

NEWS RELEASE

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Crimes Against Property Team tries 2 defendants; 5 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team convicted two defendants at trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court during the week of May 7, 2018. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5110 before The Honorable Karen Eady-Williams, Superior Court Judge.

Myleick Patterson, 20, was tried for financial card theft. The jury found Patterson *guilty* as charged. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Patterson to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Christopher Hicks, 19, was tried for 1) felony larceny and 2) felony conspiracy. At the close of the State's evidence, Judge Eady-Williams found that the evidence presented at trial was not sufficient to prove a felony value, and she allowed the charges to proceed as misdemeanors. The jury then found Hicks *guilty* of misdemeanor larceny and *not guilty* of misdemeanor conspiracy. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Hicks to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Hicks must pay restitution to the victim.

When called for trial, Stefon Boatwright, 27, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Boatwright to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Boatwright must serve 59 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

When called for trial, Reginald Edmonds, 18, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) attempted felony breaking or entering. Judge Eady-Williams sentenced Edmonds to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, Edmonds must serve 44 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Cora Chambers, 45, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. She was sentenced to 12-24 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. She was also ordered to take an anger management class.

Thomas Johnson, 28, pled guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Johnson was granted a prayer for judgment upon payment of restitution.

Dondrake Baldwin, 19, pled guilty to felony breaking or entering. Baldwin was sentenced to 5-15 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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