

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team tries 2 defendants; 1 pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team tried two cases before juries March 26-April 3, 2018, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. Another defendant pled guilty before his case was called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges and The Honorable Gregory R. Hayes, Superior Court Judges.

Dennis Hilliard, 33, was tried for 1) trafficking in cocaine by possession, 2) trafficking in cocaine by transportation and 3) misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found Hilliard *guilty* of misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Hayes sentenced Hilliard to pay the cost of court and a fine. The jury was unable to reach unanimous verdicts for the trafficking charges, and as a result, Judge Hayes declared a mistrial as to those charges.

Patrick Shine, 26, was tried for 1) felony fleeing to elude arrest with a motor vehicle, 2) possession of marijuana paraphernalia and 3) resisting a public officer. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Bridges dismissed the possession of marijuana paraphernalia charge. The jury found Shine *not guilty* of resisting a public officer. Judge Bridges declared a mistrial as to the charge of felony fleeing to elude arrest with a motor vehicle when the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Kyris Frank, 19, pled guilty to 1) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 3) possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver and 4) possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Judge Bridges sentenced Frank to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Frank must serve 100 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

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