

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Misdemeanors prosecuted after defendants appeal to superior court**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The Misdemeanor Appeals Team for the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office held court in Courtroom 5170 for the week of June 6, 2011. The Superior Court judge presiding was The Honorable W. Robert Bell.

Monday is primarily an administrative day. The State called the arraignment calendar and the trial calendar. The Court issued An Order For Arrest for Michael Mayfield for not appearing in court nor filing a Certificate in Lieu of His Appearance through counsel, Idlibi. Mr. Mayfield is charged with Resisting Public Officer.

Jan Grzegorzewski remanded his Injury to Real Property case. He will receive his original District Court sentence of unsupervised probation with a 20-day suspended jail sentence.

Adrienne Brown pled guilty to Driving While Impaired. She was sentenced at a Level 2 because her case included the Grossly Aggravating Factor that she had a child under the age of 16 in the car at the time of the offense. Ms. Brown was sentenced to a 6-month suspended jail sentence and placed on supervised probation for 12 months. She is to serve an active sentence of 8 days. Ms. Brown was also fined.

Efren Romero pled guilty to Speeding 82mph in a 65mph zone. He was given a 45-day suspended sentence, place on unsupervised probation for 18 months, and fined \$350. Janet T Macias remanded her Criminal Contempt case. Ms. Macias was found to be in contempt of court by a District Court judge by violating a No-Contact Order. Upon remand, Ms. Macias will be sentenced as she was originally in District Court. Ms. Macias will be sentenced to a 30-day suspended sentence and placed on unsupervised probation for one year. She will be fined \$500.

On Tuesday, June 7, Jeffrey Lewicki pled guilty to Driving with No Operator's License and was placed on unsupervised probation.

Pascual Gonzalez remanded his Driving While License Revoked case. He will be sentenced to his original District Court sentence: 120-day suspended sentence, 12 months unsupervised probation, 14-day active sentence, and a \$500 fine.

Richard Hayes remanded his Driving While Impaired case. He will be re-sentenced by a District Court judge pursuant to statute. He was found as a Level 5 DWI originally. Giovanni Cruzaponte remanded his Speeding 82/40 case. He will be sentenced to his original District Court sentence: 30-day suspended sentence, 12 months unsupervised probation, a \$50 fine, and ordered to attend driving school.

Nathan Paris remanded his Unlawful Concealment case. He will be sentenced to his original District Court sentence: 20-day active sentence.

Marinelas Escobar remanded her Passing a Stopped School Bus case. She will be sentenced to her original District Court sentence: 20-day suspended sentence, 12 months unsupervised probation, and a \$50 fine.

Jessie Haynes was charged with Driving While Impaired. She, through counsel, challenged whether the arresting officer had probable cause to make the arrest. A hearing was held and the court found there was probable cause and that the arrest was valid. Thereafter, Ms. Haynes pled guilty to Driving While Impaired. The court found her to be a Level 5 and sentenced her to a 60-day suspended sentence, 12 months unsupervised probation, \$100 fine, community service, and that she obtain a substance abuse assessment.

On Wednesday, June 8, the State called the case of Matthew Palmer for trial. Mr. Palmer was charged with Sexual Battery and Assault on a female. The case was tried Wednesday and Thursday. The jury began deliberating at approximately 4:30 on Thursday afternoon.

On Friday afternoon, the jury informed the court that they were hung, meaning they could not reach a unanimous verdict on either charge. The court then declared a mistrial on both charges.

On Thursday, June 9, Bobby Mongo remanded his Driving While Impaired case. Pursuant to statute, he will be re-sentenced by a District Court judge.

Patricia Hendrix remanded her Driving While Impaired case. Pursuant to statute, she will be re-sentenced by a District Court judge.

On Friday, June 10, the state called the case of Mark Wilson for the defendant's pre-trial motion challenging his arrest. After a hearing, the court found the arrest to be valid and supported by probable cause.

Willie Marble pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The court sentenced Marble to a 120-day suspended sentence, 12 months unsupervised probation, and a 30-day active sentence. This conviction moved Mr. Marble up one level on the felony sentencing chart. He has felonies pending for which he is a Habitual Felon.

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