

NEWS RELEASE

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Drug Team convicts 8 defendants

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – During the week of April 23, 2018, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Drug Team made arguments in pretrial motions filed by three defendants in Superior Court. Eight other defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, The Honorable Donnie Hoover and The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judges.

A defendant charged with felony drug crimes filed pretrial motions to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Caldwell, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied one of the defendant's motions and granted one of the defendant's motions. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

Another defendant facing felony drug charges filed a pretrial motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of his legal rights. Judge Caldwell, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

Brittany Munson, 29, filed a pretrial motion to suppress evidence seized or obtained by law enforcement, alleging violations of her legal rights. Judge Hoover, who heard arguments from the defense and an Assistant District Attorney, granted Munson's motion. As a result of the ruling, the State dismissed the case.

Demetrius Jackson, 33, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in heroin by possession and 2) possession of cocaine. Judge Bell sentenced Jackson to a total of 18-40 months in prison; those sentences were suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Jackson must serve 59 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Kendell Miller, 27, pled guilty to 1) three counts of sale of cocaine, 2) three counts of delivery of cocaine, 3) four counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver, 4) possession of marijuana with the intent to sell or deliver, 5) resisting a public officer, 6) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 7) possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Judge Caldwell sentenced Miller to 13-25 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Miller must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Burnette Forte, 34, pled guilty to 1) attempted trafficking in marijuana by possession. Judge Hoover sentenced Forte to 6-17 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation. As one of the conditions of his probation, Forte must serve 105 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Dexter Campbell, 30, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) possession of cocaine with the intent to sell or deliver and 3) maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of keeping and selling cocaine. Judge Hoover sentenced Campbell to 15-27 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 30 months of supervised probation.

Tray Robinson, 21, pled guilty to felony possession of marijuana. Judge Hoover sentenced Robinson to 12 months of supervised probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 90-96.

Bryan Kidwell, 36, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Hoover sentenced Kidwell to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Taron Hankins, 31, pled guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Hoover sentenced Hankins to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Catrell Grier, 29, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of marijuana. Judge Caldwell sentenced Grier to 15 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

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