

NEWS RELEASE

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Homicide Team: Quarterly Report for January-March 2012

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Sixteen defendants were convicted in homicide cases during the months of January, February, and March, 2012:

January 12, 2012

Before the Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge:

Samson Coleman, 29, pled guilty to 1) voluntary manslaughter, 2) three counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, and 3) discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, for the 2009 killing of Carmelo Velador Barrera, 31. Coleman was sentenced to 246-324 months in prison.

David Croome, 26, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the 2010 killing of Robert Long Jr., 22. Croome was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison.

February 2, 2012

Deterio Brice, 30, pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and admitted being an habitual felon for the 2010 killing of Michael Smith, 29. The Honorable Yvonne Mims-Evans, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Brice to 56-77 months in prison.

February 9, 2012

Before the Honorable F. Lane Williamson, Superior Court Judge:

Aaron Ashford, 23, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and Elijah Ashford, 25, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in connection with the 2010 killing of Juquina Harris. Aaron Ashford was sentenced to 42-60 months in prison, and Elijah Ashford was sentenced to 19-23 months in prison.

Roshode Chapman, 18, pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the 2011 killing of Rshan Bouldin, 23. Chapman was sentenced to 80-105 months in prison.

Clay McCall, III, 25, was sentenced to 51-71 months in prison for his previous guilty plea to voluntary manslaughter, in connection with the 2006 killing of Clay McCall, Jr., 56.

John Outen, 55, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2004 murder of Ullyssee Richardson, 58. Outen was sentenced to 120-153 months in prison.

February 12, 2012

Reginald Johnson, 25, pled guilty to 1) two counts of first-degree murder, 2) attempted first-degree murder, 3) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 4) five counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, 5) three counts of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, 6) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, 7) speeding, 8) reckless driving, 9) misdemeanor fleeing to elude an officer, and 10) driving while licensed revoked, in connection with the murders of Willie Adams, 16, and Angela Davis, 42, the attempted murder of Derek McClure, 19, and the felonious assault of Lavander Sinclair, 16. The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Johnson to two consecutive sentences of life in prison without the possibility of parole, plus an additional 200 months in prison.

February 13, 2012

Victor Cruz-Garcia, 25, was tried for first-degree murder for the 2009 murder of Yennifer Fuentes, 31. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* to the charge of second-degree murder. The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Cruz-Garcia to 135-171 months in prison.

February 24, 2012

Fisgerald Kilgo, 26, pled guilty to second-degree murder for the 2009 murder of Drew Thomson, 23. The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Kilgo to 176-221 months in prison.

March 5, 2012

Keenan Harte, 31, was tried for 1) first-degree murder and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, for the 2009 murder of Brandon Blakeney, 21. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* as charged. The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Harte to *life in prison without the possibility of parole*.

March 8, 2012

Before the Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge:

Zachary Rogers, 20, and Jonathan Smith, 26, each pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon, in connection with the 2010 death of Derek Roman, 26. Judge Bell sentenced Rogers to 17-30 months in prison and sentenced Smith to 23-27 months in prison.

Karizma Sergeant, 21, pled guilty to 1) second-degree murder, for the murder of Dominic Mahone, 25, 2) accessory after the fact to murder, arising out of the murder of Chaufa Johnson, 18, 3) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, and 4) felony fleeing to elude an officer. Sergeant was sentenced to 225-279 months in prison.

Dawn Ward, 49, pled guilty to concealing the death of Brittini Ward, 23. The defendant was sentenced to 6-8 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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