

NEWS RELEASE

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Felons convicted of property crimes at trial, sent to prison

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Property Team was assigned to three felony courtrooms for the week of May 31, 2011. All courts were closed on Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The Honorable Robert T. Sumner, Superior Court Judge, presided in Courtroom 5130 for the week of May 31, 2011, to June 3, 2011. Beginning on Tuesday morning, the State called defendant Willie Mobley, 52, for trial on charges of: (1) breaking and entering a motor vehicle, (2) misdemeanor larceny, (3) misdemeanor possession of stolen goods, and (4) habitual felon status. Mobley was accused of breaking into the victim's vehicle while the victim was at work. A passing Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputy saw the victim motioning for help near the side of the road and immediately stopped the defendant and a co-defendant as they tried to flee the scene. Inside the suspect vehicle, law enforcement officers found the victim's belongings along with other apparently stolen items. The defendant's record included felony convictions reaching back to the 1970s for property and drug offenses. The jury convicted Mobley on all counts and found him to be a habitual felon. Judge Sumner sentenced the defendant to a maximum sentence of just under ten years.

In addition to the guilty verdict in courtroom 5130, guilty pleas were obtained in cases against three other defendants charged with property crimes. Christopher Taylor, 18, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny. Rebecca Burkart, 22, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Arthur Dunn, 18, pleaded guilty to attempted breaking and entering.

The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge, presided over courtroom 5150 for the week of May 31, 2011, to June 3, 2011, and then carried the session over to Monday, June 6, 2011. Beginning on Tuesday morning, the State called defendant Andre Glover, 21, for trial on charges of: 1) felony breaking or entering, 2) larceny after breaking or entering, 3) felony fleeing to elude arrest in a motor vehicle, and 4) felonious possession of stolen property. This defendant is currently in the custody of the federal government and was made available for prosecution by the State with the help of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte. Glover was accused of breaking into the victim's home while the victim's two young sons, ages 10 and 13, were home alone. The young victims hid in the house and called 911 while Glover stole the victim's property. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officers responded immediately and tried to stop Glover as he fled the scene. Glover initially stopped but then sped off as officers exited their patrol vehicles to approach him. Glover reached speeds of over 100mph and only stopped when he crashed into another motorist. Along Glover's escape route, officers found property belonging to the victim. Glover was convicted of felony breaking or entering and felony fleeing to elude arrest. The jury was not able to reach a verdict on the charges of felonious possession of stolen goods or larceny after breaking or entering. Judge Poovey sentenced the

defendant to 22-27 months in prison.

The Honorable F. Lane Williamson presided over courtroom 5370 for the week of May 31, 2011, to June 3, 2011. The Persons Team at the District Attorney's Office completed a trial held over from the previous week on Thursday, June 2. The Property Team used the remaining day of the week to resolve two pre-trial motions and obtained guilty pleas against Jennifer Hill, 37, for two counts of misdemeanor larceny by trick.

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