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## **Habitual Felons have jury trials**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The District Attorney's Habitual Felon Team called four cases for trial the week of July 18, 2011. The trials were held in courtrooms 5150 and 5370 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell and The Honorable Yvonne Mims Evans, Superior Court Judges.

Vernard Gregory, 25, was tried for 1) felony breaking or entering a motor vehicle and 2) misdemeanor larceny. Gregory was found *not guilty* by the jury. Some of Gregory's prior convictions include common law robbery, felony breaking or entering, felony larceny, and misdemeanor breaking or entering a motor vehicle. Gregory was indicted as a habitual felon, but due to the *not guilty* verdict, the State was not permitted to proceed with that portion of the trial.

David McNeil, 31, was tried for 1) possessing, with intent to sell or deliver, cocaine and 2) selling cocaine. A mistrial was declared after the jury could not reach a unanimous verdict.

Johnny Mobley, 37, was tried for 1) obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and 2) attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. Prior to jury deliberations, Mobley entered a guilty plea to one of the charges.

Marquest Latham, 24, was called for trial. Immediately prior to jury selection, Latham changed his previous plea of *not guilty* and pled guilty, as charged, to 1) three counts of breaking or entering a motor vehicle, 2) three counts of misdemeanor larceny, and 3) being a habitual felon. Latham was sentenced by Judge Bell to 58-79 months in prison.

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