

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Drug Team convicts 3 in Superior Court

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Working in Mecklenburg County Superior Court, the District Attorney's Drug Team convicted three defendants during the week of March 27, 2017. Those defendants pled guilty before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge. The team also held a hearing regarding a defendant's motion before Judge Caldwell.

Herman Taylor, 53, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation. Judge Caldwell sentenced Taylor to a total of 34-60 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Taylor must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Marcus McLean, 28, pled guilty to possession of cocaine. McLean was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Bailey Harkanson, 21, pled guilty to possession of heroin. Harkanson was sentenced to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of her probation, Harkanson must report for inpatient treatment.

One defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Caldwell began hearing evidence in the case, but the hearing has not yet concluded. The parties will resume the hearing at a future date and await Judge Caldwell's ruling on the motion.

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