

NEWS RELEASE

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2 get lengthy prison sentences during trial week of April 25

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Crimes Against Persons Team tried two defendants the week of April 25, 2011, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The trials were held in courtroom 5150 and 5130.

Colell Steele, 44, was tried for 1) felony flee to elude and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury returned *guilty* verdicts on both charges. The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Steele to 150-189 months in prison. By statute, this sentence is required to run consecutively to a 146-185 month sentence received by Steele the week prior. In that jury trial, the DA's Office convicted Steele of 1) felony larceny, 2) felony possession of stolen goods, and 3) being a habitual felon. Steele will now serve a total sentence of 296-374 months in prison (approximately 24-31 years). Steele has a lengthy criminal record.

As previously reported in a separate news release, Kareem Kirk, 34, was tried for 1) four counts of statutory sex offense and 2) abduction of a child. The jury returned verdicts of guilty on all charges. The Honorable Christopher Collier, Superior Court Judge, sentenced Kirk to 34-41 years in prison.

Shea Roseboro, 21, pled guilty to interfering with an electronic monitoring device and damaging computers. Roseboro was sentenced to 15-18 months in prison, suspended for 36 months of supervised probation with 120 days in jail by Judge Constangy.

Kenneth Sims, 54, pled guilty to disseminating harmful material to minors. Sims was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended for 12 months of supervised probation by Judge Collier.

Justin Eason, 21, pled guilty to common law robbery and conspiracy to commit common law robbery. Eason was sentenced to 13-16 months in prison, suspended for 36 months with 90 days in jail by Judge Collier.

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