

NEWS RELEASE

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Man pleads guilty to breaking or entering charges after trial begins

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team tried two defendants, including one who pled guilty after his trial began, during the week of April 10, 2017. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, and The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on April 14, 2017, in observance of Good Friday.

Xavier Green, 27, was tried for 1) three counts of felony breaking or entering, 2) two counts of felony larceny after breaking or entering, 3) three counts of conspiracy to commit felony breaking or entering and 4) felony possession stolen goods. After a jury was seated and the State began presenting its evidence, Green chose to plead guilty as charged. Judge Poovey then sentenced Green to 9-20 months in prison. Green also received additional sentences totaling 18-40 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 72 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Green must pay \$2,827.20 in restitution to the victims.

Akrem Berhan, 17, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. The jury found Berhan *not guilty*.

Another defendant filed a motion to suppress certain evidence obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of the defendant's rights. After hearing arguments from both the prosecution and the defense, Judge Caldwell denied the defendant's motion. The case will be scheduled for trial on a later date.

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