

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury convicts habitual felon who committed robbery

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A habitual felon who committed a robbery was among those convicted during the most recent trial session led by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team. During the week of May 30, 2017, the team also tried another defendant and convicted two others who entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Casey M. Viser and The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judges.

Dontae Lamar Brown, 32, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Viser dismissed the charge of conspiracy to commit common law robbery at the close of the State's evidence. A jury found Brown *guilty* of common law robbery. Upon the jury's verdict, Brown admitted his status as a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced Brown to 119-155 months in prison. Brown's prior convictions include attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and multiple counts of larceny of a motor vehicle.

Tavarius Demell Crouch, 43, was tried for 1) two counts of selling cocaine, 2) two counts of delivering cocaine, 3) two counts of possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 4) two counts of maintaining a vehicle to store controlled substances and 5) being a habitual felon. Judge Poovey declared a mistrial when the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict.

Brandon Javon Pettus, 31, pled guilty to 1) robbery with a dangerous weapon and 2) felony failure to appear. Judge Viser sentenced Pettus to 62-87 months in prison. Pettus' prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, robbery with a dangerous weapon and common law robbery.

Malcolm Rasheem Reynolds, 24, pled guilty to 1) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 2) misdemeanor carrying a concealed gun and 3) resisting a public officer. Judge Viser sentenced Reynolds to 50-72 months in prison. Reynold's prior convictions include felony breaking or entering, breaking or entering a motor vehicle and interfering with an electronic monitoring device.

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