

NEWS RELEASE

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Violent Crimes Team tries 2 defendants; 2 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team tried two defendants before juries April 16-23, 2018. Two other defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable W. Erwin Spainhour and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges.

Darius Massey, 23, was tried for robbery with a dangerous weapon. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, and as a result, Judge Caldwell declared a mistrial.

Willie Louchie, 68, was tried for maiming without malice. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty*.

Tracey Twitty, 56, pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. Judge Spainhour sentenced Twitty to 15-27 months in prison.

Danigel Cowan, 17, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Spainhour sentenced Cowan to 15-30 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

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