

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Jury trials for felony drug offenders**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The DA's Drug Prosecution Team prosecuted five defendants during the week of May 7, 2012. The cases were called for trial before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5150 and before The Honorable Linwood O. Foust, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5370.

Kenneth Fuller, 29, was tried for one count of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty* as charged. Judge Foust sentenced Fuller to 11-14 months in prison.

Demontrey King, 20, was tried before Judge Evans for one count of possession of marijuana on the premises of a local confinement facility. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict; as a result, the State dismissed the case.

The State called the case of Francisco Limon, 29, for trial for 1) manufacturing marijuana 2) maintaining a building for the use of keeping or selling a controlled substance and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. A mistrial was declared prior to a jury being empanelled. Limon then pled guilty to one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Evans sentenced Limon to 30 days in the county jail.

Imad Mateen, 34, filed a motion to suppress the evidence seized during a search, alleging violations of his legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Foust denied the defendant's motion. The case will proceed to trial at a later date.

Chad McDonnell, 42, filed a motion to suppress evidence seized, alleging violations of the defendant's legal rights. After hearing testimony and arguments from the defense and the Assistant District Attorney, Judge Foust granted the defendant's motion and the case was dismissed.

Brian Wyatt, 33, pled guilty to one count of attempted trafficking in marijuana when his case was called for trial. Judge Evans sentenced Wyatt to 10-12 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Wyatt must complete 6 months of intensive supervision.

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