

NEWS RELEASE

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Trials, pleas for drug crimes

CHARLOTTE, NC – Beginning June 6, 2011 and ending June 10, 2011, the DA's Drug Prosecution Team held trials in two courtrooms. The trials were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Nathaniel J. Poovey, Superior Court Judge, and in courtroom 5130 before The Honorable Jesse B. Caldwell, III, Superior Court Judge.

Larry Nicholas, age 23, was found guilty at trial of Selling Cocaine, Delivery of Cocaine, and PWISD Cocaine. Judge Poovey sentenced him to 15-18 months in prison, followed by 8-10 months in prison, both sentences suspended for a term of 36 months of supervised probation. Judge Poovey also sentenced the defendant to 118 days in the county jail as a condition of probation.

David Caldwell, age 46, was tried before a jury for Sale of Cocaine, Delivery of Cocaine and PWISD Cocaine. After deliberations, the jury was unable to reach a verdict and a mistrial was declared.

Sinatra McIntyre, age 46, pled guilty to PWISD Cocaine. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to 8-10 months in prison to be suspended for a period of 30 months of supervised probation and 60 days in the county jail.

Gary Jackson, age 52, pled guilty to Conspiracy to Sell Marijuana. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to a 10-12 months in prison; that sentence is suspended for 36 months of supervised probation to include six months of electronic house arrest.

James Johnson, age 27, pled guilty to Sale of Marijuana and PWISD Marijuana. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to 8-10 months in prison on the Sale of Marijuana charge and 6-8 months in prison on the PWISD Marijuana charge with the sentences to run concurrent; that sentence is suspended for 30 months of supervised probation. As additional condition of probation, defendant must serve 14 days in the county jail and is placed on six months of intensive supervised probation.

Leslie English, age 42, pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to 6-8 months in jail on the Possession of Cocaine charge and 45 days in jail on the Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana charges. Those sentences were to run consecutive and are suspended for 30 months of supervised probation and 24 hours of community service.

Charles Audrey, age 31, pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine and admitted his Habitual Felon status. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to 80-105 months in prison.

James Cloud, age 35, pled guilty to Sale of Cocaine after his case was called for trial. Judge Caldwell found extraordinary mitigation and sentenced the defendant to 16-21 months in prison to be suspended for a period of 24 months supervised probation and a 75 day split sentence.

The state called the case of Lennard Jackson for trial. During jury selection, the defense made a motion to continue and the case was continued until August 8, 2011.

Kevin Laney, age 27, pled guilty to PWISD Cocaine and admitted Habitual Felon Status. Judge Caldwell sentenced him to 70-93 months active in prison.

Wanda Washington, age 53, pled guilty to Possession of Cocaine. Judge Caldwell sentenced the defendant pursuant to N.C.G.S. 90-96. Washington received 12 months of supervised probation.

Aunita Field, age 50 pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Judge Caldwell sentenced the defendant to 120 days in jail to be suspended for a period of 18 months of supervised probation.

Kim Hughes-Gunn, age 48 pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Judge Caldwell sentenced the defendant to 45 days in jail to be suspended for 11 months of unsupervised probation.

Melissa Scaife, age 39, pled guilty to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Judge Caldwell sentenced the defendant to 45 days in jail, suspended for a period of 12 months unsupervised probation.

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