

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team tries 2 defendants; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted five defendants March 24-28, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The team tried two defendants and convicted four others who pled guilty. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable Lisa C. Bell and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Jonathan Russell, 33, was tried for 1) felony larceny and 2) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty* to the lesser-included offenses of misdemeanor larceny and misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Judge W. Robert Bell sentenced Russell to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Russell must pay \$500 in restitution.

Devante Brown, 18, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. The jury returned verdicts of *not guilty*.

Satchel Bass, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony possession of a stolen vehicle and 2) felony possession with intent to sell or distribute marijuana. Bass was sentenced to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Bass must serve 15 days in the Mecklenburg County jail and pay \$500 in restitution.

Alex Vaca, 17, pled guilty to 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of felony larceny, 3) two counts of felony possession of stolen goods and 4) two counts of felony conspiracy. Vaca was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As conditions of his probation, Vaca must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail, wear an electronic monitor for 12 months and pay \$1,300 in restitution.

Ted Jackson, 61, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) felony larceny. Jackson was sentenced to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Jackson must pay \$926.96 in restitution.

Luis Suarez, 44, pled guilty to three counts of felony obtaining property by false pretense. Suarez was sentenced to 18-51 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his

successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Suarez must pay \$5,865 in restitution.

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