

NEWS RELEASE

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Jury's guilty verdict sends habitual felon to prison

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team tried two defendants and convicted another defendant who pled guilty during the week of July 7, 2014. These matters were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judge.

Tygeria McCorkle, 51, was tried for 1) sale of cocaine, 2) delivery of cocaine, 3) possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine and 4) being a habitual felon. The jury found McCorkle *guilty* as charged. Following the jury's verdict, McCorkle pled guilty to the following charges related to a separate incident: 1) possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine, 2) possession of drug paraphernalia, 3) resisting a public officer and 4) being a habitual felon. Judge Evans sentenced McCorkle to 144-185 months in prison. On two occasions, McCorkle was caught with cocaine by undercover Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers. In January 2013, McCorkle tried to sell cocaine to an undercover officer. He was arrested before the sale occurred, and police discovered cocaine in his mouth. In April 2013, McCorkle sold cocaine to another undercover officer. He was then arrested by nearby officers after a brief foot chase. Some of McCorkle's prior convictions include robbery with a dangerous weapon, attempted common law robbery and larceny from the person.

Daniel Simpson, 42, was tried for 1) felony flee to elude arrest and 2) being a habitual felon. The jury found Simpson *not guilty* of felony flee to elude arrest, and the habitual felon phase of the trial could not proceed due to the jury's verdict.

Rahim Asberry, 36, pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. He was sentenced to 120 days in the Mecklenburg County jail.

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