

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Defendants tried for felony drug offenses; others plead guilty

During the week of March 14, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team was in trial in three courtrooms. Two courtrooms were assigned to hear criminal cases, and, on Tuesday afternoon, March 15, a third courtroom that was originally scheduled to hear civil matters became available. The District Attorney's Office took this opportunity to try more cases after the presiding judge agreed to hear them.

Thirty cases were resolved during the week by trial or plea. The sentences for the defendants in these cases ranged from probation to lengthy prison time.

Kendrick Armstrong, age 29, was found *guilty* of trafficking in cocaine by a jury. The jury found Armstrong *not guilty* of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine. The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge, sentenced the defendant to 35-42 months in prison and imposed an \$50,000 fine.

Robert McClinton, age 57, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. The trial began after the state successfully quashed the defendant's Motion to Suppress and the Court ruled on various other motions. After a five-day trial, the jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on the cocaine charge; thus, the state could not proceed with the habitual felon phase of the trial. McClinton's prior record includes multiple convictions for assault on a female, breaking or entering, and robbery offenses.

James Wells, age 48, was found *guilty* by a jury. He was convicted for 1) sell cocaine and 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine within 1000 feet of a school. The Honorable Richard D. Boner, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Wells to consecutive sentences on the two felonies for a total of 68-100 months in prison; Wells was also ordered to complete drug treatment while incarcerated.

Jermaine Moses, age 30, was found *guilty* by a jury of 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Boner sentenced Moses to 108-139 months in prison.

Tyrus Winslow, age 39, pled guilty when his case was called for trial. Winslow pled, as charged, to possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine and to being a habitual felon. Judge Constangy sentenced him to 95-123 months in prison.

Anthony Mungro, age 28, pled guilty when his case was called for trial. Mungro pled, as charged, to possession of cocaine and to being a habitual felon. Judge Constangy sentenced him to 80-105 months in prison.

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