

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicts 10, including DWI offenders

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Misdemeanor Appeals Team convicted 10 defendants during the week of July 1, 2013, in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The team convicted one defendant at trial, as well as nine others who pled guilty or remanded their cases to District Court. The Misdemeanor Appeals Team handles cases in which the defendant was convicted in District Court and then appealed his or her conviction to Superior Court for a jury trial, as allowed under North Carolina law. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5170 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson, Superior Court Judge. The courtroom was closed July 4-5. Over the course of the week, any additional time was used for hearings on pre-trial motions in other matters.

DaQuan Finley, 23, was tried for driving while impaired. The jury returned a verdict of *guilty*. Judge Levinson sentenced Finley to 60 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 14 months of supervised probation.

Among those who were also convicted were:

Tavares Grant, 35, was convicted of 1) driving while impaired and 2) misdemeanor hit and run when he remanded his cases to District Court for sentencing. He was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation.

Mao Thin, 60, was convicted of 1) driving while impaired and 2) misdemeanor hit and run when he remanded his cases to District Court for sentencing. He was sentenced to 90 days in the Mecklenburg County jail for the driving while impaired conviction; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 18 months of unsupervised probation. He was also sentenced to 45 days in the Mecklenburg County jail for the hit and run conviction; that sentence was suspended pending his successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Kristin Derr, 53, was convicted of driving while impaired when she remanded her case to District Court for sentencing. She was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

Nyiesha Fletcher, 27, was convicted of driving while impaired when she remanded her case to District Court for sentencing. She was sentenced to 30 days in the Mecklenburg County jail; that sentence was suspended pending her successful completion of 12 months of unsupervised probation.

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