

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Jury convicts man of drug offenses; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – One defendant was recently convicted of drug offenses at trial, and three others pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The defendants were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team during the week of April 6, 2015. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge.

Vance Lewis, 23, was tried for 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury returned verdicts of *guilty*. Judge Levinson sentenced Lewis to a total of 10-31 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 25 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Lewis must serve 90 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Two defendants filed motions to suppress certain evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of the defendants' rights, and Judge Levinson heard testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney. In one case, Judge Levinson denied the defendant's motion. That case will proceed to trial at a later date. In the other case, Judge Levinson granted the defendant's motion, and the State then dismissed the case.

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

Jason Williams, 33, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession, 2) attempted trafficking in heroin by transportation and 3) sale of heroin. Williams was sentenced to a total of 45-83 months in prison.

Xavier Cason, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) resisting a public officer. Cason was sentenced to 9-20 months in prison.

David Lloyd, 25, pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine. Lloyd was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

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