

NEWS RELEASE

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3 habitual felons convicted at trial; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Juries convicted three habitual felons during the most recent trial week led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. A fourth habitual felon pled guilty when he was called for trial. The proceedings were held April 11-18, 2016, in courtrooms 5110 and 5130 before The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis and The Honorable Martin B. McGee, Superior Court Judges.

Joshua Lee Bradley, 25, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) being a habitual felon. A jury found Bradley *guilty* as charged. Upon the jury's verdict, Bradley admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge McGee sentenced Bradley to 100-129 months in prison. Some of Bradley's prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana. In July 2011, Bradley broke into a Charlotte home through a bedroom window and stole the victim's flat screen television. Officers found blood inside the victim's home near the point of entry, and after an analysis of the blood, police discovered that it matched Bradley's DNA. A month before the break-in, Bradley was convicted of a break-in at the same home in which he stole the same television.

Justin Lee Perry, 32, was tried for 1) felony speeding to elude arrest, 2) driving while impaired, 3) resisting a public officer and 4) being a habitual felon. A jury found Perry *guilty* as charged. Upon the jury's verdict, Perry admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Perry to a total of 102-132 months in prison. Some of Perry's prior convictions include felony larceny, possession of cocaine and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Donald Steven Dorest, 48, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Dorest *guilty* as charged. Upon the jury's verdict, Dorest admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Dorest to 40-60 months in prison. Some of Dorest's prior convictions include common law robbery, attempted common law robbery and multiple counts of possession of cocaine.

When called for trial, Charlie Darren Easter, 59, pled guilty to 1) possession of a stolen motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Lewis sentenced Easter to 90-120 months in prison. Some of Easter's prior convictions include felony larceny and multiple counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

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