

NEWS RELEASE

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Trials and pleas result in 918 to 1,186 months of prison time for habitual felons

CHARLOTTE, NC – The District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team prosecuted several habitual felons the week of May 16, 2011. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5130.

Charles Harris, 39, was called for trial before The Honorable H. William Constangy, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5150. Harris is a registered sex offender who was charged with unlawfully being on school premises. The jury found him *guilty*. Harris admitted his habitual felon status and was sentenced to 88-115 months in prison. Some of his prior convictions include attempted second degree rape, second degree kidnapping, sexual assault, and secret peeping.

Martin Mills, 54, was called for trial in courtroom 5150. The jury found Harris *guilty* of 1) two counts of possessing with intent to sell or deliver marijuana, 2) two counts of selling marijuana, 3) two counts of possessing with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 4) two counts of selling cocaine, and 5) being a habitual felon. Mills was sentenced by Judge Constangy to 146-185 months in prison. Some of Mill's prior convictions include multiple counts of possessing with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance, possessing stolen goods, breaking or entering, assault on a government official, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Ramone Cunningham, 31, was called for trial before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge, in courtroom 5130. The jury found Cunningham *guilty* of 1) possessing cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. Cunningham was sentenced to 133-169 months in prison. Some of Cunningham's prior convictions include armed robbery, larceny of a motor vehicle, breaking or entering a motor vehicle, assault on a female, and possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance.

Carl Harrison, 53, was called for trial in courtroom 5130. Harrison was charged with 1) failing to register as a sex offender and 2) being a habitual felon. The case was dismissed by the court at the close of the State's evidence. Some of Harrison's prior convictions include felony larceny, second degree rape, and failing to register as a sex offender.

The following defendants were also called for trial. Each of them withdrew their previous pleas of *not guilty* and entered *guilty* pleas:

Jamarion Kendall, 23, pled guilty to 1) two counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) resisting a public officer, 3) larceny, and 4) and being a habitual felon. Kendal was sentenced to 90-117 months in prison.

William Dee, 31, pled guilty to 1) four counts of possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) three counts of sale of cocaine, 3) three counts of delivery of cocaine, 4) possession of drug paraphernalia, 5) loitering for drug activity, and 6) being a habitual felon. Dee was sentenced to 83-109 months in prison.

Marquise Brown, 23, pled guilty to 1) possessing cocaine, and 3) being a habitual felon. Brown was sentenced to 83-109 months in prison.

Jordan Thompson, 31, pled guilty to 1) felony breaking or entering and 2) being a habitual felon. Thompson was sentenced to 58-79 months in prison.

Thomas Evans, 59, pled guilty to 1) two counts of possessing with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) two counts of maintaining a dwelling to keep or sell a controlled substance, 3) two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, and 4) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Evans was sentenced to 37-45 months in prison.

Keith Cureton, 28, was sentenced by The Honorable Eric L. Levinson on Friday May 20, 2011 after being convicted by a jury on March 24, 2011. The jury previously found Cureton guilty of 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) breaking or entering, 3) larceny, 4) possession of stolen goods, 5) resisting a public officer, and 6) being a habitual felon. After continuing the sentencing hearing until May, Judge Levinson sentenced Cureton to 200-258 months in prison. Some of Cureton's prior convictions included breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with intent to sell or deliver a controlled substance, and resisting a public officer.

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