

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 defendants of property crimes; 2 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Two defendants were sent to prison after juries convicted them of property offenses during the week of March 28, 2016. The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team, which prosecuted these defendants, also convicted two others who entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Superior Court Judges.

Devin Fink, 32, was tried for larceny by an employee. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Lewis sentenced Fink to 10-21 months in prison. In June 2014, the victim took her car to Fink's place of work for maintenance repairs. Fink looked over the vehicle, and he and the victim agreed on a price for the repairs. When she was notified that the work was done, the victim picked up her car and discovered that the car had not actually been fixed. She returned to the business to alert a manager to the issue. Fink's manager examined the repair paperwork and saw that Fink charged the victim \$1,501.93 for the work order but recorded a charge of \$1,076.56. When the manager confronted Fink, he admitted to taking the money and agreed to bring it back to the office. Another witness testified that he saw Fink spray painting some of the parts on the victim's car to make it appear as though the work had been done.

Rashee Massey, 20, was tried for 1) two counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of larceny after breaking or entering, 3) two counts of felony conspiracy and 4) felony possession of stolen goods. The jury found him *guilty* of one count of felony breaking or entering, one count of larceny after breaking or entering and one count of felony conspiracy. The jury found him *not guilty* of the remaining charges. Judge Bridges sentenced Massey to a total of 16-38 months in prison.

When called for trial, Ashley Jackson, 30, pled guilty to financial transaction card theft. He also admitted to violating the terms of his probation for a prior conviction. Judge Bridges sentenced Jackson to 8-19 months in prison for the financial transaction card theft offense. As a result of his probation violation, he was sentenced to 17-30 months. Those sentences are to be served concurrently.

Jacquanus Chesney, 32, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) felony breaking or entering, 3) larceny after breaking or entering and 4) resisting a public officer. Judges Bridges sentenced him to 12-24 months in prison.

The State called Stephen Williams, 28, for trial on two counts of felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Bridges issued an order for his arrest when Williams failed to appear in court.

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