

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Defendants plead guilty to property crimes when jury trials set to begin**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The DA's Property Team prosecuted cases scheduled for trial in courtroom 5130 of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse during the week of July 5, 2011. Court was closed on Monday, July 4. The Honorable Hugh B. Lewis, Superior Court Judge, presided.

The State first called the cases against 20-year-old Eric Crump II. Crump pled guilty, as charged, to felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, and felony possession of stolen goods. Judge Lewis sentenced Crump to 6-8 months in prison, but suspended the sentence for 24 months of supervised probation. As part of the probation, Crump must serve 10 days in the county jail.

The State next called the cases against 19-year-old Alonzo Glenn. Glenn pled guilty, as charged, to felony breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering, and felony conspiracy. Judge Lewis sentenced Glenn to 6-8 months in prison, but suspended the sentence for 24 months of supervised probation. As part of the probation, Glenn must serve 13 days in the county jail.

The State next called the cases against 20-year-old James Ratliff. Ratliff pled guilty to misdemeanor breaking or entering. Judge Lewis sentenced Ratliff to 45 days in the county jail, but suspended the sentence for 18 months of supervised probation and ordered to the defendant to serve 19 days in the county jail.

The State next called the cases against 31-year-old Matthew Piazza. Piazza pled guilty to felony breaking or entering and felony possession of stolen goods. Judge Lewis sentenced Piazza to 8-10 months in prison, but suspended that sentence for 36 months of supervised probation. Piazza was ordered to serve 21 days in the county jail as a condition of probation; additionally, he must pay restitution to the victims in the amount of \$3,715.00.

Finally, Jimmy Matchem, 38, was tried for felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Matchem broke into a bait car set-up by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. A mistrial was declared by Judge Lewis due to juror misconduct; as a result, the case will be re-scheduled for a new trial before a new jury.

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