

NEWS RELEASE

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Three defendants plead guilty to property crimes; two others tried by juries

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Property Team was assigned to three felony courtrooms for the week of May 2, 2011. Courtroom 5130 was available to the Property Team beginning Monday morning. Courtroom 5370 was made available for Property Team trials on Thursday morning following the conclusion of a successful Homicide Team prosecution that held over from the previous week. Courtroom 5150 was utilized by the Crimes Against Persons Team through Thursday when that team finished a successful prosecution that held over from the previous week. The DA's Office was not permitted to call a trial beginning on Thursday in 5150.

The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans presided in Courtroom 5130 for the week of May 2, 2011, to May 6, 2011. Beginning on Monday, the State tried Rodney Jones, 39, for: (1) first degree burglary, and (2) larceny after breaking or entering. Jones broke into the victim's house at nighttime while the victim was asleep in her bedroom. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, causing Judge Evans to declare a mistrial on Friday after four hours of deliberation.

Cases against two other defendants were also heard in Courtroom 5130. Santario Huntley, 20, pleaded *guilty* to misdemeanor larceny. Judge Evans sentenced Huntley to 45 days in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation. Anthony Spearman, 20, pleaded *guilty* to misdemeanor attempted breaking or entering and received a prayer for judgment continued from the court.

The Honorable F. Lane Williamson presided over courtroom 5370 for the week of May 2, 2011, to May 6, 2011. A homicide trial that resulted in a verdict of guilty of First Degree Murder finished on Wednesday, May 4. Immediately following the conclusion of that trial, Todaro Jones, 24, was called by the Property Team for trial and pled *guilty* as charged to: (1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle, and (2) misdemeanor larceny. The defendant was sentenced by the court to 4-5 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation, the first six months being intensive supervised probation.

On Thursday, May 5, Waymir Parsons, 18, was tried for felony attempted residential breaking or entering. The jury returned a verdict of *not guilty* on Friday, May 6, 2011.

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