remaining charges, Judge Poovey declared a mistrial as to those charges. Hoskins will be sentenced at a later date.

Martin Lee Forney, 50, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Forney *not guilty* of possession of cocaine. As a result of the verdict, the state was unable to proceed on the habitual felon charge.

Eric Dale Zakobielski, 39, pled guilty to 1) two counts of larceny from the person and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced Zakobielski to 78-106 months in prison. Zakobielski's prior convictions include multiple counts of common law robbery and possession of cocaine.

When called for trial, Antonio Lyndell Forney, 31, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 2) larceny of a motor vehicle and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced Forney to 58-82 months in prison. Forney's prior convictions include possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and felony breaking or entering.

Antwan Morece Gladden, 39, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced Gladden to 51-74 months in prison. Gladden's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and multiple counts of possession of cocaine.

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