

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Persons Team tries 2 defendants; 4 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team tried two defendants and convicted four others who pled guilty April 14-21, 2014, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Lisa C. Bell, Superior Court Judges.

Isaiah Martin, 23, was tried for 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 2) carrying a concealed weapon. The jury found Martin *guilty* as charged. Judge W. Robert Bell sentenced Martin to 14-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Martin must serve 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

Alejandro Avila-Arroyo, 39, was tried for 1) second-degree rape and 2) two counts of second-degree sex offense. Judge Lisa C. Bell declared a mistrial when the jurors were unable to reach unanimous verdicts on the charges.

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

Jucorey Pruitt, 23, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 2) first-degree burglary, 3) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary. Pruitt was sentenced to 66-89 months in prison.

Derrick Martin, 28, pled guilty to sexual battery. Martin was sentenced to 75 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. Martin will be required to register as a sex offender for 30 years.

Jimmy McAllister, 27, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of cocaine. McAllister was sentenced to 20-36 months in prison.

Jonathan Konso, 33, pled guilty to 1) first-degree arson and 2) malicious use of an incendiary material to damage occupied property. Konso was sentenced to 44-65 months in prison.

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