

NEWS RELEASE

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Habitual Felon Team tries 3 defendants; 3 others plead guilty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team called cases for trial during the week of July 3, 2017. The team tried three defendants, and an additional three defendants entered guilty pleas. The proceedings were held in courtrooms 5110 and 5370 before The Honorable Eric L. Levinson and The Honorable Casey M. Viser, Superior Court Judges. Court was not held on July 4, 2017, in observance of Independence Day.

Adam Truesdale, 53, was tried for 1) possession of cocaine and 2) being a habitual felon. A jury found Truesdale *guilty* of possession of cocaine and *not guilty* of being a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Truesdale to 8-19 months in prison. Truesdale's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony larceny and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine.

Fabian Pagan, 32, was tried for 1) driving while impaired, 2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and 3) being a habitual felon. While the jury was deliberating, Pagan decided to enter a guilty plea. Pagan pled guilty to driving while impaired and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Judge Viser sentenced Pagan to 19-32 months in prison. Pagan's prior convictions include criminal possession of a loaded firearm, receiving stolen goods and possession of cocaine.

Timothy Jones, 40, was tried for 1) common law robbery, 2) conspiracy to commit common law robbery and 3) assault on a female. A jury found Jones *not guilty*.

Charles Harvey, 28, pled guilty to 1) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) delivering cocaine and 3) being a habitual felon. Judge Levinson sentenced Harvey to 58-82 months in prison. Harvey's prior convictions include possession of cocaine and multiple counts of felony breaking or entering.

Timothy McLendon, 38, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Judge Levinson sentenced McLendon to 36-56 months in prison. McLendon's prior convictions include possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine, common law robbery and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

When called for trial, John Saunders, 56, pled guilty to 1) breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) being a habitual felon. Judge Viser sentenced Saunders to 30-48 months in prison. Saunders' prior convictions include multiple counts of felony breaking or entering.

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