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## Four habitual felons sent to prison during trial week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team convicted four habitual felons and sent them to prison this week in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The team called cases for trial in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Marvin P. Pope, Superior Court Judges.

Isiah Davis, 24, was tried for 1) two counts of common law robbery and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found him *guilty* as charged, and Davis admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Pope sentenced him to 70-96 months in prison. In June 2012 – in two separate incidents about eight hours apart – Davis robbed two men as they emerged from the light rail station at Scaleybark Road in Charlotte. In both cases, Davis approached the victims with what looked like a handgun and forcibly took cash from their wallets. Davis was apprehended by police shortly after the second robbery, and both victims identified him as the man who robbed them. Both victims are Hispanic, and Davis has a history of targeting Hispanic members of the community in similar robberies. His prior convictions include conspiracy to commit armed robbery and attempted common law robbery.



**Isiah Davis** 

Eliziah Sanford, 52, was tried for 1) felony larceny, 2) felony possession of stolen goods and 3) being a habitual felon. The jury found Sanford *guilty* as charged, and Sanford admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Bell sentenced Sanford to 88-115 months in prison. Sanford's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering and felony larceny.

The following two defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Robert Reddick, 52, pled guilty to 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver heroin and 2) being a habitual felon. Reddick was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison. Some of Reddick's prior convictions include sale of heroin and possession of cocaine.

Kevin Bunton, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of cocaine, 2) possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 3) possession of drug paraphernalia and 4) being a habitual felon. Bunton was sentenced to 15-30 months in prison. Some of Bunton's prior convictions include delivery of cocaine and two counts of felony possession of marijuana.

Over the course of the week, any additional time in both courtrooms was used for pre-trial motions and matters involving misdemeanor convictions appealed to Superior Court.

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