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Jury convicts man who held mechanic at gunpoint

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man was sentenced to more than 10 years in prison after a jury recently found him guilty of holding an auto mechanic at gunpoint in his shop. Two other defendants entered guilty pleas. The defendants were prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Violent Crimes Team. The proceedings were held May 14-18, 2018, in courtroom 5130 before The Honorable Forrest D. Bridges, Superior Court Judge.

Damon Massey, 46, was tried for first-degree kidnapping. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Bridges sentenced Massey to 130-168 months in prison. In October 2015, Massey returned to an auto mechanic's shop to check on the status of his car. Unsatisfied with the work that had been done, Massey produced a shotgun and fired multiple warning shots. While holding one of the mechanics at gunpoint, Massey demanded the work on his car be completed. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police arrived before Massey could leave the scene. In addition to the shotgun, Massey was found to be in possession of a tactical vest, a machete and a large quantity of ammunition.

Christopher Ervin, 27, pled guilty to 1) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and 2) discharging a weapon into occupied property. Ervin was sentenced to 60-84 months in prison.

Davidson Henderson, 22, pled guilty to 1) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Henderson was sentenced to 23-40 months in prison.

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