

NEWS RELEASE

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Armed robber convicted at trial; 6 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team convicted one defendant at trial and another six pled guilty during the week of June 3, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held before The Honorable Reuben F. Young and The Honorable Kevin M. Bridges, Superior Court Judges.

Quadarrian Morrison, 21, was tried for 1) assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, 2) robbery with a dangerous weapon, 3) attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and 4) conspiracy to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. The trial began June 3 and ended June 6 when a jury found him *guilty* as charged. Judge Young sentenced Morrison to a total of 229-303 months in prison. In November 2010, the two victims met with Morrison and another man in a parking lot off Steele Creek Road in Charlotte to sell marijuana to Morrison and his friend. When Morrison and his friend got into the victims' car, they pulled out guns and demanded property from the victims. As one of the victims jumped out of the car, he was shot in the back. The other victim ran away as shots were fired. The victims' car was stolen, and police soon found it at a gas station. When police arrived, Morrison ran inside the store and was seen dropping a book bag that contained the two guns used in the robbery and shooting. Inside the store, police found the keys to the victims' car and a bag of marijuana near Morrison.



Quadarrian
Morrison

The State called Phillip George Payton, 24, for trial on June 3. After Judge Bridges heard pre-trial motions, Payton decided to plead guilty. He pled guilty to 1) two counts of second-degree rape, 2) second-degree sex offense and 3) three counts of first-degree burglary. He was sentenced to a total of 411-549 months in prison. Judge Bridges also ordered that, upon Payton's release from prison, he must register as a sex offender and participate in satellite-based monitoring for the rest of his life. For more information about Payton's conviction, [click here](#).

Five defendants pled guilty before their cases were called for trial:

Shereka Edwards, 28, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Young sentenced Edwards to 51-74 months in prison.

Jarrett Edwards, 26, pled guilty to three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Judge Young sentenced Edwards to 44-62 months in prison.

Shareef Thompson, 25, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Young sentenced Thompson to 25-42 months in prison.

Wade Clark, 51, pled guilty to malicious conduct by a prisoner. Judge Young sentenced Clark to 20-24 months in prison.

Aaron Martin, 29, pled guilty to burning personal property. Judge Bridges sentenced Martin to 10-21 months in prison; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 36 months of supervised probation. As one of his conditions of probation, Martin must serve 138 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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