

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts habitual felon in attempted carjacking case; another pleads guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who tried to carjack another driver was convicted by a jury, and another defendant entered a guilty plea in the midst of his trial during a recent trial session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. The proceedings were held April 3-12, 2017, in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, and The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judges.

William Gregory Davis, 29, was tried for 1) attempted common law robbery, 2) possession of a stolen motor vehicle, 3) larceny of a motor vehicle, 4) breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 5) resisting a public officer, 6) misdemeanor possession of marijuana, 7) possession of methamphetamine and 8) being a habitual felon. A jury found Davis *guilty* of attempted common law robbery, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, resisting a public officer and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The jury found him *not guilty* of larceny of a motor vehicle, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and possession of methamphetamine. In subsequent phases of the trial, the jury found Davis *guilty* of being a habitual felon and having attained an aggravating factor. Judge Caldwell sentenced Davis to 141-194 months in prison. In March 2016, Davis stopped the stolen vehicle he was driving in the middle of traffic on the Brookshire Freeway in Charlotte. Davis exited the vehicle, walked to a truck that was stuck in traffic behind him and asked the driver for a ride to Columbia. When the driver told Davis he wasn't going to Columbia, Davis became irate and tried to pull the driver from his truck, attempting to forcibly steal the vehicle. The driver pulled out into traffic, drove to safety, called 911 and gave police a description of Davis. Shortly thereafter, police received reports that a person matching Davis' description was trying to break into vehicles at a nearby Enterprise rental car lot. Police apprehended Davis and located marijuana in his pocket, along with car keys to the stolen vehicle Davis had abandoned. The victim of the attempted carjacking positively identified Davis as the person who tried to steal his truck. Davis' prior convictions include multiple counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, felony breaking or entering and breaking or entering a motor vehicle.

Otis Lee Knapp, 34, was tried for 1) trafficking in methamphetamine by possession, 2) trafficking in methamphetamine by transportation, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine and 4) being a habitual felon. During the course of the trial, Knapp pled guilty to possession with the intent to sell or deliver methamphetamine. Judge Levinson sentenced Knapp to 10-21 months in prison.

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