

NEWS RELEASE

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Juries convict 2 of property crimes; 5 plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County juries convicted two defendants during the most recent trial session led by the District Attorney's Crimes Against Property Team. Another five defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judges, during the week of May 8, 2017.

Kevin Rivera-Marquez, 19, was tried for two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. The jury found Rivera-Marquez *guilty* of one count of breaking or entering a motor vehicle and *not guilty* of the other count. Judge Viser sentenced him to 4-14 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Mark Taylor, 32, was tried for 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) first-degree trespassing. The jury found Taylor *guilty* of first-degree trespassing and *not guilty* of breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Judge Caldwell sentenced Taylor to 21 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Romell Mackey, 21, pled guilty to 1) attempted second-degree burglary and 2) two counts of felony breaking or entering. Judge Caldwell sentenced Mackey to 10-21 months in prison.

Jean Caldwell-Thompson, 22, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon and 3) possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Viser sentenced Caldwell-Thompson to 14-26 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 24 months of supervised probation. As a condition of his probation, he must serve 45 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail.

Alexandra Thompson, 29, pled guilty to larceny by an employee. Judge Viser sentenced her to 8-19 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of supervised probation.

Antonio Thompkins, 26, pled guilty to misdemeanor conspiracy. He was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County Jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of supervised probation.

Alison Militello, 44, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering and 3) reckless driving. Judge Viser sentenced her to 24 months of supervised

probation pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 15A-1341(a4). As a condition of her probation, Militello must successfully complete the Superior Court STEP program.

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